

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

You help Tami make Harvest Home a loving place for hurting women to rebuild their lives!

You wouldn't know at first glance what a woman who walks into Harvest Home has been through. All you see is exhaustion, fear, or hopelessness.

For Tami, she sees the painful problems that push these women — and often their children — to the streets. "There's a wide range of circumstances these women are facing that you wouldn't even think of," she says.

When a woman comes to Harvest Home, Tami is typically the second person she talks to. She's a case manager at Haven of Rest and helps each guest take the first steps toward stability.

"From a young age, I knew I wanted to help people," says Tami. "The Lord put that calling on my heart and led me to Haven of Rest."

Tami graduated college in 1997 and started working at Harvest Home as a night supervisor, eventually becoming a case manager. After nine years, she took a step back to raise her son. But even then, she still devoted time to serving the women at Harvest Home. Now, she's continuing work as a case manager and responding to God's call to serve struggling women in Akron.

FIRST STEPS

New Harvest Home guests meet with Tami to tour the home, hear background details, and go over guidelines. Tami listens to each woman's story of how she became homeless. She'll tell you there's a vast variety of circumstances that

READ MORE OF TAMI'S STORY INSIDE ►

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CHANGING
LIVES WITH
EACH GIFT!**

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE STRUGGLING ON THE STREETS



You help make it possible for Tami and her husband, Dwight, to impact lives with God's love!

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bring women to Harvest Home.

“It could be domestic issues, drug and alcohol addictions, lost housing, and more,” Tami says. “Some are young, single mothers and just getting started when their families put them out.”

The hardest part is seeing how a mother's homelessness affects her children. “Children have to go through that with their mom, even though they had no choice in the matter,” says Tami.

But Tami knows the Lord has equipped her for this work, even when it's hard. And whatever position these women find themselves in, she is committed to walking with them every step of the way.

PLANTING SEEDS

Tami meets with each woman on a weekly basis to talk about her needs, goals, next steps, and more. But the best part is introducing her to God's love. “Many have no knowledge of Him,” says Tami. “We're here to plant seeds.”

There's the very real possibility that Tami will see a woman come back to Harvest Home, once again needing

help and another chance to start new. But Tami never sees that as a reason to give up on them.

“We're doing what the Lord told us to do,” she says. “Maybe one day, those women will think back to their time at Harvest Home and say, ‘That impacted me. God really was there.’ And maybe that's what will lead them into a relationship with Christ.”

YOU HELP CHANGE WOMEN'S LIVES

Seeing the stories of transformation reminds Tami that her work and your support are always worth it. “To see a woman's success and celebrate her accomplishments, that's the best part,” says Tami.

These stories of life-change, commitments to Christ, and accomplished goals are possible with your support. It's through your generosity that Harvest Home continues to be a place of restoration for hurting women in Akron.

“You make it possible to do this,” says Tami. “You provide food, shelter, clothing, and wraparound care. We're able to share Christ with these women because of you. Thank you!”

YOU CAN MAKE A LOCAL IMPACT WITH HOPE TOTES

Help our community bring relief to people on the street!

For people struggling on the streets, personal care items are a simple necessity that makes all the difference.

As a community, we're meeting the basic needs of vulnerable neighbors through Operation Hope Totes. But this outreach is only possible with help from you and other generous people!

Whether by yourself or with a business, church, classroom, or family, you can collect personal care items to fill purple Hope Totes for people facing homelessness. See the list below of needs!

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR HOPE TOTE ...



Toothpaste and toothbrush



Body wash and shampoo



Disposable razors and shaving cream



Deodorant



Soap bar

A Hope Tote carries more than just personal care items — it carries the opportunity for a fresh start!

For more information, contact David John at 330-535-1563 or djohn@havenofrest.org

BIKE RIDE TO CHANGE LIVES

Help six seniors bring HOPE to Akron!

Make a difference for struggling people in Akron by giving a per-mile pledge of support to the "Seniors Riding with a Mission" Reunion Ride. This 75-mile bike trip across Southwest Ohio takes place on Monday, September 11!

With every mile they ride, you can help change lives. \$1, \$1.50, \$2, or any amount will bring transformation and hope to people facing homelessness and hunger.

Go to havenofrest.org or call 330-535-1563. Every mile counts! Thank you!



LISTEN TO THEIR STORIES



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

It's easy to make assumptions about how someone became homeless.

But we can't see the whole picture in just one look at a man or woman who is struggling

on the streets.

We don't see the abuse that a single mother is trying to flee. We don't see the addiction brought on by childhood trauma. We don't see the loss of family members, jobs, and dreams.

That's why Tami and other staff are there to listen to each guest's story, understand their pain, and remind them there is hope for tomorrow — hope in Christ.

Your compassion shows me you care about the unique circumstances of each person who walks through our doors.

For many of these hurting men and women, coming to Haven of Rest is the first time anyone has listened to their story — and the first time they've felt real hope.

It's because of your generous support that we're able to provide loving, wrap-around care that leads to a life of stability. Thank you for helping us change lives!



NATIONAL MAKE A WILL MONTH

How can we avoid a sticky situation? In the time it takes to eat an ice cream cone, we can pass on our values and protect our loved ones.

We are offering a fully secure, private, and confidential online service to you and your family through our partnership with GiftWise at no cost to you. Please consider including Haven of Rest Ministries in your will. You can leave a lasting legacy of generosity and impact future generations. (We do not see anything you prepare unless you specifically request that we are notified of your future gift.)

Many sticky situations can be avoided by having an up-to-date will. Now is a good time to take the action we have been thinking about but put off because it may be difficult. We are here to help. Contact Mike Solosky at 330-535-1563 or msolosky@havenofrest.org if you have questions. To get started visit <https://christianwill.org/haven/>.

Your gift today will provide critical care for **STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS**

There's no "quick fix" to homelessness for someone trapped on the streets.

That's why your generosity is so crucial. You provide hurting men, women, and children with more than just meals and shelter . . . you give them compassionate, wraparound care and open the door to long-term stability.

And most important, you introduce them to the God who loves them, restores them, and cares about their future.

Will you help the many people who need life-changing care and hope? Women and children are especially vulnerable.

Your gift today will provide essential resources to help our struggling neighbors overcome homelessness. Thank you!

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

GIVE LIFE-SAVING CARE TO HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

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

☐ \$_____ to provide vital services that change lives for as many people as possible!

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