HAVEN OF REST MINISTRIES VOL 65 | NO. 1 | JANUARY 2025 **HOPE AND A FUTURE** 

# **YOUR GENEROSITY BRINGS NEW YEAR BLESSINGS**

As we turn the calendar to January, we look forward with hope for the year ahead. But first, we want to take a moment to thank you for everything you made possible this past year.

### You see needs as opportunities to make a difference

Thanks to you and other friends of the ministry, Haven of Rest was able to serve over 135,000 meals to the hungry and provide more than 51,000 nights of shelter to those without a home.

You've helped us welcome thousands of people, offering rest for today and hope for tomorrow through your support.

With your generosity, we've been able to meet people's physical needs and show them Christ's love and care.

### Fresh spaces, renewed hopeall because of YOU!

After 81 years of service, some of our facilities needed updating to continue serving others well.

READ MORE INSIDE ABOUT THE CHANGES YOU HELPED MAKE



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## Thanks to you, HOPE IS RENEWED for

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## Your generosity brings New Year blessings

We are grateful for an abundance of support received from generous donors like you, and from businesses, churches, schools, and other groups working together to offer care.



This support allowed us to refresh spaces like our **Donation Center,** which received more than 630,000 pounds of donated clothing last year, which was shared with nearly 3,000 people.

Updates to Harvest Home made it more comfortable for the women and children staying with us. Projects made possible include **a new commercial stove** in the kitchen, **new furniture** for the recreation room, and a colorful refresh of the **Children's Nurture Center.** 

The **men's emergency shelter** received much-needed **restroom and shower renovations.** Our Learning Center, which offers guests a place to learn and practice new skills and to plan for their future, received **new paint and flooring** thanks to support from our Women's Auxiliary.



### YOU are our greatest blessing!

Everything you've read here is possible because of generous people like you. We are blessed by your gifts, your time, and your prayers.

As we step into the new year, our spirits are lifted and our hope is renewed as we are reminded of the tremendous foundation of love that upholds this ministry.

Thank you for making it all possible! With you by our side, we're ready to tackle the new year!





### Mark your calendar for the Women's Auxiliary!

Calling all women to join us on the <u>first Tuesday of each month</u> for our **Women's Auxiliary Meeting.** 

Attend the Women's Auxiliary at

10:00 AM for shopping at the Women's Auxiliary Gift Shop. Lunch is served at noon. Then a special program follows at 1:00 PM in the Main Chapel.

### **2025 DATES:**

January 7 February 4 March 4 April 1 May 6 June 3 July 1 August 5 September 2 October 7 November 4 December 2

We are excited about another great year, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## or our weary neighbors!



# LOOKING AHEAD...

New year—growing needs

A look at national homelessness statistics shows that more people are experiencing homelessness than ever before, with rising housing costs being a major factor. Locally, we're seeing the same trends, and we provided more meals and shelter this past year than the year before.

#### Your support brings hope

As we prepare for even more people to seek help, your compassion makes a life-changing difference. Homelessness, hunger, and need will continue to grow, and your ongoing support allows us to welcome those in need with the love of Christ through:





Nourishing meals



Warm shelter & quality clothing



Life-changing programs



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### Your generosity has a lasting impact!

We understand there are many options for your giving, and we are truly honored that so many have chosen to entrust their valuable gifts to our care. It is a joy to partner with you in ministry, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead!

## NEW YEAR, NEW MERCIES



As we enter a new year, we are reminded of the fresh opportunities God gives us to experience His grace and mercy.

REV. JEFF KAISER CEO

Lamentations

3:22-23 tells us, "His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

This truth fuels our mission at Haven of Rest, where we witness lives transformed by the love and power of Jesus.

Every meal, warm bed, and word of encouragement shared here offers renewed hope to those who feel lost and broken. It's through God's faithfulness—and your generosity that we can continue to bring this hope to the homeless and hungry in our community.

As we move forward into this new year, let's trust in God's unchanging love to restore and renew hearts.

With heartfelt thanks,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO





## HELP RENEW HOPE TO THOSE FACING WINTER'S CHILL



As we welcome a new year, it's a time for fresh beginnings and reflection on the blessings we've received. For many, winter is a season of warmth, family gatherings, and gratitude.

Yet, for men, women, and children experiencing homelessness, this time of year can bring loneliness and hardship. Many will face the winter cold without a safe place to call home, feeling as if they have little to be thankful for.

This is where your compassion and generosity can make a profound impact. By giving today, you can provide the Christ-centered care they urgently need.

Your gift will bring physical relief, essential services that pave the way to stability, and the hope found in the Gospel. Together, let's share warmth and hope with those who need it most this winter season.

## SPREAD EASTER CHEER

### Fill HOPE TOTES for our neighbors

In our community, many people face the harsh reality of homelessness, struggling to find warmth and dignity.

For those without a home, even the most basic necessities—a tube of toothpaste or a bar of soap—can feel out of reach.

Let's come together to share hope and joy through **Operation Hope Totes.** Gather your friends, family, or group to fill bags with essential personal care items that will be distributed during the Easter season.



Your generosity will bring smiles and a reminder of your care to those who feel forgotten.

Together, we can remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and loved. For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator David John at 330-535-1563 or djohn@havenofrest.org.

### Your gifts bring hope to our struggling neighbors! 3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP RESTORE LIVES

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GIVE BY MAIL by sending your gift and reply form in the enclosed envelope. GIVE ONLINE by visiting havenofrest.org/give



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