



Our Current Needs

Haven of Rest always needs donations like clothing and shoes for men, women and children; hygiene products; and non-perishable foods. But we also need items you might not typically think of for a homeless ministry, like:

- Bibles (especially large print)
- Children's toys (new only)
- Blow-dryers/ curling irons
- Shoe polish
- Lightbulbs
- Batteries (especially AA)
- Alarm clocks
- Toasters
- Coffee makers
- Pots and pans

And much more! For a complete list of needs, go to:

havenofrest.org/get-involved/donate-items



SPECIAL EDITION:
Women's Ministry



Cheryl was on a road to ruin. Thank you for helping her.

Finding a Place of Peace

Drugs and divorce left Cheryl on the streets, but she found hope and healing here

Despite being a victim of domestic violence, Cheryl had hoped things would improve in her marriage. "I thought he would get some help," she says.

But he never did. When Cheryl's husband threatened her life, he was arrested, and a divorce ensued. She was suddenly alone, depressed and struggling to pay rent. She leased out a room to try to pay expenses, but her tenant "turned my home into a crack house. People came from everywhere, 24/7, to get drugs and party."

Cheryl, a former drug user, started using again to deal with all the chaos and pain in her life. "I just needed something to try and make myself feel better," she says.

As a drug user unable to pay rent, Cheryl was soon evicted. She was on the streets for a while, and found herself unable to cope: "I was at my wits' end." She needed a place of peace ... and she found it at Haven of Rest.

That was two years ago. She vividly remembers the day she arrived, telling her story to a case manager. "It was embarrassing to explain my situation and how far down the wrong road I had gone," Cheryl says. "But she had sympathy."

Cheryl's road to new life had begun.

Staff referred her to a place where she could find the urgent mental and physical care she needed. A week later, she returned to Haven of Rest where, thanks to friends like you, staff soon found transitional housing for Cheryl.

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CEO's Message

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

When You're at Your Wits' End

I hope you're encouraged by the cover story on Cheryl.

When she came to us, she was "at my wits' end." That's typical of most people who come through our doors. They're in a dark, desolate, desperate place. They feel completely alone, abandoned.

King David felt despair in one of his darkest moments (Psalm 13, NIV). Many of us have been there.

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I wrestle with my thoughts

and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

Fortunately, that's not the end of the story. Just a few lines later, David writes of his trust in God's love and salvation, "for he has been good to me."

"At wits' end" wasn't the end of the story for Cheryl, either. Thanks to your support, she found new life. She's grateful for you, and so am I!

Blessings in Christ,

Jeff Kaiser



Women in the program learn skills to make them more employable.

Writing Stories for the Future

Our social enterprise program for women preps them for success

Many women who come to Haven of Rest are facing unemployment.

We try to address that, at least in part, through our Future Story program, where women can become more equipped for the job market through vocational training, micro-business development, internships and other opportunities.

Future Story is a social enterprise job training program that instills hope and self-confidence in women who want to improve their economic situation.

For women who have faced barriers to regular employment, the Future Story Training Shop offers a way to create income by selling items they've made — including those made through our design and sewing classes.

Located inside Hartville MarketPlace, the shop sells items like aprons, coaster sets, walker totes, appliance covers, grocery bag carriers, heating pads, pillowcases, wheelchair totes, jewelry and beaded bookmarks.

Please visit and do a little shopping to benefit these women and the ministry! For gift ideas or other information, give us a call at **330-877-2545**. ☎



Items for sale
at the Future
Story Shop

A Step Toward Healing

The journey begins at the Women's Day Room

Every journey toward healing begins with a first step. For women who come to us for help, that first step often is through the Women's Day Room in the Client Services Center at Harvest Home.

For homeless single women, Harvest Home is a 20-bed dormitory that provides safe, clean lodging. The Women's Day Room is the entry point for beginning the rehabilitation process that will lead to the stabilization and re-establishment of their lives.

When a woman comes in off the streets, she's greeted warmly and without judgment. Grace, mercy and compassion are our top priorities.

Once inside, a newcomer will find a variety of essential services available, including laundry, showers, telephones and mail pickup.

The Women's Day Room also includes counseling rooms for meeting privately with staff, or with other social service agency workers to discuss problems and needs. Classroom space is also provided for life skills training, Bible studies and group meetings.

Additionally, the Day Room includes a special quiet room where those who are pregnant or ill can rest.

Once a new guest comes through the Day Room,



In our private counseling rooms, women can confidently and confidentially share their deepest needs.

she has an opportunity to take a deeper dive into our women's ministry, including case management, individual counseling, nutrition classes, devotions, chapel service, Bible study and our *Becoming* discipleship program.

Connie, whose life had crashed and burned, was able to land on her feet after coming through the Day Room and participating in some of our programs.

"People who work at Haven of Rest are great," Connie says. "They provide a safe environment to help people grow again after the ground falls out from under their feet." ✝

"Finding a Place of Peace" *continued from cover*



She started working again. She remained sober. She enrolled in "Becoming," our discipleship program for women.

"It was awesome," she says. "It was everything I'd been praying for."

Months later, back on her feet, Cheryl struck out on her own again. But she soon realized she missed the opportunity for spiritual growth at the Mission.

So, earlier this year, she returned: "I just needed to be closer to God and learn more about His ways."

Cheryl says it's the best decision she's ever made. She has a job and is saving up for an apartment, but she's most excited about her Christian walk.

"I've been looking to get more spiritual and

knowledgeable about what God can do," she says. "There's Bible studies here in the morning and before dinner. God is everywhere I look."

"Through Haven of Rest, I've been put back on track."

"I want to help other people, just like they've helped me. I'm just building my sense of grace and mercy for others, because I have it so well here."

She is particularly grateful for supporters like you.

"You saved my life," Cheryl says, choking up. "Through Haven of Rest, I've been put back on track and I'm headed straight where I want to go."

"I've changed. I'm a new person."

Thank you for your vital role in helping women like Cheryl find new life! ✝

Learn More About Us at the Walnut Creek Regional Dinner

Please join us at our next Regional Dinner at Walnut Creek, coming September 20. The theme: *Weathering the Storms Together.*

These dinners, free to guests, celebrate God's faithfulness and transforming power. You'll see how your generosity is changing lives, you'll learn more about our work and you'll have an opportunity to make a gift.



Details:

**Tuesday, September 20
at 6:30 p.m.**

Carlisle Inn
4949 State Rt 515
Walnut Creek, Ohio 44687

Space is limited, so please
reserve your seat here:
[havenofrest.org/get-involved/
events/fall-regional-dinners](https://havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/fall-regional-dinners)



RubberDuck Night August 12

Come cheer on the Akron RubberDucks, when \$3 from every ticket sale helps support Haven of Rest! We're saving a special section for this Friday game.

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Aug. 12 vs Bowie Baysox:
fevo.me/havenofrest0812

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