

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## A chain reaction of transformation

*Wynette made an impact her whole life  
— thanks to your generosity*

Wynette was no stranger to suffering.

Her whole life, it seemed struggles waited for her around every turn. As a young girl growing up without a mother, she carried unimaginable grief. The burden only grew heavier when her father passed away from alcoholism. Wynette soon found herself facing the same addiction.

Fifteen years of dangerously using drugs and alcohol passed before she found herself at Haven of Rest's Harvest Home. She knew she couldn't wait any longer to get help, and she joined an intensive outpatient program.

The road to healing looked long. In the following months, Wynette found a steady job, accepted Christ as her Savior, and became an intern at the Haven of Rest. But her transformation didn't stop when she completed her internship.

### LOOKING BACK AT HER LEGACY

As she set her heart and mind to recovering from addiction and grief, Wynette quickly became a beacon of light to everyone around her. She was hired full-time by Haven of Rest and continued to work at Harvest Home for over 24 years. There was no work she cherished more than helping others who were lost in the struggles she once faced.

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STORY INSIDE ►



# *Your partnership shares restoration and s*



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## THANKS TO YOU ...

## **Wynette made a generational impact**

Nothing could hinder Wynette's devotion to serving. Even when she had found herself face to face with terrifying health challenges over the years — sarcoidosis, breast cancer, two strokes, a hip repair, and two brain surgeries — she not once asked, "Why me?" Instead, she repeatedly asked every doctor when she could go back to work.

Through all her years of struggle, Wynette ministered to others experiencing brokenness. From loss . . . to addiction . . . to diagnoses after diagnoses. She had known what it felt like to reach hope on the other side of hardship and hopelessness. And she wanted every person she came in contact with to reach that hope too.

When asked about her proudest accomplishment, Wynette would say, "My recovery and 27 years of

uninterrupted sobriety." She showed everyone what it looks like to love deeply, fight the good fight, and fully surrender to God.

Now, Wynette is pain-free, whole, and at home with her Heavenly Father. It's stories like hers that live on for generations. Wynette is an example that one life changed means many lives changed.

That's the chain reaction impact you support with your generous giving. You help other women facing unique challenges find the strength and courage — just like

Wynette did — to start new.

**It's because of your compassion and God's grace that many women who walk through Harvest Home's doors will find healing . . . and then go on to change even more lives.**

*"My proudest accomplishment is my recovery . . ."*

— Wynette



## Celebrating 44 years of Harvest Home and helping women heal!

Thanks to your faithful support, we've been serving single women and mothers at the Marjorie Ruth Thomas Harvest Home Shelter for Women and Children for 44 years!

Built in 1979, the Harvest Home is a safe place where women in crisis can find refuge and recovery. Your giving provides Christ-centered care that walks single women and mothers through distressing life circumstances.

Restoration starts with meeting physical needs. Guests receive access to shelter, clothing, hot showers, healthy meals, and more. It's amazing how much security three meals a day and a bed to sleep in can give. Your support makes sure the women have everything they need to feel safe so they can focus on the opportunity of a fresh start.

Every guest at Harvest Home receives emotional and spiritual care. The women can meet privately with a counselor, social services agent, or staff member to work through challenges or needs. There are daily opportunities to attend Bible studies and regular chapel services where women can gather together to worship and be discipled.

### YOU EMPOWER WOMEN TO LIVE WITH PURPOSE

With your generosity, we've been able to make sure mothers get the resources they need to be the caring parent God created them to be. The Nurture Center equips struggling moms with everything they need to look after their children. The women attend nutrition and parenting classes, meet with a case worker, interview for jobs, and so much more. Child Advocates care for the kids while their mothers work hard toward bright futures.

There are women from all walks of life who come to Harvest Home's doors. Whether homeless, addicted, abused, or facing unimaginable circumstances, your compassion ensures none are sent away. The stories of restoration, joy, and victory these women tell are a testimony to God's good plan and your faithful support. Thank you!



## YOUR COMPASSION LEAVES A LASTING CHANGE



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

The men, women, and children who come to our doors have faced the darkest of circumstances.

It's only because of God's faithfulness —

and your generosity — that they're able to find safety, hope, and healing.

A powerful part of the work you support is that one person's story of recovery can become the "turning point" for someone else who has lost all hope. Each gift you give can start a ripple effect of transformation.

If you haven't already, I hope you will take a few moments to read through this February issue of *The Voice*. You'll see the many ways your partnership makes restoration a reality.

Wynette, who is featured on page 1, has inspired so many others with her story. And it's because you and others give that her testimony of God's goodness will continue to change lives.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity. It is a joy to partner with you in providing Christ-centered care to those in our community who are experiencing deep need.

May the Lord bless you!

Jeff



## Hope starts with a winter coat

*You can change a student's life today . . .*

Everyday items we might take for granted are often a little reminder of hope for someone in our community who is struggling. It's amazing how far a small thing like a toothbrush, a bar of soap, winter gloves, or a pair of socks can go to bring comfort to an individual in crisis.

There are children in our community who lack those everyday essentials. Through a new and unique outreach program, our staff are working closely with counselors from elementary schools to distribute items like school supplies, new clothing, and winter coats to underserved students who need them.

## YOUR GIFT TODAY WILL MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

It's because of partnerships from generous people like you that we are seeing lives restored. Whether a simple gift of school supplies for a child or offering recovery services to a woman like Wynette (who is featured on page 1), your compassion is making a lasting difference.

Send your most generous gift today, or bring in gloves, boots, and other winter necessities for a child. You will remind someone in deep need they are seen and loved.

Thank you for standing with Haven of Rest. Lives will be made new because of your kindness and God's grace!

*For information on where to bring your gift, please contact Joe McDaniel by phone at 330-535-1563 or by email at [jmcdaniel@havenofrest.org](mailto:jmcdaniel@havenofrest.org).*



## COME CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF CHANGED LIVES!

### SAVE THE DATE

Haven of Rest Ministries is celebrating their 80th Anniversary with a special event, and we want to see you there!

Mark your calendar:

Anniversary Dinner for Haven of Rest Ministries

**Friday, April 28, 2023**

Quaker Station  
135 S. Broadway Street  
Akron

Doors open at 6:00 pm.  
Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm.

Register online for this free event at [havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/anniversary-banquet](https://havenofrest.org/get-involved/events/anniversary-banquet)

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