

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

NO TURNING BACK

Your support gave Rob the strength to walk away from a lifetime of addiction!

Rob found himself in a miserable position — spending every night on the street for six months straight.

A lifetime of addiction caused by a devastating loss brought him to this place of hopelessness. “When my mother passed away, I went into a deep depression and started using,” says Rob. “It got out of control. I hit rock bottom.”

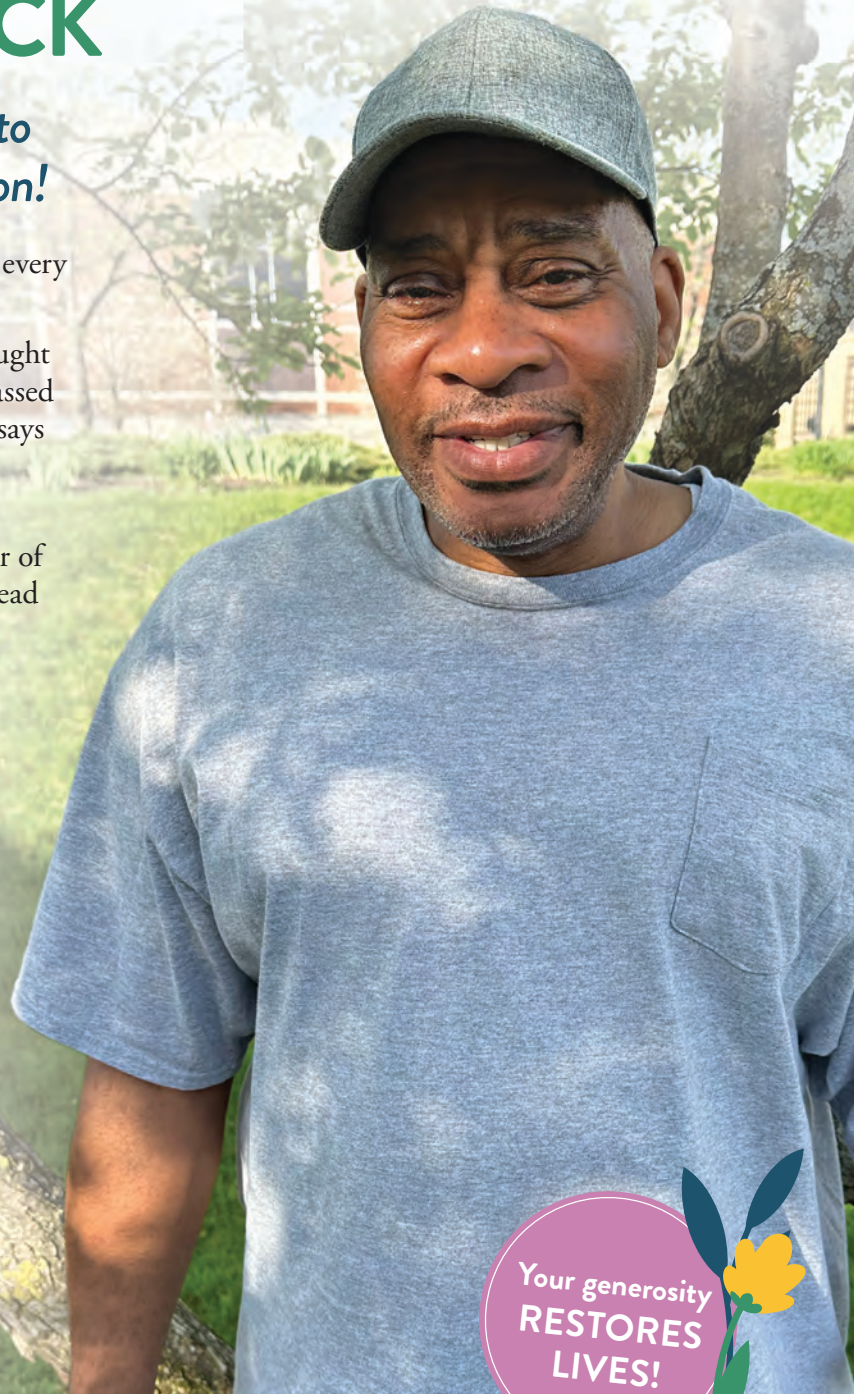
For over 30 years, Rob endured seasons of addiction, homelessness and incarceration. But it was only a matter of time before walking blindly through life led Rob to a dead end. Soon, he was out on the street sleeping in a public park.

“It’s an indescribable, miserable feeling to sleep outside,” Rob recalls. “When you’re in addiction, you don’t really care about anything but your addiction. I never want to go back to being hungry.”

Throughout his years of struggle, Rob would come to our Men’s Day Room for emergency services. Whenever he stopped by, he was always encouraged to join our recovery program. It took an interaction with a former addict for Rob to take the first step toward renewal.

