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NEWSLETTER

Hope and a Future

The Mission Thanks You!

Haven of Rest Ministries strives to love our neighbors who come through the Mission doors by making them feel welcomed and loved, especially during the holidays. Donors and friends like you, join us in helping to create a warm and cozy atmosphere where individuals and families can experience some joy and comfort. God is in this place, and one can feel His presence as He works through staff to make guests feel special and valued.

We are thankful that our doors remained opened for Thanksgiving last year. We had the opportunity to share the love of Christ, our gratitude for the ability to serve, and the overflow of blessings. A traditional hot dinner was provided to everyone, consisting of turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberries, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Thanksgiving guests were also informed about receiving additional needs including food, shelter, clothing, and personal care items. Attendees enjoyed fellowship, a Chapel Service, *Hope Totes* filled with toiletries, and gift bags.

The Mission plans to provide the same blessings this year, thanks to people like you. We appreciate all of your donations not only towards the Thanksgiving dinner, but throughout the year as well. God bless you and your loved ones for your compassion and help.





Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

“Even though it is chilly outside, our guests experience warmth. This is not just from being indoors and receiving cooked meals, but from the compassionate care shown by staff and volunteers. Thanksgiving is a time to welcome folks who are without many basic necessities to come inside and experience fellowship and blessings. Enjoy this issue as we talk about the festivities and provision for people experiencing poverty and homelessness. *From our house to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!*”



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Help and hope found here

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!



SHOUT OUT TO RETIREES MARGARET DUNCAN AND HENRY STUDER!

We want to extend many thanks to Margaret. For the past 17 years, she has worked to help keep the Mission beautiful, clean and well-maintained. As a member of the Facilities Department, she was responsible for the ground floor of the Mission building. She was always willing to pitch in if they were short staffed and helped wherever needed. Often, Margaret could be heard singing and humming so beautifully in her sweet alto voice while working. She was an encourager to all she came into contact with and has enjoyed the relationships she made with the staff. Events at the Mission were something she loved participating in such as the yearly Women's Auxiliary Style Show.



“To the hundreds of men that have come through Haven of Rest's Men's Residential Program and evening Chapel Services, Henry Studer will always be fondly remembered as “Chappie.” Henry has served as the evening chaplain at Haven of Rest for the past two decades, and has become part of the DNA at Haven of Rest. He has been the primary contact for churches that come in to help with our Chapel Services. Furthermore, he has lovingly and diligently interacted with our guests and residents, spending countless hours talking with men and working with them through the circumstances they find themselves in.”
Jim Cole, Director of Operations



Year End Giving by Mike Kura



You are invited to read an article from Mike Kura on a few not-so-commonly recognized sources of friction in everyone's wealth engine that may cause dollars to leak out. Inside an engine, friction is a very bad thing. It steals energy and causes your engine to wear out sooner. The same goes for your wealth engine. Go to www.havenofrest.org/who-we-are/wealth-friction-trick/ to read more. (The acronym TRICK stands for Taxes, Risks, Investment Mix, Costs, and Knowledge Blind Spots.)

Women's Auxiliary

Welcome ladies! The Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Mission's Dining Room. Come anytime between 10:00 a.m. and noon to browse and shop in the Auxiliary gift shop where you will find great bargains! Lunch is served at noon, and the Auxiliary program begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Chapel. There is no charge to attend, and no membership required. For more information, please call Rose at 330-535-1563, or email rrrose@havenofrest.org. A link with more details can be found at www.havenofrest.org/who-we-are/womens-auxiliary/ Bring a Friend!

Restoration

“I want to become better for my son Emmitt.”

This is what Dylan said when he talked about seeking help at the Mission. He was tired of living in pain, being let down by people who used him, and feeling lonely, only to cope through drug abuse.

After residing at the Mission for several months, Dylan is learning to call upon the Lord to overcome difficulties he faces. He is encouraged by stories from the Bible about Job and Jeremiah, that helps him view his own problems from a different perspective.

Dylan came to the Mission after his grandmother, who he did not speak to for over 10 years, was led to call him and ask if he was okay. He said, “No, I am not”. She then introduced him to Jason Hubbard (Chaplain at Haven of Rest) at Grace Bible Church in New Franklin. Shortly after, he became immersed in the Haven of Rest’s Discipleship program. He was ready for a change.

