

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

Happy Mother's Day!



Arriving Defeated, Leaving Confident

When Donna arrived at Haven of Rest's Harvest Home, she admitted she was afraid. She didn't know what it would be like in a new place with new people. Donna felt vulnerable, alone, and anxious, but after receiving help from staff and volunteers, she said she was glad she stayed.

“I learned they really cared about me and my baby.”

Donna talks about the programs and services she has used to overcome her challenges and heal. She is using the Mission's resources to help her reach her goals.

“I am at the Learning Center working to obtain my GED.”

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Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

“May is the month to honor and remember moms, and we are grateful for the provision the Lord has made possible at the Mission for moms with their children. Many good testimonies have been shared over the years. In this issue, I trust you will enjoy reading Donna’s story. Haven of Rest Ministries is open 24/7 for anyone in need. If you know of anyone who needs help, please call the Mission at 330-535-1563. Happy Mother’s Day!”

Women’s Auxiliary
First Tuesday of each month
All are welcome!

- 10 AM - bargain shopping
- 12 PM - light luncheon
- 1 PM - special program



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.



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!

HOPE FEST IS BACK ON JUNE 29 AT GRACE PARK

Friends of the Mission are invited to enjoy various outdoor games and entertainment as well as a hearty lunch menu of hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and various refreshments and snacks. Other activities and giveaways will be available as well. This free, outdoor event is open to the public! Come anytime from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29. For more information, call David John, Special Events Coordinator at 330-535-1563 or email him at djohn@havenofrest.org. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored this event!



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She is continuing to use the Learning Center and its resources to help her plans on finding a good job. Donna has also completed the Nutrition and Parenting classes at Harvest Home. She shares how she enjoyed the Bible Studies and Daily Devotions which helped her to grow as well.

Coming from a tumultuous background, Donna had to overcome many circumstances that caused her to feel defeated. Her mom kept going back to their alcoholic dad who beat her mom. When Donna turned 13 years old, her dad died from cirrhosis of the liver. She was led down a wrong path, became addicted to drugs, and did not finish high school. She found herself in and out of jail. During this time, she had several relationships and bore three children. Donna's youngest sister helped raise two of them and she gave her third child up for adoption.

After finding out she was pregnant with her 4th child, she began her sobriety journey at City Hospital. She also served a short time in jail. She was determined to go through rehab, and wrote the Judge a letter asking for help, which she was granted. When Donna's baby was delivered, she suffered

postpartum depression. Her baby, little James, was taken away from her for a month, but eventually she was able to regain custody. Not too long after that, she came to Harvest Home.

With delight, Donna talks about how she just moved into her apartment and was pleased with her surroundings. She says,

“I received all the furniture I needed in my apartment for my baby and myself. I have never had so many things given to me.”

Donna shares how she enjoyed going through the program at Harvest Home and that she would return if she felt like she needed to. With a beaming, confident countenance, she conveys she is currently 14 months sober and plans on finding a good job.

In praying for Donna, she asks that the Lord help her to remain sober, for the children's futures, mother's health, and growth in her Christian faith.

“I would say to someone who is struggling and just came to Harvest Home that you can do it! Just let go, and let God.”



Weathering The Storms Together

JOIN US FOR OUR 2022 DINNERS!

Choose from TWO different dates at TWO different locations!

July 12th at 6:30 p.m.

at Guy's Party Center
500 East Waterloo Rd,
Akron, OH 44319

September 20th at 6:30 p.m.

at the Walnut Creek Carlisle Inn
4949 State Rt 515,
Walnut Creek, OH 44687

Space is limited so please visit our website to reserve your seat.

If you can't make either and still want to donate, you can easily do so at havenofrest.org under Events. Call 330-535-1563 and ask for Heather Yoder, Development Administrative Assistant. Come and see the ways your generosity is impacting the men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness in our community.

“The Power of God’s Love”

Can you imagine how terrifying it is to be homeless? However at Harvest Home, women find a place where positive change and recovery can take place. Moms come to Harvest Home for many different reasons. Some have their children with them and some do not. Regardless of the reason, God's love is here to help them through this difficult time. His love is witnessed in the care and compassion demonstrated by staff and volunteers. They offer the women hope, understanding, and guidance and allow them to take time to recover and heal from challenging circumstances and trauma in their lives.

Women also receive help in transitioning to a new life through classes on parenting and nutrition, addiction recovery education, individual counseling, case management, life skills training, Future Story Social Enterprise, and more. They also receive assistance with securing housing, learning how to find employment, and participating in educational opportunities. Most importantly, they can find a new life in Christ through spiritual teachings, Chapel services during the day, Bible studies, and the *Becoming* Discipleship program. The ladies learn they are precious in the Lord's sight. God delights in them, loves them, and knows their potential. He has a plan and purpose for each woman.

Romans 5:8 states, *“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”*. Christ died for the women, children, and mothers at Harvest Home. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can show every woman on Mother's Day and every day how much God loves them.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Kathleen Turner, Director of Women's Division

