

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## A SECOND CHANCE

**Larry lost everything and had nowhere to go . . .  
but you helped him find a fresh start in Christ!**

Larry found himself on the brink of losing everything. Ten years of unhealthy thoughts, habits, and relationships caused him to lose all control.

He hadn't always been stuck in that rut. Larry worked hard and moved to Tennessee to be close to his parents. When they eventually went back to Ohio to be cared for by family, Larry decided to stay in Tennessee to look after his parents' property and work. For two years, he lived in their house by himself. It was when a girlfriend moved in with him that his life started to spiral downward.

### RED FLAGS

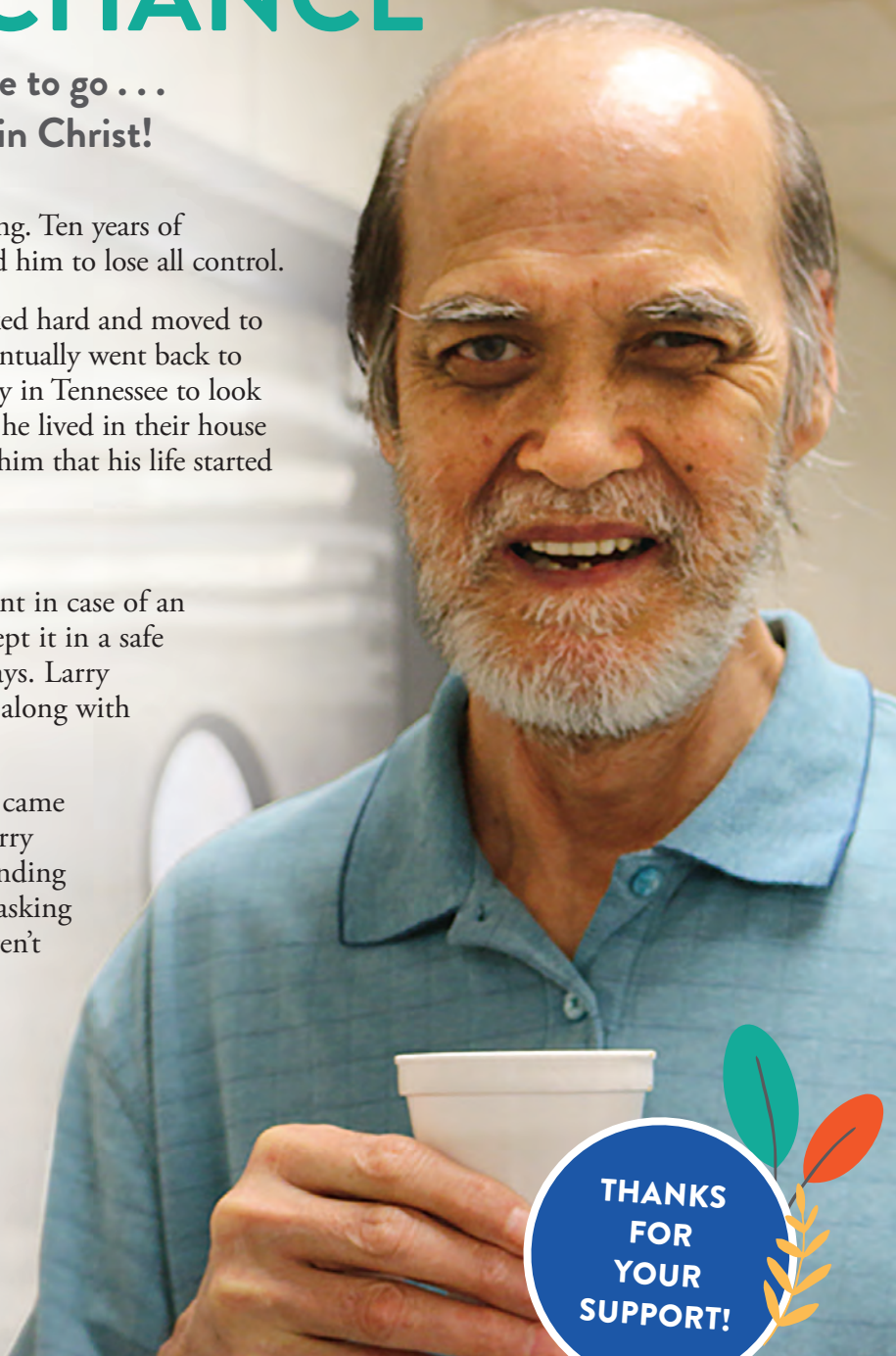
Larry decided to take some money out of retirement in case of an emergency. Instead of putting it in the bank, he kept it in a safe place in the house. "That was a big mistake," he says. Larry came home one day to find his girlfriend gone — along with his retirement money.

After that relationship, another woman eventually came into Larry's life. They were happy together, but Larry noticed she started coming home late and was spending money quicker than he could make it. "I kept on asking her why the money was disappearing and bills weren't getting paid," he said.