Bible Studies and Chapel Services have been a great influence in Dylan’s life. Because he has been growing so much since he came to know Jesus, he even has been able to open up in

group prayer and lead several of the services.

“The Christian faith has caused me to create a useful way to relate to my past and connect people to the love Jesus has for a sinner. I’d rather live my life as if there is a God than to find out there isn’t, then to live my life as if there isn’t a God and to find out there is.”

Dylan shares his story with excitement, because people have shown him a better way to live. Christ has healed his broken heart, and has enabled him to renew his mind, soul, and body. He has now been able to see his son regularly and plans for it to remain that way with God’s help.

“I’ve restored my relationship with my son, who now tells people ‘That’s my Dad!’”

As an intern for the past 8 months, he is happy to work in the kitchen when assigned.

“God bless the Haven Kitchen Staff! They ask me every day about how I am doing and how my son is. They have become my family.”

To name a few staff who supported him, he mentioned Jason Hubbard (*Chaplain, Residential Services*), Jesse Schlabach (*Director of Men’s Division*), Kirk Lavigne (*Food-Service*), Jo Nell Muth (*FoodService Manager*), Mr. Hosterman (*Food Service Evening Supervisor*). He has also developed great relationships with many in the Conqueror’s Discipleship program.

Dylan has a brother with autism and father who left him and his mom. His mother remarried and had another son by his stepdad who modeled good morals and love. Dylan works with a group on Tuesdays, called Teammates. This is a special needs work group who remind him of his brother with autism. He would like to do community work with the youth and go to college to be a peer advocate.

He asks for prayer so that he continues to grow in his faith, receive guidance in making wise choices, and have the ability to provide for his son. He also asks for the Lord to bring him a God-fearing woman when it is the right time.

Dylan with Mr. H, evening Kitchen Supervisor.





2021 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

4 different ways to help! Children who are poor and homeless need to feel loved and cared for this Holiday season. Families who are struggling to make ends meet are reaching out to the Mission for help.

- 1. PARTICIPATE IN “KIDS HELPING KIDS”** Provide new toys to be given out to children in need during the “Happy Birthday Jesus” party, and also distributed to families who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their young children.
- 2. ADOPT-A-FAMILY** Purchase and wrap gifts for families who will ask Haven of Rest for help during the Christmas season. Information on each family will be supplied by the Mission from the family’s wish list.
- 3. HELP FILL CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS** Gift bags are given to people coming in for the Christmas dinner and to others in need throughout the season.
- 4. PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HAVEN OF REST AND HARVEST HOME RESIDENTS** The men and women who are living at the Ministry are away from their families over Christmas. They have little, if any, source of income to provide a gift for family members. Information from the residents’ wish lists will be supplied.

“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2 KJV

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



Food Service miraculously received 1600 pounds of sliced turkey bologna during the kitchen remodel in September. It was provided just in time for making sack lunches while equipment was unavailable.

Also in September, Food Service prayed for fruit cups to place in the sack lunches. Shortly after, over 400 fruit cups came in and answered that prayer.



The Mission partnered with Christ Community Chapel last year for the “Turkey Giveaway” and plans to do the same this year. They will once again provide 100 totes, filled with a large turkey and all the Thanksgiving fixings – mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, a whole pie, plasticware, plastic plates, napkins, and a pan to cook the turkey in.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 2:00 P.M. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY INVITATION

Every year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus through our HBJP. Parents bring their kids to participate in a walk-through in the Mission building where they will hear the Christmas Story. Children between the ages of newborn and twelve will receive an age-appropriate, wrapped Christmas gift. Music, decorations, gifts, and cake make this a joyous occasion!



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

Amidst the hardships people have faced from the pandemic, we are so grateful for your partnership in helping us remain open, and to serve men, women and children in great need. This Thanksgiving holiday, we again look forward to offering a loving, warm place for people to come. Those who are lonely, on the street, and experiencing poverty do not have to spend this special holiday alone. Thank you for your support through it all, and we hope you have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.