VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

WISHING YOU A CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH HOPE, JOY, AND PEACE!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- Romans 15:13 (NIV)



Together we are spreading joy



Diane's life was full of struggles before coming to Haven of Rest in July 2023. She had just been evicted and was recovering from a toe amputation.

"I was on drugs, and I was angry," says Diane. At that time, she didn't want to hear anything about God and left the Haven after a couple of weeks.

Your gift of a second chance

Everything changed the following February when she was unexpectedly kicked out of the rooming house where she lived with her children and granddaughter.

With nowhere else to turn, Diane returned to Haven of Rest, but this time, she was ready for help. "I knew I needed God to get off drugs," she says.

Diane found support through Bible studies, counseling, and the kindness of the staff. She worked hard despite her health issues and discovered a new sense of peace.

"The best part was finding Jesus Christ and getting sober," Diane shares. She was also able to reconnect with her family.

A future filled with hope—thanks to you!

Today, Diane is doing well. She's involved in a church, has been baptized, and attends discipleship classes. Haven of Rest also helped as she found a home for herself and her son.

"Without Haven of Rest, I'd still be on drugs, living a hard life on the streets," she admits.

To those who support Haven of Rest through donations, Diane extends heartfelt gratitude: "Thank you for giving me the chance to change my life," she says.

Your gifts are transforming lives—one soul at a time. Thank you!





Thanks to YOU...

CHRISTMAS HOPE IS SHINING BRIGHT



As Christmas approaches, the excitement of festive gatherings and giftgiving fills the air. But for those facing homelessness and financial hardship, this season can be a reminder of isolation and despair.

Thanks to you, we put extra effort into making the Christmas season special for those at the Haven of Rest. Here's a look at all that will be happening:



Happy Birthday Jesus Party-Children from the community will enjoy a day of fun with games, music, and treats while we share the Christmas story and the true meaning of the season.



Gift Assistance–We will provide gifts to families in need, ensuring that their children experience the joy and magic of Christmas they might otherwise miss.



Christmas at Harvest Home–Mothers and children staying with us will take part in festive activities throughout the season, and wake up on Christmas morning to find gifts under the tree.



Conquerors Recovery Program—The men in our recovery program will celebrate by sharing fellowship, singing carols, and hearing a devotional message. They will also receive gifts as a reminder of how much they are loved and valued.



Christmas Day Meals—Our guests will enjoy a special Christmas meal served at both lunch and dinner, lovingly prepared by kitchen staff and served by volunteers, both eager to share the love of Jesus on this meaningful day.



Hope Totes–Every guest will receive a Hope Tote filled with personal care items, while children will receive extra special treats to bring a little more joy to their holiday.

These special Christmas activities are only possible through the love, care, and generosity of you and other ministry friends. Thank you for helping us bring hope and joy this season!

CELEBRATING HOPE



REV. JEFF KAISER CEO This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember those who are struggling with homelessness and addiction.

Just as there was no room for Mary and Joseph at the inn, many today feel as if there is no place for them. Yet, the message of Christmas is one of hope and inclusion.

Jesus came to bring hope to the hopeless, and His light still shines in the darkest places.

At Haven of Rest, we are dedicated to sharing His love with those in need, providing a place of refuge, healing, and renewal.

May we reflect the heart of Christ this season by extending our compassion and generosity, offering hope and a chance for a new beginning to those seeking restoration.

Blessings to you,



Merry Christmas!





CELEBRATE HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

and brighten the holidays for the homeless!

Christmas is a time for celebrating with family and friends—a season filled with warmth and gratitude.

For many who are struggling with homelessness or addiction, this time of year can be especially hard. At Haven of Rest, we see firsthand how challenging the holidays can be for those who feel alone and forgotten.

Your gift to Haven of Rest will provide not only essential meals and care but also the comfort and hope of Christ during this special season.

Support our mission today and help us spread the true spirit of Christmas to those in need. Together, we can offer a brighter holiday and a path to a new beginning.





MULTIPLY YOUR GIVING

This Christmas season, you can double your impact—to provide even more compassionate care to neighbors in need—through a corporate matching gift!

If your employer offers gift matching, you can request a match for your donation to Haven of Rest. Some companies even match volunteer hours with a financial grant.

Unsure of whether your company offers this wonderful option? Check with your human resources department. For more information, contact Jennifer Hugg at 330-535-1563 or jenniferhugg@havenofrest.org.

Your gifts bring hope to our struggling neighbors!

3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP RESTORE LIVES

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.