Larry thought he had to bend over backwards for people. Regardless of red flags, he would do anything his girlfriend asked. "I thought things would change. But that didn't happen."

When COVID hit, Larry began receiving unemployment benefits. All of a sudden, his

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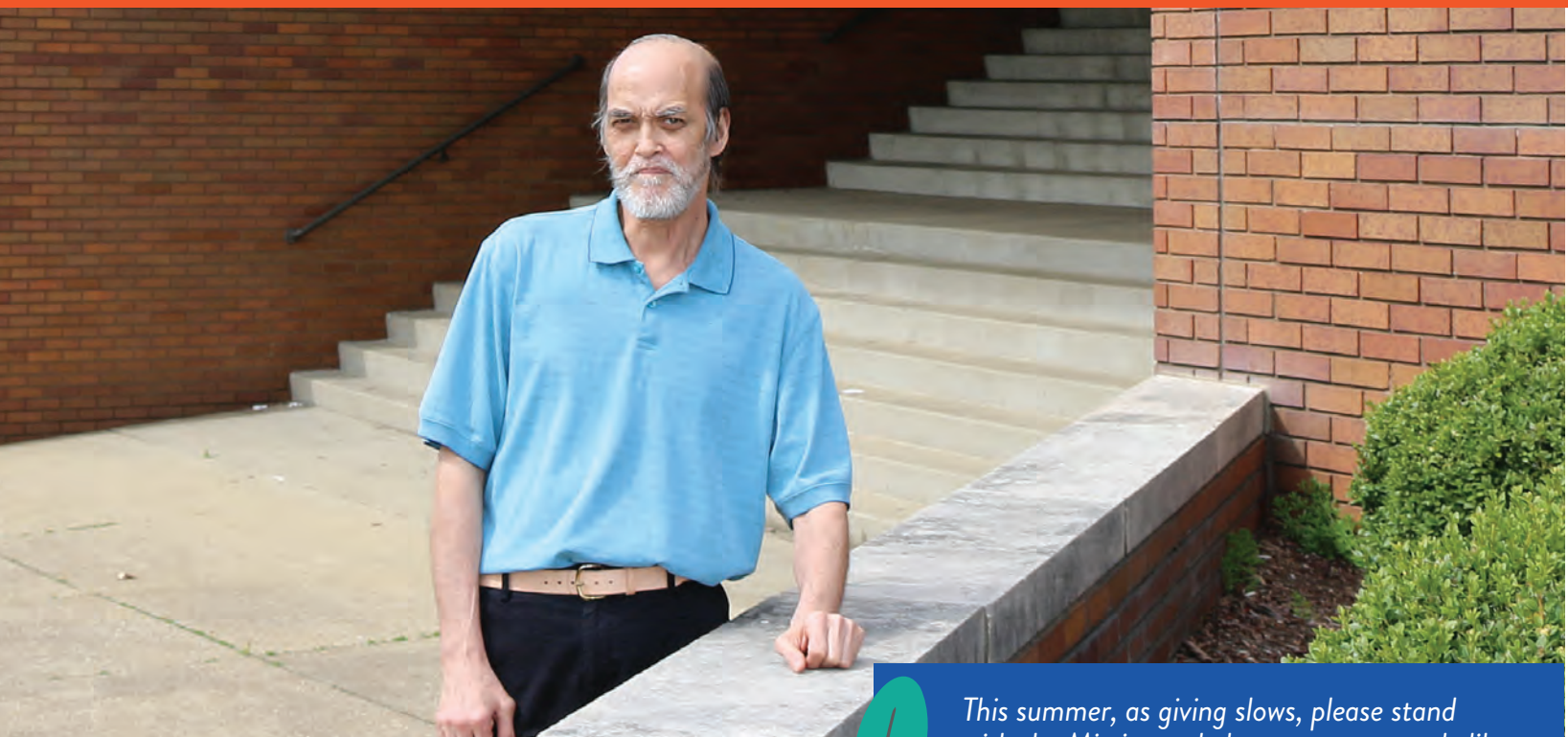


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# Neighbors are struggling on the streets . . . YOU



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weekly income started disappearing. “It finally dawned on me. I couldn’t live like this anymore,” says Larry.

Desperate to get out of this bad relationship, Larry decided to sell his parents’ home and move back to Ohio. He didn’t know where he’d live or work. He just knew he needed to get his head clear and figure out how to get back on his feet. That’s when he heard about Haven of Rest.

### BURDENED NO MORE

When Larry arrived at Haven, things began to turn around. “There’s no doubt about it. I would be on the streets if it weren’t for Haven of Rest,” he says.

Larry’s destructive thinking began to shift. He learned how to set healthy boundaries and say no, and he found clarity in his life. “I’ve been given a second chance to do things the right way instead of falling back into the same old pattern that I was in for a really long time.”

