

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## THE REST OF THE STORY

Together, we can connect to the deep needs that surround us!



*No matter if it's the city streets or along the railroad tracks, you make it possible to meet people where they're at with help and hope.*

Through our newsletter, we've shared many stories of lives impacted by this ministry. We all rejoice when we see the touch of God's hand on a life made new. Still, we must remember that a changed life doesn't happen without a life in need of change. A happy ending requires everything that comes before it.

It's time to take a look at the beginning of the story.

Our neighborhoods are filled with hurting people. Lives are impacted by the growing drug crisis, mental illness, poverty, hunger and homelessness. Hearts are

etched with isolation and loneliness. The park near us fills with people searching for momentary relief. Doorways and stairwells fill with homeless neighbors looking for a place to lie down. Sleep is an escape from the pain of the day.

### WHAT DOES OUTREACH REALLY LOOK LIKE?

Every day, people come through our doors wounded and angry, frightened and uncertain. Their guard is up. Haven of Rest finds its purpose in meeting people

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*“Your generosity goes straight to work to meet deep needs across our community!”*

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where they're at with Christ-centered love and compassion — even when it's hard or uncomfortable.

Outreach may look like bringing Narcan to the railroad tracks in an effort to revive someone in the throes of a fentanyl overdose. It looks like an angry encounter with a man who is taking his pain out on the one trying to offer help.

Or, outreach may be an opportunity to be with a person as they draw their last breath. It is often sharing the message of God's love only to have it rejected time and time again.

Ministry is not easy. It has a pain of its own when you watch someone stumble, fall or fail. But we cannot look away. We have to be willing to see the needs in order to be able to meet them.

### HOPE STEPS IN

Outreach has its discouraging moments. But when hearts are compelled by the love of Christ to step toward the need — no matter how painful or uncomfortable it gets — outreach turns into beautiful breakthrough.

In those moments, outreach looks like someone letting their guard down in a conversation and realizing they can trust again. Or the reshaping of a heart as someone who

has walked in loneliness for so long finds community and connection.

Dedicated staff and volunteers offer welcome in the face of anger and encouragement in the face of fear. They open their hearts to build relationships with the men, women and children who come to Haven of Rest for help. Because as one staff member puts it, “You can't minister to someone without loving them.”

### STORIES OF REDEMPITIVE LOVE

You and so many other faithful supporters of the ministry join us on the frontlines by sharing resources and prayers that keep this work going. Even in the midst of dire circumstances, God uses willing hearts to reach people, allowing hope to step in.

This brings us back to the end of the stories — stories like Sheree's, who rebuilt her life after addiction and disappointment.

There are stories like Jeff's — he found a firm foundation after homelessness. Or like Dana's, who found purpose and lasting stability. Stories whose endings aren't dictated by their beginnings.

Each story written through the redemptive love of Christ, made known through caring hearts like yours.



## CONQUERING HOMELESSNESS

You're helping us equip men for lasting stability and hopeful futures!

With every meal and safe night of shelter we offer to struggling men, an invitation is extended: to be transformed by Jesus and receive freedom from life-controlling issues.

Your generosity does more than meet physical needs — it also makes it possible for men to leave homelessness, hunger and addiction behind to become all that God intended them to be!

In our Conquerors Recovery Program, every service is rooted in a Biblical worldview, helping men lay a firm foundation that will last long after they graduate from the program.

### RESTORATIVE CARE YOU HELP MAKE POSSIBLE:



#### Spiritual development

Every area of care encourages men to pursue a relationship with Jesus.



#### Case management

Staff offer Spirit-led insight and counseling and a connection to recovery services that guide a participant's next steps.



#### Education

Men can complete their GED and improve workplace skills.



#### Work therapy

Hands-on classes and training that lead to a living-wage job.



#### Aftercare

Men stay connected with an ongoing support network for a victorious transition back into community.

Because you stand alongside the Mission, many men have successfully completed the Conquerors Recovery Program and found their way back to health, independence and lasting stability!

## CARING FOR UNIQUE NEEDS



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

Your generosity meets the needs of people in all ages and walks of life.

You help protect the innocence and futures of children facing poverty. You help

equip vulnerable women for lasting self-sufficiency. You help give men everything they need to overcome the hurdles that keep them in homelessness.

Care is not “one size fits all” here at Haven of Rest. That’s why we walk closely with the men, women and children who come through our doors, helping them make a plan that will bring them into long-term stability.

*Rising above homelessness is a unique journey for each individual — and we use every dollar you give to help them in the ways they need most.*

Because you stand with us financially and in prayer, Haven of Rest is able to go far beyond physical care and provide the resources it takes to break cycles of homelessness.

Thank you for making Haven of Rest a place where all are welcome and can receive compassionate care, Christ’s love and hope for tomorrow.

“... we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37



## EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE

It's that time of year again — families in our community are starting their back-to-school preparations. But children facing poverty will struggle to check off their school supplies list.

You can help Haven of Rest ensure every child has access to the essentials they need for success in the classroom!

Through partnerships with local schools, we're helping vulnerable boys and girls start the fall off strong by collecting school supplies, clothing, personal care products and more.

**Right now, until September 30th, Haven of Rest will MATCH every dollar you give — up to \$5,000! Bless a child today!**

Contact Katrina Henry at 330-535-1563 or [khenry@havenofrest.org](mailto:khenry@havenofrest.org) for info. Or go to [havenofrest.org/what-we-do/every-child-every-chance](https://havenofrest.org/what-we-do/every-child-every-chance).

*A neighbor's fresh start begins with your generosity*

## GIVE TO TRANSFORM LIVES

A home-cooked meal, hot shower and bed to sleep in provide desperately needed comfort for a neighbor suffering in homelessness.

But these things also accomplish so much more than physical relief . . .

**Will you provide restorative services that open the door to lasting life change for a man, woman or child?**

Every area of care you help make possible is designed to lift our neighbors out of homelessness, hunger and addiction for good. Without you, so many people across our community would be without help — or Gospel hope. Thank you for making a local impact and sharing God's love with hurting individuals!

*Our homeless neighbors need the love of Jesus and restorative care!*

## 3 WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A LOCAL IMPACT

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

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

**3 SCAN HERE** with your mobile device.

