



*Hope and a Future*

## *ALICIA, Now Blessed and Better*

Alicia was jobless, addicted to heroin, and in an abusive nine-year relationship when she first came to Harvest Home in 2016. She talked about how she became pregnant at age 32 and had to take medication for morning sickness which did more harm than good. Her son was born with a physical disability which changed the course of her life. The weight of caring for her son and juggling her schedule for his multiple surgeries, many doctor appointments, her job, and trying to care for herself became overwhelming.

**“We were living in a van, my boyfriend and I. He beat another woman at the time and went to jail. I knew then that was my out.”**

Medication given to her after her C-section led her to using drugs more and more to cope with her pain and she became addicted. Concerned about her ability to care for her son, she asked her aunt to take care of him when he was three years old. Soon after that she met her boyfriend. Unfortunately, it would take many years before she was free of her addiction and this bad relationship.

**“To cope with the pain, I went from pills to the pain killers to the heroin my boyfriend introduced me to.”**

When she finally came to the Mission, she was overwhelmed at first, and remembers being on the deck outside of the Safe Harbor area where she stayed with four other women. She felt very scared as she looked at the sky. However, she found freedom and healing as she worked through her difficulties with the help of the Lord and supportive staff. At one point during her stay, a childhood friend had to help her hide from her ex-boyfriend when he was released from jail and came looking for her. She is happy to say that her childhood friend is now her fiancé.

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Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

*“Welcome friends to the new refreshed Voice Newsletter. We hope you enjoy the changes made. As you read through The Voice, notice the many ways that you can connect with us. You are a blessing to the Haven of Rest family.”*



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*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*



*Help and hope found here*

# JANE THOMPSON - WOMEN’S AUXILIARY “WOMAN OF THE YEAR”



Each year since 1965, a lady is chosen as the Haven of Rest Women’s Auxiliary “Woman of the Year.” This recognition is given for faithful service to the Auxiliary and Haven of Rest Ministries.

At the July Women’s Auxiliary meeting, Jane Thompson was named as this year’s “Woman of the Year.” Jane has been active in the Auxiliary for about 10 years since retiring. Each month she faithfully plays the piano for our meetings. She also plays for Haven of Rest’s luncheons/dinners

throughout the year. We’re grateful for the talent the Lord has given her.

Jane has been married to Dave for 54 years. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Dave and Jane are members at Temple Baptist Church. Jane says, “I’m grateful for the opportunity to be part of Haven of Rest by playing piano at the Auxiliary meetings.”

Jane has been associated with Haven of Rest for many years since her parents, Jim and Shirley Smith, were faithful volunteers and friends of the Mission. Shirley served as president of the Auxiliary for many years and was the “Woman of the Year” in 1972. And now, Jane, it’s your turn. Congratulations! †

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



In July, the Men’s Division had an Alumni accountability meeting with 22 men who encourage one another to walk in continued freedom.



In August, Harvest Home’s youth received 145 book bags filled with school supplies donated by a generous local business.

## MISSION RADIO BROADCASTS SUNDAY MORNINGS

7:30 AM

WNIR 100.1 FM

WKVX 960 AM

WAKR 1590 AM

WKJA 91.9 FM

8:00 AM

WHBC 1480 AM

Thanks for listening!

## GOING BACK-TO-SC



Haven of Rest is conducting a pilot program partnering with a small segment of public elementary learning centers to provide items for children in need.

**Items requested:** Backpacks, folders, wide ruled filler paper, notebooks, binders, planners, pens, pencils, markers,

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“Care and compassion are what I craved and received at a time that I needed it most. My ex-boyfriend would tell me I was worthless and stupid. I was so happy to find security and safety at the Harvest Home.”

The Lord helped her to get on her feet and learn to rely on Him. She became employed and saved money during her stay at Harvest Home and found an apartment that she furnished after leaving the Mission. Alicia says she is relieved and thankful as she has made amends with her family and are cultivating a better than ever relationship. She has also made new trustworthy friends, and she, her son and fiancé visit her mom whenever they can.

“I became a better mom after getting the help I needed from Harvest Home. I realized I was blessed and became less selfish.”

Alicia's prayer request is for financial freedom from the debt she has incurred from her past and for healing for her son, who is facing additional future surgeries.

For more information about Harvest Home call 330-434-1149 or go to our website at [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org). The Women's Division thanks you for your support for single ladies and moms with children.†



## HOOL KIDS' SUPPLIES

colored pencils, highlighters, erasers, index cards, and other.

**NEW wardrobe items:** t-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, pants, belts, shorts, jackets, coats, leggings, underwear, shoes, shoestrings, and socks. Hand sanitizers and small children's masks are needed as well.

To make a donation, go to [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org)

and click on **DONATE NOW** in the right hand corner and then click on **One-time Gift**. Under **Designated for** click on **Back to School Project** before donating. Please mark the items 'Back-to-School Project'. The Mission's donation center drive-thru hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sunday.



## HOPE SPORTS CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Praise the Lord, Hope Sport Camp was made possible this year! Camp resumed with renewed excitement as boys' basketball took place from July 19-23 and girls' basketball and volleyball took place from July 26-30. Not only were they able to build athletic skills and make new friends, they developed character by learning teamwork, good sportsmanship, and Biblical principles during daily devotions. Hope Sports Camp is provided free of charge with t-shirts, breakfast, lunch, and ice cream for all the campers.

### GARDEN PROJECT

Kudos to the men's gardening project bringing in over 300 pounds of vegetables this season! Led by Career Development Coordinator LJ Dalton, the project resumed with six 4 x 8 foot raised gardens in the Outdoor Classroom. This class began in 1998 with assistance from OSU Extension. The Summit County Master Gardeners instructed the project since 2009. There are 3 teams competing with a grand prize of a steak dinner that will be awarded in October. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

### HOPE TOTE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the Hope Tote Campaign! We are continuing the collection of personal care items such as brushes and combs, shampoos and conditioners, liquid and bar soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, facial tissues, hand and body lotions, disposable razors, shoelaces, socks, batteries, and more. For more information on what is currently needed, contact Special Events Coordinator David John at [djohn@havenofrest.org](mailto:djohn@havenofrest.org) or 330-535-1563. (See website for more info at [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org))

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Hudson Regional Luncheon

Thursday, October 7, 2021  
at 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lake Forest  
Country Club  
100 Lake Forest Dr.  
Hudson, OH 44236

## Walnut Creek Regional Dinner

Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Carlisle Inn  
4949 State Route 515  
Walnut Creek, OH 44687

To register and for more details, visit [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org) under "Events", call the Mission at 330-535-1563, or email Lynne Taylor, at [ltaylor@havenofrest.org](mailto:ltaylor@havenofrest.org).

If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, you can text to donate. **Send to 50155**; type in **akronhope** & the dollar amount.

**Example: akronhope 100** Click on the blue highlighted **QGIV.US** to go to the secure site to make your donation.

*Thanks again and we are looking forward to seeing you at one of these gatherings!*