

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

LASTING STABILITY

YOU helped Sheree rebuild her life after addiction and disappointment!

Sheree was already struggling in a dark place when she lost custody of her two oldest children. After that, her life took a turn for the worse. "I lost all hope and gave up on life. That's where the cocaine came in."

For years, Sheree cycled in and out of recovery programs. She wanted to live a sober life, but the pain of being separated from her children kept sending her straight back to the familiar escape of drugs. After a third relapse, Sheree knew she couldn't live that way forever. "I was ready to be Sheree again," she describes.

Not knowing where else to go, she went to stay with her two youngest children's father. She realized that was not the place for her to be if she wanted a successful recovery. "I was mentally, emotionally, and physically abused by their father," she says.

Sheree felt ready to

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STORY INSIDE ►

*You helped provide
a safe place for
Sheree to rebuild
her life!*

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Share hope and help with a struggling



*"I know now that
I am strong . . ."*

— Sheree



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run back to the streets as an escape from the pain. But becoming pregnant again was her wakeup call to find help — help that would give her lasting stability so she could be a strong mother for her children.

Sheree says, "The day I got to take my baby home with me and have custody of him, I knew God was with me. And I knew I needed to be in a structured, safe, uplifting environment. The only place I could think of was Harvest Home."

HEALING FROM GRIEF

Sheree says her transformation began when she walked through Harvest Home's doors. Here, she found the stability and accountability she needed to get back on her feet. More than that, she reestablished a strong foundation on the Lord.

"The streets have no structure," Sheree says. "I needed to get back to my relationship with Jesus and needed

stability in my everyday life. Being here has given me a jump start."

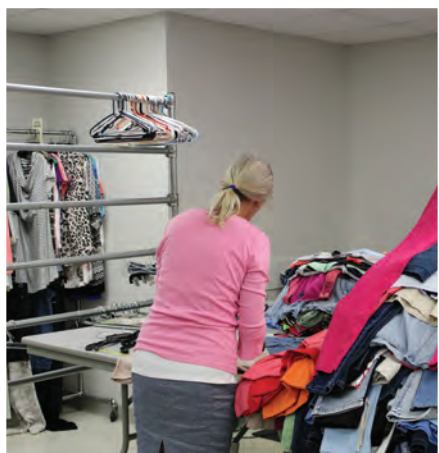
COMPLETE RESTORATION

Sheree is living a new life and working toward lasting sobriety and reuniting with her children. "I want to be able to see my babies grow up and for my parents to be grandparents," she says. "I know now that I am strong. I can do this. I matter."

Haven of Rest is a place of transformation for Sheree and so many others because of support from you and other prayerful partners. Your giving truly changes lives and makes overcoming homelessness and addiction possible for our struggling neighbors.

"Your giving helps so much," says Sheree. "I've seen it, and I'm experiencing it. Without Haven of Rest, I wouldn't have my baby and I wouldn't have sobriety. I might not even be alive. Thank you for giving me an opportunity."

Thank you for making vital renovations a reality!



Hundreds of neighbors hurting from homelessness and hunger depend on the vital services offered at our Client Services Center. For us to keep providing compassionate care, our building needed major improvements. Thanks to you and other faithful friends, we exceeded our funding goal for the **Heart to Serve Campaign** and are already making great progress on these two essential updates!



NEW CLOTHING DONATION AREA We've set to work renovating the donation area where men, women, and children come to receive clean clothing. These updates will make it possible for us to more effectively distribute items!



NEW FRIDGE AND COOLER Our old fridge and cooler weren't working properly, hurting our ability to prepare and serve 400-500 nourishing meals a day to neighbors hurting from hunger. Thanks to your help, we're now installing the new fridge and cooler in time for Thanksgiving!

Thank you for helping to make the Client Services Center a place where men, women, and children can always come to receive physical and spiritual care in Jesus' name!



A PLACE TO BELONG



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

Homelessness and hunger have many faces . . .

A lonely veteran, a single mom escaping domestic abuse, a vulnerable family who can't make ends meet,

a traumatized young man using addiction to numb his pain.

No matter what someone has walked through, Haven of Rest's doors are open for them to come as they are.

There is no shame for anyone who comes to us with burdens they're struggling to overcome. Homelessness is a crisis that any person can find themselves in. With your prayerful and financial support, they can overcome.

With essential resources to empowering programs, our struggling neighbors can focus on rebuilding their lives in a loving, compassionate community.

Everything you help make possible at Haven of Rest is designed to restore dignity.

Thank you for being obedient to the Lord as He leads you in giving. The work you make possible here at Haven of Rest has eternal value!

Jeff





**Bless families
this holiday
season**

“KIDS HELPING KIDS”

It may feel early to be talking about Christmas. But we have to begin preparing now for the hundreds of children Haven of Rest will help this Christmas.

You can help us bless struggling families who will be reaching out to us for help this Christmas!

Through our “Kids Helping Kids” outreach, you can provide new toys for children in need this Christmas and also bless parents who are struggling to put gifts under the tree for their children.

For more info, contact Special Events Coordinator David John at 330-535-1563 or djohn@havenofrest.org.

Your Thanksgiving gift today will

MAKE A LOCAL IMPACT

It's hard to imagine a Thanksgiving with little to be grateful for.

Yet that will be the reality for hundreds of people in our community this holiday. Families are hungry, men and women are struggling on the streets, and children are going without the basic necessities needed to thrive.

Thanksgiving is no time for *anyone* to be lacking.

Your gift today will provide life-transforming care and the hope of the Gospel to people in urgent need here in Akron, Canton, and surrounding communities. Restorative programs, warm meals, a bed to sleep in, and the love of Christ mean so much to a weary soul — especially during the holidays.

Please consider the lives your gift will help transform. People right here in our community are in need of hope and vital help!

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



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Sharing God's love since 1943