

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FINDING HOPE AT THE HAVEN

A bright future for Kyle—
thanks to YOU!

“Just three years ago, I was living on the streets, sleeping in the stairwell of a church, where I thought I’d be protected,” said Kyle.

“I was broken, lost, and alone,” he said. “I knew there had to be something better.”

But Kyle’s path to that “something better” was a winding one.

The safe haven you offer...

“I came to the Haven for the first time in 2016,” said Kyle.

“I was dealing with drug addiction and legal troubles,” he said. “I had burned bridges with my family and friends and lost custody of my daughters.”

Kyle’s first stay at the Haven, in the Conqueror’s Program, lasted four months, yet addiction didn’t let go of him easily.

“Circumstances required me to leave the program early”, he said. “On the streets once

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STORY INSIDE ►



The holidays can be hard. But together,

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again, I fell back into my old ways. I was broken and depressed.”

A warm welcome—thanks to YOU!

Five years later, Kyle found himself at the Haven once again. He was ready and willing to give recovery another try. Yet, a COVID diagnosis put him in the hospital.

“When I was released from the hospital, I immediately ran into old, bad influences and ended up letting myself down yet again,” said Kyle.

Incarceration soon followed, which Kyle admits he needed. God used this time to get his attention, and Kyle turned his focus to God! While confined, he started reading the Bible and praying, thanking God for getting him off the streets. After his release, he connected with a friend through church who helped him get a job, and his life took a new direction.

The hope you offer is contagious!

For the first time in more than a decade, Kyle was finally clean and sober.

“I got a job and was able to take care of my legal issues and pay all my fines,” he said. “I got my driver’s license back and got off probation, and I have reconciled with my family.”

“God saved my life, and I just want to share that hope with others,” he said. “We are all in need of rescue.”

Today, Kyle is working as the evening Assistant Food Service Manager at the Haven of Rest.

“I’ve had the experience of picking through the trash for a meal,” he said. “So, I can relate to our guests’ experiences.”

Will you join us in praying for Kyle? “That I will stay on the right path and keep following Jesus,” he said.

Stories like Kyle’s are a reminder that God never gives up—that no one is too far gone for Him to reach. Thank you for all you do to help hurting men and women plant their feet on a path that leads to Him.

Here’s how you can

HELP US SHARE HOPE AND JOY AT CHRISTMAS

There’s still time to join in our **Kids Helping Kids campaign**. Your donation of toys and gifts will help us share hope and joy with so many throughout the Christmas season.

We will need all donations dropped off at Haven of Rest Ministries by November 22nd for the Happy Birthday Jesus Party.

All gifts received after that date will be used to help provide a Merry Christmas for the many families we serve during the holiday season.

For additional information, contact Special Events Coordinator **David John at 330-535-1563** or djohn@havenofrest.org



Help us spread the word about our annual Happy Birthday Jesus party taking place on

**Saturday, December 7th
at 2:00 PM**

(Doors open at 1:30 PM)

we are sharing HOPE!

CEO'S MESSAGE



A DOORWAY TO HOPE



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

At Haven of Rest, we believe that every act of kindness can be a doorway to hope—a hope that begins and ends with Jesus Christ.

This belief is at the heart of everything we do, especially during the holidays. From serving hot, nutritious meals to offering a thoughtful gift, our goal is to make sure everyone who comes to us feels embraced by God's love.

The holiday season can be particularly tough for those facing hardships, and it's during these times that struggling men, women, and children need a reminder of God's love and care.

I'm deeply thankful for the way God has guided you and so many others to stand with us, allowing us to be a source of comfort and transform lives with the love and hope of the Gospel.

Warm regards,

Jeff

GIVE HOPE TO OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is a special time for gathering with loved ones and counting our blessings. At the same time, holidays can have a touch of sadness as we think about people missing from our table.

In a similar way, the season can feel very different for homeless men, women, and children. Instead of being surrounded by family or friends, they may find themselves alone, hungry, and struggling to feel thankful.

You have the power to change that! Your kindness and generosity can bring warmth and hope to someone in need.

By making a gift today, you can help provide essential care, nourishing meals, and a path to a brighter future centered on Christ.

With your help,

WE ARE SHARING HOPE THIS THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving Dinner

Those who are homeless or who are unable to prepare their own meal will be welcomed at our table to enjoy a special Thanksgiving Day meal.



Hope Totes

Each guest who comes to one of our Thanksgiving meals will receive a special gift of a Hope Tote filled with much-needed personal care items.



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

Your support makes these special Thanksgiving celebrations possible. Thank you!



HAPPY 80TH ANNIVERSARY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY!



Sharing hope for 80 years...

On November 6, 1944, a group of 14 women, including Marjorie Ruth Thomas, met to discuss the possibility of starting a Women's Auxiliary for Haven of Rest. The idea took root, and the women wasted no time in getting started, with the first official meeting taking place just eight days later, on November 14th.

The Auxiliary anchored to the purpose of helping meet needs of the ministry by providing funds for special projects. The offering collected in that first meeting was \$8.60, and since that day, this faithful group of women has raised more than \$700,000 to fund a wide variety of needs across the ministry such as new flooring, security lighting, and commercial washing machines.

...and counting!

Auxiliary members have joyously and prayerfully invested time and talents in addition to financial resources, keeping the Auxiliary strong and thriving for eighty remarkable

years. There is more work to be done, and we are getting started on our next eighty years! To become a member, you only need to come.

Women's Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of every month.



Help with fundraising by shopping in the **Auxiliary gift shop and clothing store, which is open from 10:00am – Noon**



Enjoy a delicious luncheon served in the **Mission Dining Room at Noon**



Round out the day with a fun program and fellowship in the **Mission Chapel from 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

Come be a part of celebrating our legacy and working together for the future of Haven of Rest—there is room at our table for you!

Your gifts bring hope to our struggling neighbors!

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP RESTORE LIVES

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

2 GIVE ONLINE by visiting donate.havenofrest.org.

3 SCAN HERE with your mobile device.

