

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## INCOMPARABLE JOY AND PEACE

*How you helped Amy find a fresh start  
after years of secretly battling addiction*

“Hectic. Stressful. Toxic.”

That’s how Amy describes her life before the Mission.

“I was a functional alcoholic until I just couldn’t function anymore,” she says. Amy loved her job, but the environment and the people encouraged a cycle of overworking and overdrinking.

Secretly battling an addiction while trying to fulfill the demands of her job took a toll on Amy. Eventually, it all became too much to bear. She reached her breaking point.

“I walked away from my life and didn’t have a place to stay,” says Amy. “I left behind all of the people, my apartment and everything in it. I only had the clothes on my back and left everything else. I didn’t know what to do.”

Out of options and out of hope, Amy cried out to God, “I can’t do this anymore.” He brought her to Harvest Home in her time of need.

### NOTHING COMPARES

From the moment she arrived, Amy felt

READ MORE OF AMY’S  
STORY INSIDE ►

Celebrating  
HARVEST  
HOME  
for 45 Years!





# *You make a lasting difference in peoples' lives*

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## **Thanks to you . . . Amy found lasting joy and peace in Jesus**

encouraged by the love and care from the staff. Powerful testimonies from other Harvest Home women inspired her and gave her confidence that she could turn her life around.

Now, Amy's relationship with Jesus is restored, she's learning how to walk in peace and her relationship with her two young-adult children is stronger than ever. "They see the changes in me already," Amy says. "They're just so happy. My daughter tells me, 'Mom, you're so inspiring.'"

Set free from the cycle of overworking and overdrinking, Amy wakes up every day knowing her God-given purpose is to help people — and she's fulfilling that calling by working at the Mission's Women's Day Room.

Amy says, "I was motivated to work there because of all the kindness, love and support I received from

staff. I want to help and make a difference in someone's life."

### **GRATEFUL FOR GOD . . . AND FOR YOU**

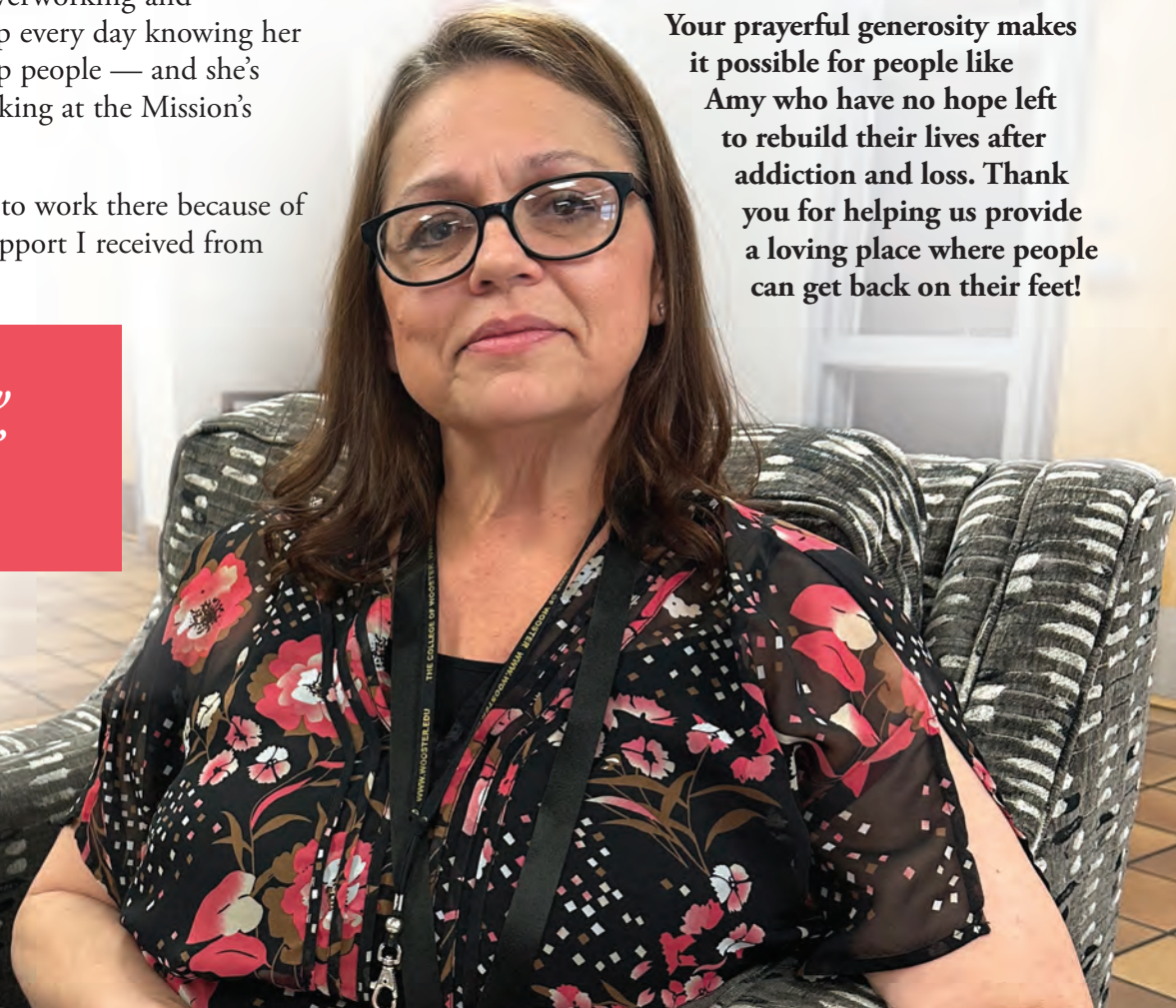
Amy is thankful for the compassionate people at the Mission, sobriety and having Jesus in her life again. She's also thankful for you.

