# HOPE AND A FUTURE

## REFRESHED AND **RENEWED**

You helped provide a place where Dana could find purpose and lasting stability!

No income. No place to live. No stability.

When Dana moved to Ohio, she found herself in this very position — a position no one imagines finding themselves in.

"It's hard to look for a job or housing when you're wondering where you're going to sleep that night," says Dana.

Dana did what she had to do to avoid sleeping on the streets. She stayed with family and friends, bouncing from house to house. But when those options began dwindling, she had no choice but to sleep in her van.

Far too many people across our community are in Dana's position — living out of a car because they have nowhere else to go. Like Dana says, focusing on finding a job or place to live feels impossible when all of your energy is given to simply "surviving."

But thanks to you, there's hope for Dana and our neighbors in need — hope that transforms lives.

#### THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

When Dana heard about Haven of Rest from her mom, it was a glimmer of hope in her darkness. Stability finally felt within reach.

Inside our doors, Dana found the encouragement,

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## Your Easter gift will provide vital care and ho



#### Thanks to you ... Dana is renewed

support and resources she desperately needed. Most important, she's discovered the freedom and peace found in a relationship with Jesus.

"I have mental health issues and have dealt with addiction," says Dana. "I needed people around me to encourage me. I found that here."

#### **FREE TO THRIVE**

Thanks to your support, Dana secured her own housing. She still visits Haven of Rest to participate in Future Story sewing classes — our job-training program for women that instills hope, self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

"I like the therapeutic value I get from sewing at Future Story," says Dana. "I'm very appreciative of Haven of Rest for all of the things they've done for me. It's a place where I can come and experience a refreshing and a renewal of mind, body and spirit."

Because you helped meet Dana's vital needs, she now has the freedom to dream and plan for her future. "I desire to volunteer, or even work part-time, at Haven of Rest," she says. "I want to help others and give back what was freely given to me."

Your partnership changes lives — not just Dana's, but also so many others like her who are looking for a way out of homelessness. Thank you for partnering with us!



### Join the Women's Auxiliary!

On the first Tuesday of each month, come fellowship with other compassionate women at Haven of Rest for lunch, fellowship and worthwhile projects that benefit the Mission. Doors open at 10 am for bargain shopping in the Women's Auxiliary gift shop that helps support the Mission, followed by a light luncheon at noon and an interesting program at 1 pm. See you there!

## EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE

#### How you're providing for families in need!

As the cost of rent, food and basic necessities increases, so does the number of parents struggling to provide for their children.

But because of a local collaboration with elementary schools across our community, vulnerable families are finding help and hope!

## TOGETHER, WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN FACING POVERTY

Every Child, Every Chance is designed to meet the essential needs of not only children at Harvest Home, but also children at eight local elementary schools. As we work together to reach these families with practical help, we'll also open the door for them to experience God's great love.

A special partnership with local school counselors makes it possible for Haven of Rest to deliver much needed items — coats, shoes, personal care items, school supplies and more — to students and families who need hope and compassion.



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to help local children and
families!

One school counselor shared, "Parents can be frantic or desperate, wondering how they are going to provide for their families." But thanks to your support, we can help children and parents find hope in the midst of poverty!



## BEAUTY FOR ASHES



REV. JEFF KAISER CEO

When someone comes through our doors and hears about the invitation of new life through Jesus

Christ, it seems too good to be

But that's what's so magnificent about God's grace and the Easter season. None of us are deserving of mercy. Yet, Jesus went to the grave so you and I and every guest at the Mission can be free from sin.

As the Easter season rolls around, I'm reminded how God uses your generosity to restore lives

He is faithful to use every dollar, every prayer and every hour volunteered to make all things new in the lives of people struggling with homelessness.

Like Isaiah 61:3 says, "... give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Thank you for all you do to bring hope to hurting neighbors in our community. Happy Easter!



#### **NEEDED: HELP AND HOPE!**



Men, women and children in our community who are suffering from homelessness are on their last string of hope. They don't know how they're going to make it through another day.

This Easter, you can bring them everlasting hope—starting with your gift of vital care.

Nourishing meals, a safe place to sleep at night and restorative programs are exactly what our struggling neighbors need to overcome poverty for good. Will you bless someone today with your gift?

Easter is the perfect time to open the door to new life. Lives will be transformed by your generosity!

Your gift will make a lasting impact!



# WE ALL WANT OUR LIVES TO LEAVE A MEMORABLE IMPACT



Three ways to make the most of your generosity:

Make a Qualified Charitable
Distribution (QCD). QCDs allow
you to deposit up to \$100,000 to
a charity without recognizing the
transfer as income — allowing your
estate and heirs to avoid taxes.

Include Haven of Rest in your will. A charitable gift will truly express your heart for generosity, leaving a lasting legacy and inspiring your loved ones.

Open a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). DAFs allow you to give to the organizations you care about from one account. They're easily transferred to children, ensuring your legacy of generosity is carried on.

For details, contact Mike Solosky at 330-535-1563. Or visit christianwill.org/haven.

Give now to change a life this Easter with compassionate care!

#### MAKING A DIFFERENCE NOW IS EASY







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