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NEWSLETTER

*HAPPY
NEW
YEAR*
2022

YEAR IN REVIEW!

2021 was another successful year at the Mission because of you! Thank you! Your support has made all this possible!

The following are a few bullet points of events and projects:

- 2,410 unique individual men, women and children were served with food, shelter, clothing, and care
- Kitchen renovation - new items purchased such as ovens, gas range, kettle, tilt skillet, dishwasher, drying rack, stainless-steel work stations and cabinets, wall mounted fans and lights, prep areas remodeled, and refrigeration equipment updated!
- New flooring was installed in the Dining Room making the room brighter for guests to enjoy!
- 11 residents graduated from Career Development with a new outlook for their futures!
- Men's Garden Project produced 1,281 lbs. of produce for the kitchen staff who turned the beautiful veggies into meals!
- Residents were hired for various jobs at the Mission filling a great need!
- New minivan for transporting residents and new tractor for maintaining the grounds were purchased!
- 29th Annual African American Celebration - Pastor Curtis Minter, Sr. led with the theme "Rooted in Faith, Anchored by Hope"!
- National Volunteer Week - celebrated our many volunteers who help make this Mission operate more smoothly!





Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

“We’re starting off the New Year with great expectations! Because of the success of last year, we know this year can be awesome too. We have been frugal with our donations and made things to last in order to place the needs of residents and clients first. Because of your support, many things were able to happen in 2021 and we are especially grateful for new items, replacements of old equipment, and renovations. Thank you so much and God Bless you and your loved ones in the New Year!



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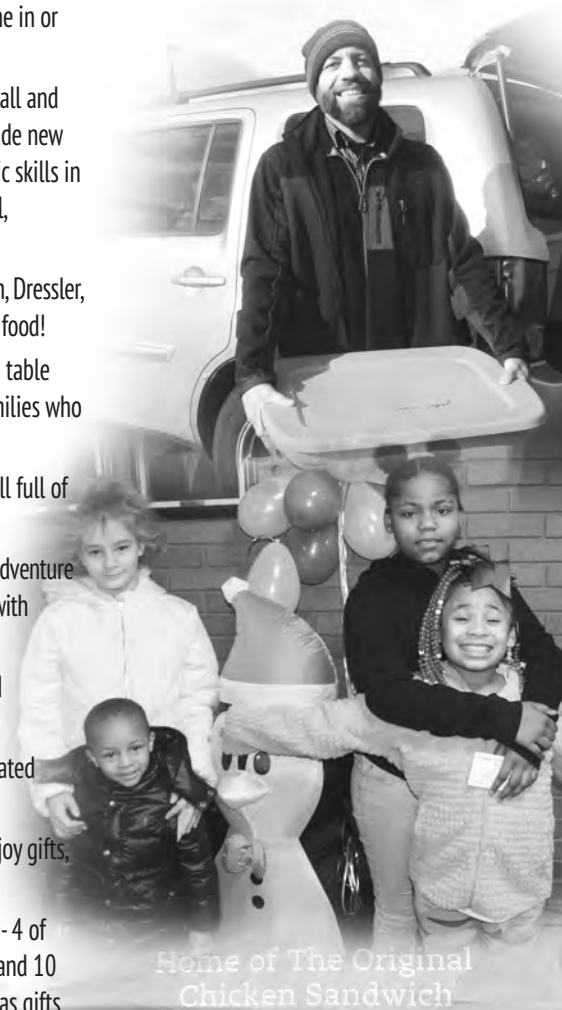
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Thanks for listening!

YEAR IN REVIEW!

- Hartville Kitchen dinner - ‘Meet & Greet’ allowed guests to dine in or drive-thru for a delicious meal with dessert to enjoy!
- Hope Sports Camp for boys - 27 built athletic skills in basketball and learned lessons from the Gospel, developed character, and made new friends! Hope Sports Camp for girls - 22 girls also built athletic skills in basketball and volleyball and learned lessons from the Gospel, developed character, and made new friends!
- Chick-fil-A canned food drive - 12+ years running at the Fairlawn, Dressler, and Chapel Hill locations - they collected a total of 2,265 lbs. of food!
- Turkey Basket Giveaway - 98 totes full of food ingredients and table settings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal were given to families who did not have the means to purchase these items!
- Over 115 backpacks were given to students this school year all full of school supplies by Summit Racing employees!
- Children were offered the opportunity to go on the North Pole adventure train by the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and collaboration with Appalachian Outfitters!
- Future Story participants have created over 100 products sold from the Future Story shop at Hartville Market!
- Women’s Dayroom was renovated with new furniture and updated décor!
- Happy Birthday Jesus party - 59 attended and were able to enjoy gifts, the Christmas story, desserts, and festivities!
- Adopt-A-Family - a total of 72 families adopted by supporters - 4 of these were sponsored by Haven of Rest Public School Project and 10 were sponsored by Cleveland Clinic Akron General for Christmas gifts for students in public schools!
- Haven of Rest Ministries Public School Project kick-off - Back-to-school supplies purchased and given to students as well as Family Turkey Baskets and items for the Adopt-A-Family project for student families in need!
- Women’s Auxiliary - helped fund the touchless water fountain project, along with Northern Ohio Golf Charities and Women’s Auxiliary also funded new entrance doors and security lock system!
- Hope Totes - a total of 1,374 personal care bags were passed out to multiple counties -thanks to neighbors, families, friends, churches, businesses, employees, schools, civic organizations, and others!



