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# THE VOICE

## NEWSLETTER

*Hope and a Future*

## 43rd Anniversary of Harvest Home!

Thanks to you, Haven of Rest's Marjorie Ruth Thomas Harvest Home Shelter has been a place of refuge for single ladies and mothers with children for 43 years! In 1979, the building project began after there was an increased need for a separate facility to meet the needs of women and children who were experiencing homelessness. As more people needed services, additions and renovations were completed by 1989, increasing Harvest Home's capacity by 50%.

Harvest Home glorifies God by providing Christ-centered services and programs that meet immediate physical and spiritual needs. The rehabilitative care that is given, helps clients through a period of their crisis resolution and/or addiction recovery. These services include:

- Emergency shelter for approximately three to six months
- Space to accommodate up to 59 women and children
- Three meals and two snacks per day
- Clothing, personal care, and household items
- Case management
- Individual counseling
- Morning/evening devotions
- Chapel service
- Daily Bible study
- Nutrition, parenting, and other classes
- *Becoming* Discipleship program

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Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

"This month we are celebrating our 43rd year of Haven of Rest's Harvest Home for women and women with children! As a growing number of them needed the Mission's help, the home was built to be a safe haven and a place to receive healing and restoration. Enjoy this issue as you read about the Harvest Home and other Mission highlights. Thank you for all of your support!"



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## 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!

# Auxiliary 2021 *Woman of the Year*

**H**aven of Rest's Women's Auxiliary began in November of 1944, one year after the Mission was founded by Rev. Charles and Marjorie Thomas. Beginning in 1965, a woman has been chosen each year as the Auxiliary's "Woman of the Year." This recognition is given for faithful service to the Auxiliary and Haven of Rest Ministries.

At the November, 2021, meeting of the Auxiliary, Carol Lo was named as the current "Woman of the Year." Carol became connected with Haven of Rest because someone invited her to attend an Auxiliary meeting years ago. She then told her husband, Frances, about the Mission, and they both began volunteering in 1974.

In 1996, Frances passed away, and Carol moved to Florida for five years. She then returned to Ohio and has been active at Haven of Rest ever since. She currently volunteers as a greeter each month at the Auxiliary meetings. She can also be found almost every weekday volunteering for Foodservice. Carol is a very excellent cook and often is in the kitchen making soup. She also volunteers every holiday at Haven of Rest.

"I talk about the Mission everywhere I go. The people here are my friends and my family," says Carol. Congratulations, Carol. We're grateful for all you do on behalf of Haven of Rest!

*Please note: Due to Covid, some of the Women's Auxiliary monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.*





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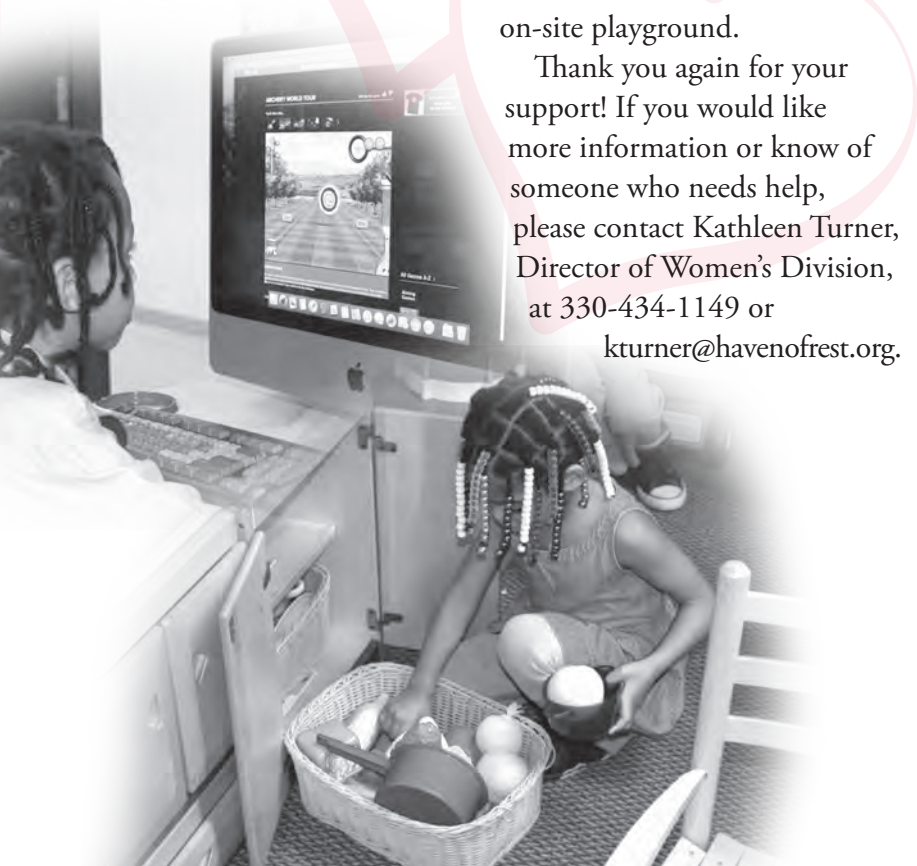
Women and women with children from every walk of life from Akron, Canton, and surrounding communities find relief from traumas and hardships at Harvest Home. As they come to receive shelter, they also have a variety of essential services available to them, including laundry, showers, telephones, and mail pickup. In addition, there are counseling rooms where they can meet privately to discuss problems and needs with Haven of Rest staff or other social service agency workers. Classroom space is also provided for life skills training, Bible studies, and group meetings.