*“I couldn’t live like this anymore . . .”*

— Larry

*This summer, as giving slows, please stand with the Mission to help even more people like Larry rebuild their lives.*

But most life-changing of all, Larry decided to let the Lord into his heart and restore the way he thought and acted. “I had this burden on my back for so long about the way things had gone the last 12 years,” he says. “When I turned everything over to Christ, that big burden lifted.”

### NEVER TOO LATE

Larry plans to work at Haven of Rest and give men in need the help and Gospel hope that changed his life. “Every night, we minister to guests and tell them, ‘It’s never too late,’” he says.

That’s the message you share with Larry — and so many others — when you support Haven of Rest.

“This place couldn’t work the way that it does without you,” says Larry. “You make helping the homeless possible.”

*You can help even more men like Larry find stability and a new life in Jesus Christ!*



**CHANGE LIVES  
WITH CHICK-FIL-A  
FOOD DRIVE!**

On August 10 from 11am-7pm, bring two canned food items to a participating Chick-fil-A location and receive a free breakfast sandwich coupon!  
(Participating locations: Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Macedonia, Dressler Rd. Canton)



## GIVING MEN HOPE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

### A look into the Men's Day Room

Every day from 7:30am-6:00pm, you provide a place for men facing homelessness, hunger, and addiction to come in off the streets. Since 1989, the Men's Day Room has been a place where help and hope begins. You make this possible!

At the Day Room, men can access clean clothing, showers, laundry service, and more vital care. On-site case managers meet one on one with men and direct them to resources offered by the Mission and other partners. Whether through safe shelter, job training, mental health counseling, or the Mission's residential program, each man is encouraged to "rise above the storms of life through Christ."

### MEN'S LIVES ARE RESTORED ... THANKS TO YOU!

Dwight, the Manager of Client Services and on-site social worker at the Day Room, says, "Without you, we would not be able to clothe, feed, and provide necessities for the guests we serve!"

Thank you for helping to meet the growing need over the years. Many men's lives are being transformed for God's glory because of you!



## Biking with a Mission

### Every mile makes an impact!

On Monday, September 11, six seniors will start the "Seniors Riding with a Mission" Reunion Ride — a 75-mile bike trip across Southwest Ohio. You can help change lives with every mile they ride!

A per-mile gift of \$1, \$1.50, \$2, or any amount will help bring hope to hurting men, women, and children in Akron. To make an impact and stand alongside these cyclists, go to [havenofrest.org](http://havenofrest.org) or call 330-535-1563. Thank you!



## RIISING ABOVE BROKENNESS



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

The men who walk through our doors are broken from life on the streets, depression, addiction, lack of family support, and so much more.

They desperately need help to heal and find stability. The road to redemption is not easy.

Mistakes, relapses, and painful pasts create challenges. But we don't give up on these men. And I know you don't either.

Together, we help them rise above. Through emergency services, long-term recovery programs, and more, you equip men to walk in freedom and self-sufficiency.

Most important, we always remind each guest of this unwavering truth:

*God loves them and sent  
His Son to offer forgiveness  
to those who believe.*



Your support shows each man, woman, or child at the Mission that you see the God-given potential in them. People who've struggled in homelessness and hopelessness need that more than anything.

Thank you for partnering with Haven of Rest to change lives right here in our community!

*Jeff*

# INVEST IN CHANGING LIVES

An IRA Charitable Rollover, also known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), is an easy way to invest in the ministries that matter most to you. A QCD allows you to:

**Benefit the causes you care about.**

You can name organizations like Haven of Rest as the beneficiary of your IRA and give a tax-free gift.

**Distribute from your IRA without paying income taxes.**

QCDs allow you to give up to \$100,000 to a charity without recognizing the transfer as income. That means your estate and heirs can avoid taxes.

**Fulfill your annual giving goals.**

Give freely out of your IRA money instead of your savings, and avoid tax burdens when you withdraw.

If you're 70½ and want to make a meaningful difference in our community by gifting your QCD, discuss with your financial advisor or visit us online at [havenofrest.org/who-we-are](http://havenofrest.org/who-we-are).

## Right now, you can give life-saving help to **NEIGHBORS IN DEEP NEED**

The men, women, and children who come through our doors often walk in hungry, hopeless, and out of options. Homelessness has been cruel to them.

But though they walk in defeated, they walk out restored — thanks to you.

Larry — on page 1 — is one of many who've lost everything and don't know how to begin again. But you helped him find stability and a new life in Christ.

Still, there are hurting neighbors suffering on the streets. *Won't you help the others who need life-changing care, God's love, and genuine hope?*

Your gift today will provide critical resources AND open the door to God's love for people in urgent need. Thank you for changing lives here in Akron!

*When you give,  
please be sure  
to include your  
reply form.*

**GIVE LIFE-CHANGING CARE TO STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS**

YES, JEFF! Here's my gift to provide critical help and genuine hope for people on the streets:

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