“I saw a friend who went through the program, and he looked totally different,” he says. Seeing someone who was once deep in addiction totally transform their life gave Rob hope that it was possible for him, too.

READ MORE OF ROB’S
STORY INSIDE ►



Your generosity
RESTORES
LIVES!

Give meals, care and compassion to neighbors in



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No turning back . . . Rob’s story

Steps toward a new life weren’t all easy. But Rob stuck it out. “You have to humble yourself and surrender yourself, and that’s hard to do,” he says. “But I wanted to change. I didn’t want to go back to the streets.”

Slowly but surely, structure returned to Rob’s life. Bible-based classes and daily responsibilities helped him rise to his full potential. But most life changing of all, Rob restored his relationship with Jesus.

“IT DOESN’T HAVE TO BE HOPELESS”

Rob graduated from the program and started working as the dishwasher in our kitchen. Now, he’s working as a hotel chef. His broken relationships with his family

are mending. For Rob, it’s one of the best feelings to be able to say, “My family is proud of me.”

As he continues moving toward lasting stability, Rob hopes to grow deeper in his relationship with God and help men who are in the situation he was in. “I want to be an advocate for change for others like me,” says Rob. “It may feel hopeless, but it doesn’t have to be hopeless. There’s Someone greater than us who can help us.”

Your support is truly a lifeline for neighbors looking for a way out of homelessness, hunger and addiction. “I needed something, and Haven was here,” says Rob. “Your giving is not wasted. It’s going to a great cause. You’ve been such a help to me.”

Attend the Women’s Auxiliary!

On the first Tuesday of each month, come and fellowship with other compassionate women at Haven of Rest for a light luncheon (at noon) and an inspiring program (at 1 p.m.). Come as early as 10 a.m. to do some bargain shopping that benefits worthwhile projects for the Mission. See you there!





81 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

Your partnership makes it all possible!

In 1943, Rev. Charles C. and Marjorie Ruth Thomas noticed a community-wide problem of homelessness. What started as a desire to see lives changed and hearts transformed turned into **81 years of ministry** — and we couldn't have achieved it without you.

All these years later, you're continuing to carry out the unwavering commitment to serve and glorify God through Christ-centered outreach. Thank you for all you've done — and continue to do — to help struggling men, women and children rise above homelessness and poverty!

CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

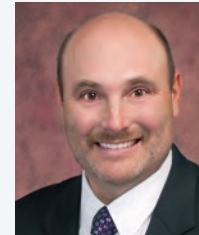
Brenda Cook is a perfect example of a servant. For 30 years, she's volunteered in different areas at Haven of Rest, devoting her time and talents to strengthening the community.

Throughout the month, you can find her at the Gift Shop preparing for our next Women's Auxiliary gathering.

When asked what the auxiliary means to her, Brenda says, "I can't even begin to say what the Women's Auxiliary means to me. The ladies who help with the Gift Shop are such an encouragement to me to grow my faith and serve the Lord." Congratulations, Brenda, on this special recognition.



WORTH THE WAIT



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

Oftentimes, men and women come to our Day Rooms for nothing more than emergency services and temporary relief.

The door is always open to our life-changing programs and services, and we make it known to our Day Room guests that there are services available to them.

But even when our invitation is met with a "no," we don't stop pursuing our neighbors in need.

Because, like with Rob (whose story is on page 1), there might just come a day when a man or woman's heart softens and they realize there is a way out of their pain. They decide to take that first step toward renewal and seek help beyond meals and shelter.

We hold fast to the "unwavering commitment" in our mission statement for people like Rob. It's always worth the wait, because on the other side of someone's "yes" is lasting transformation and an eternity with Jesus.

Thank you for all you do to turn homelessness into hope for our hurting neighbors. God bless you!

Jeff



WRITE YOUR LEGACY LOVE LETTER

Creating a will can feel like a daunting task. So start off with something from your heart — writing a note to a family member. A Legacy Love Letter conveys how special your loved ones are to you. Here are three things you can include in yours:



PRAYERS

Write to your family members how you've prayed for them over the years.



YOUR FAITH STORY

Your legacy of faith will make a mark on your loved one's heart.



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Share a difficult season you walked through where you saw God's goodness. It will encourage your family member in times they need it most.

To learn how to pass on your values, contact Mike Solosky at 330-535-1563. Or visit havenofrest.legacywill.org.

YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE A LIFE

Provide everything it takes to help lift a neighbor out of homelessness!

Tonight, men, women and children will be scraping by on the streets wondering if there's any way out of homelessness.

You can give them a way out with your gift.

Your generosity provides the emergency physical care that so many neighbors need *and* long-term support that helps them rise above homelessness for good.

Will you provide life-transforming care and Gospel hope to vulnerable people in our community who need it most?

Thank you for helping men, women and children find a fresh start. You are a blessing to our community!



Change a life with the Gospel and compassionate care!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY 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.

3 SCAN HERE with your mobile device.