Home of The Original
Chicken Sandwich



God's Path from Pain to Provision to Purpose.

“My husband committed suicide on Christmas night of 2006 in the basement of my family home while I was at work.”

Allison shares this heart wrenching information about how her husband's back injury interfered with his job, making it impossible to work anymore. He dealt with the pain through several medications, but did not fully address his past hard life when he spent some time in prison prior to his marriage to Allison. He became depressed beyond measure.

Her way of coping with his death was to continue to help everyone she could and never saying 'no' when someone asked for her help. She always worked full-time and paid cash for everything. Allison felt guilty for being blessed, and gave so much away to people who had less, that she ended up in need. Her parents had always warned her, "Take care of yourself first." Before Allison understood why, she found herself unable to pay the bills and fell so far behind that she lost her family home on September 26th of 2010.

Allison moved to an apartment for a short while, but was not able to fully recover financially. She became homeless on August 19, 2011, and called upon Harvest Home (the Women's Division of Haven of Rest) for help. While staying there, she learned how God wanted her to take care of herself first and love herself in a godly fashion. She realized she needed to listen to Him before jumping in to help others. She discovered that sometimes she was enabling them when they needed to cry out to God and lean on Him for deliverance.

“I helped others less fortunate out of temporary fixes, but Jesus has the permanent solutions.”

Allison shares this after finding herself in need like the people whom she had helped. However, they were nowhere to be found when she needed the same help in return.

While at Harvest Home, Allison said Ms. Thelma had God deep in her heart and had many discussions with her about the Lord. Allison worked from 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., but still was able to benefit from the

Chapel services, laundry services, Discipleship program, and many other services offered during her stay at the Mission. Harvest Home helped her to save money and transition into sustainable housing, putting her back onto her feet.

She remembered the valuable lessons she learned while at Harvest Home and relied on the Holy Spirit to guide her through to safety - both spiritually and physically.

Today, Allison shares that she is working full-time in the Records Room at the Police Department. She is also a STNA (State-Tested Nursing Assistant), and works PRN at Concordia of Sumner in Copley, Ohio. In addition to that, is an independent business owner in the essential services industry.

Allison's childhood dream of being able to help the homeless and less fortunate finally came true on April 27, 2021. She became licensed by the State of Ohio to operate her faith-based non-profit organization called The Welcome Table - Akron, LLC to help those who are impoverished.

Allison has learned to take care of her needs first and no longer says 'yes' to everything or everyone when people ask her for help. She is thankful to the Mission staff for showing her how, outside of Christ, true change cannot take place. She believes unless the Holy Spirit produces change in one's life, many only experience behavior modification, and are prone to fall back into the same, if not worse, patterns of destructive behavior.

If you would like more information about Harvest Home or know of someone who needs help, please call 330-434-1149 or email Director of Women's Division Kathleen Turner at kturner@havenofrest.org



HAVEN OF REST IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO HELPS MAKE THIS MISSION A TEMPORARY HOME FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. DURING THIS TIME, COLDER TEMPERATURES AND FREEZING ELEMENTS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING OUTSIDE. THE MISSION IS OPEN 24/7 AND WELCOMES INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED OUR SHELTER AND SERVICES. PEOPLE COME IN LOOKING FOR RELIEF, AND HERE THEY NOT ONLY FIND A CLEAN PLACE TO SLEEP, BUT MANY OTHER PHYSICAL NEEDS ARE MET. WE ALSO OFFER MENTORING, A DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM, CLASSES, AND COUNSELING TO HELP PEOPLE OVERCOME EMOTIONAL WOUNDS THAT HAVE PLAGUED THEM FOR YEARS. THANK YOU FOR SENDING YOUR GIFT TO HELP PEOPLE HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAL, FIND THEIR PURPOSE, AND BEGIN ANEW.

Another way to donate is online
at donate.havenofrest.org

SHARE LEGACY LOVE LETTERS IN THE NEW YEAR!

(WITH WILLS TO FILL OUT ONLINE AT NO COST TO YOU)

Enjoy the chilly weather and cozy up with a cup of your favorite hot drink! Sit down to ponder and write your New Year's resolutions on paper with ink! What is a great thing to do for this New Year? Take care of business. Write legacy love letters to your family and loved ones. Pass on what is most important to you. Not sure how to begin? We are here to help. Visit our website.
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