Guests walk into a warm, family-like atmosphere where Christian love is demonstrated through staff who are ready to welcome them. Every effort is made to meet women's and children's immediate needs, network them with additional help from local agencies, and help them take the steps to recover and lead meaningful, productive lives before and after they leave.

Harvest Home's Nurture Center provides for the guest mom's children with a safe place to be a child. A full-time Child Advocate, along with an Assistant Child Advocate give the children the love, care, and attention they need. Children are guided and supervised in after-school activities, tutoring, summer events, field trips, birthday celebrations, and the Harvest Home's

on-site playground.

Thank you again for your support! If you would like more information or know of someone who needs help, please contact Kathleen Turner, Director of Women's Division, at 330-434-1149 or [kturner@havenofrest.org](mailto:kturner@havenofrest.org).



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

NKJV 1 Corinthians 13:13 *"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

At Haven of Rest Ministries, we understand the importance of the Corinthians chapter about The Excellence of Love and put it into practice. During this month, love especially comes to mind because of Valentine's Day. We have the confidence that we can experience love from God, even if people do not always love one another, because "God is Love." Many times our guests come in feeling hopeless and downcast. Our goal is to help them feel God's love while we meet their needs and provide programs to help them grow and be productive citizens in the community.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 says, *"Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."*

Thank you for sharing that love with those who are in desperate need!

# EASTER HOPE TOTES

Join our HOPE TOTE Campaign! For Easter, we fill tote bags filled with personal care items to hand out to men, women, and children who are struggling and homeless. We are now collecting items such as:

The following items are needed:

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Bar soaps
- Liquid soaps
- Shaving cream and disposable razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lip Balm
- Socks
- Brush and comb
- Shoelaces
- Hand or body lotion
- Facial tissues



To find out more, please contact David John, Special Events Coordinator at 330-535-1563, or email him at [djohn@havenofrest.org](mailto:djohn@havenofrest.org). If you would like to donate monetarily, feel free to do so on our website [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org) or send your donation to Haven of Rest Ministries, P.O. Box 547, Akron, OH 44309.

**THANK YOU AND HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

## CANCELLED FOR 2022: HARTVILLE DINNER AND LUNCHEON

Though it is a highlight of our year to see wonderful partners like you, through much prayer we feel the Lord would have us put a pause on our Hartville Dinner and Luncheon. Similar events that might be taking place later in the year will be announced. We look forward to being able to meet and share again soon.

Thank you to the many people and groups who donated their time, resources, energy, money, talent, gifts, personal care items, and other donations for the 2021 Christmas season. You have helped so many individuals and families receive the items listed below as well as the food, shelter, and care they receive daily. 22,550 Christmas season meals were served during this month as well.

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 2021



**1082**

Crouse CLC donated 1,082 pairs of socks.



**3600**

Two young boys, Aiden and Kyle collected over 3,600 socks, coats, scarves, and hats.



**125**

Appalachian Outfitters collected about 125 winter coats. Also, Burlington from Canton and Cuyahoga Falls donated coats.



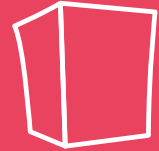
**180**

Fortis College staff donated 180 new white towels, 120 new pairs of socks, underwear, toys, and canned goods



**120**

Mogadore "Wildcats Lead" group raised money and donated 120 new blankets.



**70**

Thirty-One Consultants, Lisa and Laura, donated 70 bags with new socks and personal care items for women.