"I could have never become sober on my own," Amy says. "I am so grateful for what you do. I'm amazed. This really is a wonderful place."

**Your prayerful generosity makes it possible for people like Amy who have no hope left to rebuild their lives after addiction and loss. Thank you for helping us provide a loving place where people can get back on their feet!**

*"What I have now is so much more."*

— Amy



## **Join the Women's Auxiliary!**

On the first Tuesday of each month, join other compassionate women at Haven of Rest for lunch, fellowship and worthwhile projects that benefit the Mission. Lunch starts at noon, but come as early as 10am to browse the Auxiliary gift shop. A special program also begins at 1 p.m. Meetings in 2024 will be Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 and Dec 3. See you there!







## CELEBRATING 45 YEARS of helping women overcome homelessness!

Forty-five years ago, the Mission noticed an increasing need — women and children struggling in homelessness. The response? Building a refuge for these most vulnerable neighbors.

Since the day it was completed in 1979, Harvest Home has brought healing and hope to countless single ladies and mothers with children!

### YOU HELP PROVIDE A LOVING PLACE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO RISE ABOVE POVERTY

The streets are no place for anyone — especially women and children. Yet, too many have nowhere to call home. They have no choice but to scrape by on the streets or live out of cars. That's why Harvest Home provides a safe, caring place where vulnerable women and mothers can come find relief and rebuild their lives.

All these years, you and other faithful friends have made Christ-centered services for struggling women possible — safe shelter, nourishing meals, clothing, counseling, career development, worship services, parenting classes and more.

Thank you for helping us equip women to rise above homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency!



## BEYOND MEALS AND SHELTER



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

A hot meal, a warm bed and clean clothing mean more than you realize to a neighbor who has gone without basic necessities.

Providing urgent relief to struggling men, women and children is something we've always done and will continue to do until Jesus returns. But care doesn't stop there.

**~The needs of the whole person matter. That's why we go beyond meals and shelter. ~**

Maybe the next step is addiction recovery or Christ-centered counseling. A single mother might participate in our Future Story Program or take a parenting class. Above all, every service offered at the Mission is designed to establish a firm foundation on Jesus Christ.

Amy's story on page 1 shows how your generosity and God's grace restore broken circumstances, broken hearts and broken family relationships. It means everything for a mother like Amy to hear her daughter say, "Mom, you're so inspiring."

Thank you for caring for the unique needs of each neighbor who comes through our doors for help!

*Jeff*

# GIVE MORE THAN A MEAL...

*Your gift provides restorative care!*

You're someone who understands that meals and safe shelter alone aren't enough to solve the problem of homelessness in our community.

That's why your generosity today is vital — it provides the necessary programs that help lift men, women and children out of homelessness. Without services like job training, case management, parenting classes, discipleship and more, we're just putting a bandage on the crisis.

**Your gift will help provide vital care and Gospel hope that transforms lives.**

Vulnerable people in our community are hoping someone will give them a compassionate hand up. Will you be that kind neighbor? Your support today can be their hope for tomorrow. Thank you!

Your gift right now will make a **LASTING IMPACT!**



**WE ALL WANT OUR LIVES TO LEAVE A MEMORABLE IMPACT**



**Here are three creative ways you can leave a lasting legacy:**



**Invite your family to volunteer.** Bring your children or grandchildren with you to volunteer for a cause you care about. You'll teach them how to give compassionately.



**Create a God-honoring estate plan for free.** Include letters, stories and loving words in your will. You'll leave a memorable gift for your loved ones.



**Leave a gift to Haven of Rest in your will for free.**

A charitable gift will truly express your heart for generosity and inspire your loved ones to consider their own legacy.

For details, contact Mike Solosky at 330-535-1563. Or visit [christianwill.org/haven](http://christianwill.org/haven).

*Give now to provide restorative care and Gospel hope!*

## MAKING YOUR IMPACT NOW IS SIMPLE

**1**

**GIVE BY MAIL** by sending your gift and reply form in the enclosed envelope.

**2**

**GIVE ONLINE** by visiting [havenofrest.org/give](http://havenofrest.org/give).

**3**

**SCAN HERE** with your mobile device.

