

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## A SECOND AND A THIRD CHANCE

Andrea found hope and encouragement when she needed it most — thanks to YOU!

When Andrea first came to Haven of Rest's Harvest Home shelter for women, she was pregnant and feeling hopeless and alone. She had also just dropped out of high school.

Her parents were disappointed. Andrea wasn't meeting the high standards they — especially her pastor dad — held for her.

Here at Harvest Home, a shelter for women and children in crisis situations, Andrea found hope and encouragement.

### BACK ON HER FEET

With the Mission's help, Andrea got back on her feet. She was able to get a job at McDonald's and move from Harvest Home into an apartment.

Andrea even reunited with her parents and returned to the family's church.

Unfortunately, when her dad died, Andrea spiraled into a dark place. She was

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# *You can provide help and hope to neighbors*

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introduced to alcohol and drugs.

Sadly, due to her addiction, Andrea lost custody of her children. Though Andrea wasn't arrested, she was charged with neglect. At the time, Andrea was pregnant with her fourth child.

### FEARFUL AND ALONE AGAIN

Because Andrea's youngest daughter had speech problems and her fourth child, a son, was born with epilepsy, life was a struggle. "It was a long road ahead of me. I knew then that I had to get myself together in order to get my children back," she says.

"I was sitting in my room one day thinking back on my life. When I got pregnant with my first child, I remember the case manager at Haven of Rest saying to me, 'Your children are going to be depending on you. You have to be a strong woman. No one is going to take care of your baby like you. Get it together.'"

***"Thank you to all  
the supporters of  
Haven of Rest."***

— Andrea

### MOTIVATION TO CHANGE

Remembering that conversation motivated Andrea to do everything she could to get her children back and to become a better mother.

Andrea joined a church and received the support and encouragement she needed to raise her children. She also went back to school to get her GED.

Today, Andrea works at a healthcare staffing company where she has many opportunities to meet young women.

"I pray for someone to help and encourage every day, even if it is with a simple hug," she says.

Andrea is also in her last year of college. Soon she will receive her Associate Degree in Culinary Arts. Her dream is to open a diner that serves breakfast 24 hours a day.

In addition, Andrea teaches English as a second language as a volunteer. Soon, she hopes to volunteer at Haven of Rest to give back out of thankfulness for the help and hope she received many years ago.

To guests visiting the Mission, Andrea says, "They have landed in the right place. Get ready for a real-life makeover. Stick to the process because it is a process. No matter what the road looks like ahead, it will work out for your good."

Andrea is also grateful for you! She says, "Thank you to all the supporters of Haven of Rest. Without the Haven of Rest, there would be no stories like mine."

***In her time of need, Andrea found a safe place to live, nourishing food to eat and the hope and encouragement she needed during a dark time.***

***Please give to meet the needs of others in our community who are hurting and hungry this Thanksgiving. Thank you!***





# *in need this Thanksgiving!*

CEO'S MESSAGE



Make  
Christmas  
special!

Take part in our

## 2022 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Families who are struggling to make ends meet are reaching out to the Mission for help, especially for their children. Here's how you can help:

### **"KIDS HELPING KIDS"**

Provide new toys to children in need during the "Happy Birthday Jesus" party. Gifts will also be distributed to families that are struggling to provide for their children.

### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Purchase and wrap gifts for families who will need help from Haven of Rest this Christmas. Wish list information will be provided.

### **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.

### **PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR RESIDENTS**

The men and women living at the Mission 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.

*For more information about the Christmas Project, call David John, special events coordinator, at 330-535-1563 or email him at [djohn@havenofrest.org](mailto:djohn@havenofrest.org).*



## What a blessing!



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

More than any other time of year, Thanksgiving is when families come together to celebrate with tables full of festive food.

For those in our community who are homeless and hungry, it can be the most difficult day of the year. All they can think about is what they don't have. It's hard to be thankful.

With your help, we want to welcome as many people as we can with a warm, delicious Thanksgiving feast. We want each one to know they are important and valued both to us and to God.

That holiday meal can be the first step to something more. When people are struggling to make ends meet and get through the day, a simple meal served with a smile can give them hope. That hope can start them on a different path to lasting change and new life!

What a blessing! That's exactly what you are to the people we serve here at Haven of Rest and to me.

I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!

### **THIS YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE IS CANCELED**

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you would like to schedule a tour, please call the Mission at 330-535-1563.



Give now to meet needs this Thanksgiving!

## YOU CAN PROVIDE HELP AND HOPE — starting with a meal for \$2.05

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it!

It's the busiest time of year at the Mission. We anticipate hundreds of men, women and children coming through our doors during the holiday season, especially on Thanksgiving.

We share God's word as we serve nourishing, traditional meals of turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, pumpkin pie and more.

Your gift today will help make this possible, and each meal is just \$2.05. **Think how many hungry people you can help!** You'll not only meet urgent physical needs, you'll offer hope in Jesus' name.

>> One of the best ways you can partner with Haven of Rest is to give monthly as one of our *Faithful Friends*. (If you're already giving monthly, THANK YOU!)



## Restore more lives when you give monthly!

*Faithful Friends* is a special group of Mission supporters who give monthly to share not just a hand up but real hope.

With each and every monthly gift, you'll provide people in great need across our community with:



**Food and safe shelter** that bring stability in the midst of crisis



**Critical services**, such as recovery, education and job-skills training — leading to work that pays a living wage and self-sufficiency



**An introduction to the loving God** who transforms lives

To become a *Faithful Friend*, complete both sides of the accompanying reply form and mail it back with your first monthly gift. Thank you!

### MISSION RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAY MORNINGS

7:30 am EST

WNIR 100.1 FM WAKR 1590 AM  
WKVX 960 AM WKJA 91.9 FM

8 am EST

WHBC 1480 AM

## Thanksgiving is almost here!

Give now to share meals and essential services with people in need

### 3 EASY STEPS to transform a life this Thanksgiving

1

**CHOOSE** one or more of the Meal Tickets to send with your gift.

2

**WRITE** out your check for that amount.

3

**RETURN** your Meal Ticket(s), reply form and check in the envelope provided.

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