

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## A FIRM FOUNDATION

***“I don’t know where I’d be without Haven of Rest.”*** You helped Jeff turn his life around after homelessness!

At first glance, Jeff might not match what we assume homelessness looks like.

Growing up, he wasn’t rebellious. There was no trauma in his life that pushed him to cope with drugs or alcohol. He always had a secure job and place to live. But Jeff was secretly struggling.

“I had no addiction issues,” says Jeff. “I had financial and mental health issues. Depression and anxiety are what I dealt with most.”

The emotions that clouded him put Jeff in a vulnerable position. Although he had a healthy upbringing, solid career and no battle with addiction, he struggled to function. “There was a time I was staying with my brother, but he kicked me out,” says Jeff. “That’s when I heard about Haven of Rest.”

Jeff’s journey goes to show that homelessness doesn’t happen from just one cause. Trauma, grief, crises, addiction, financial strain and more can all bring someone to a place of deep need. No matter what brings a neighbor through our doors, they’re able to receive compassionate, Christ-centered care because you give.

READ MORE OF JEFF’S STORY INSIDE ►

THANK  
YOU FOR  
HELPING  
TO CHANGE  
LIVES



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## A firm foundation . . .

### YOU HELPED JEFF FIND LASTING STABILITY AFTER HOMELESSNESS

Here at Haven of Rest, Jeff found the tools he needed to rebuild a firm foundation that will last — group classes, spiritual development, job training and employment opportunities. “They had classes to help me with finances,” he says. “If I ever needed someone to talk to, the staff provided that. I don’t know where I’d be without Haven of Rest.”

Today, Jeff is in his fifth year of working for a company he loves and has secured his own housing. “I’m very thankful for a nice job and a roof over my head,” he says. “Everything is so good where I’m at right now. I pray the

Lord gives me the strength to keep on going.”

From the inside out, Jeff’s life was transformed. Without the care he found at Haven of Rest, he wouldn’t be where he is today.

“Everyone has ups and downs. No one goes through life with a perfect path,” says Jeff. “The Lord has helped me through many things, and I appreciate what Haven of Rest has done for me.”

*Your generosity makes it possible for Jeff and so many others to rebuild their lives after homelessness. Thank you for helping us provide Christ-centered care to our community!*

*God uses your generosity to turn stories of homelessness into stories of hope!*

# EXCITING CHANGES MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!

It's time for an update. With your help,  
we're making that happen.



Homelessness shines a harsh light on the struggle many people face to meet life's most basic needs. Things we can so easily take for granted are often out of reach for someone living on the streets.

Thanks to you, we're meeting these basic needs with a fresh start!

## CLIENT SERVICES SHOWER RENOVATION PROJECT

The restroom and shower facilities in our men's shelter have been used throughout the day, every day, for the last 30 years. Thanks to your generosity, renovations are in full swing and will be completed this summer!

The renovation will refresh our bathroom facilities with new sinks, toilets, wall tiling, flooring, lighting, ventilation and showers with privacy doors. These updates will also expand our capacity to assist guests with physical disabilities. Made possible through the support of faithful friends like you, this project will serve thousands of homeless men each year — providing access to reliable restrooms and offering refreshment of body and spirit through a hot shower in a clean, safe and private space. Thank you for helping us provide a fresh start to so many!



## Attend the Women's Auxiliary!

On the first Tuesday of each month, come and fellowship with other compassionate women at Haven of Rest! Browse the Auxiliary Gift Shop from 10am-12pm, then join us for lunch at noon and a special program at 1pm. See you there!

# STARTING SMALL



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

I think all of us can agree — at the end of a long day, it feels good to eat a warm meal, take a hot shower and get a good night's rest.

For a neighbor who has spent night after night on the streets, imagine how much more comfort and relief this kind of basic care brings.

It may seem small, but helping someone start the journey to stability begins with meeting physical needs. To really take steps toward rebuilding, someone has to move beyond "survival mode." But we don't stop at meals, clothing and care.

Recovery programs, counseling, spiritual mentorship, job training and housing support fully bring someone out of homelessness and into lasting self-sufficiency.

*Every physical, emotional and spiritual need of a neighbor is met at the Mission because you stand alongside us.*

Thank you for making Christ-centered care available to our community. From the beginning to the end of the journey, men and women find all they need to overcome homelessness and live in the fullness God created them for!



**MAKE A  
CHANGE WITH  
CHICK-FIL-A!**



On August 8, you can team up with a local Chick-fil-A to help feed families who are struggling in poverty!

**NOW WITH 5  
PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS!**

When you bring two canned food items to the Fairlawn, Chapel Hill, Canton (Dressler Road), Macedonia or Massillon Chick-fil-A, you can get a coupon for a free breakfast sandwich.

Last year, our community provided over 1,630 pounds of canned goods. This summer, we want to bring in even more! Let's come together to bless families who are facing the very real burden of hunger and poverty. Your gift of canned goods brings more than just food to the table — it brings hope!

*You can provide a way out of homelessness.*

## **GIVE TO TRANSFORM LIVES**

You can only imagine how lonely, discouraging and painful it is to wake up homeless each day.

Our struggling neighbors shouldn't have to spend another night on the streets. Will you give to provide a way out of suffering and into stability?

When you give, you'll provide life-transforming care that meets physical, emotional and spiritual needs — *and* share the redeeming love of Christ. Men, women and children are longing for a fresh start, safety and hope. It starts at the Mission — it starts with *you*.

Thank you for standing alongside our most vulnerable neighbors. Your gift will transform lives for God's glory!

*Your generosity will restore dignity, stability and hope!*

## **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](http://havenofrest.org/give)

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

