

# THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

## YOU BRING HOPE TO DESPERATE SITUATIONS

When Nicole arrived at Haven of Rest, she had her four children in tow and was pregnant with her fifth.

She was escaping an abusive situation in New York and had just witnessed the murder of the father of two of her children. Nicole turned to drugs and alcohol to cope with the pain, and her life felt out of control.

After being evicted from her apartment, Nicole went from shelter to shelter and stayed at different churches. She didn't know anyone in the area, and the only person she could turn to was her drug dealer.

### The safety and refuge you offer...

Thankfully, it wasn't long before God led Nicole to Haven of Rest, where she found something she hadn't had in a long time—peace and security.

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CHANGES YOU HELPED MAKE ►





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## Nicole's journey toward hope

"Haven of Rest is truly a haven of rest and refuge," Nicole shares.

The Bible studies and devotions helped her reconnect with Christ. "The devotions are what really helped me get on the path that led to where I am today," she notes.

Through your support, Nicole learned to make decisions for herself, something she had never been allowed to do before.

"I needed to stand for something that was positive," she says.

She believes if she hadn't come to Haven of Rest, she would still be using drugs, and her children would be in foster care.

### Your generosity transforms lives and families

Today, Nicole is married, owns a business, and is active in her church's outreach ministry. She is looking forward to the arrival of her first grandchild.

"I think of where God has brought me from, and I keep going, even when things get hard," she says.

Nicole wants to thank the people who support Haven of Rest: **"Thank you for your generous heart—your giving is not in vain. It allows people to seek the Lord and let Him have an impact on their lives."**



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

Calling all women to join the first Tuesday of each month for our **Women's Auxiliary Meeting.**

Join us at 10AM for shopping at the

Women's Auxiliary Gift Shop. A luncheon is served at noon. Then a special program follows at 1PM in the Main Chapel.

### 2025 DATES:

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

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

## HOPE IS BLOOMING, THANKS TO YOU!



There is perhaps no better image of hopefulness than the first flowers of spring pushing through the snow. They provide a beautiful reminder that **beauty can push past the harshness of winter**. In the faithful cycle of the seasons, we find God's loving promise of **new life**.

This promise is fulfilled every day here at the Mission through the caring hearts and hands of people like you. With your help, we are able to meet the urgent needs of so many hurting neighbors. We show compassion in the form of **warm meals, quality clothing, and clean shelter**, all provided without cost and shared with the message of God's love.

Meeting these needs makes a difference in and of itself, yet you are helping us provide so much more.

Needs met in the moment can crack open the door of a **heart hardened** by

the struggles of life. That small crack is all that is needed for the hope of **God's love to take root and grow**. Individuals become more willing to participate in quality programs and services designed to help them heal. These include:

- Education classes that provide **skill building** and help overcome barriers to employment
- Bus passes for **transportation** to appointments or jobs
- Assistance in obtaining **birth certificates** or other forms of identification
- **Case management support** to help individuals navigate and plan their steps forward

From a harsh landscape of pain and uncertainty, a **new life can begin to bloom**.

You are a **vital part** of this work, and your support means so much.

## HOPE BLOSSOMS THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT



REV. JEFF KAISER  
CEO

As spring breathes new life into the world around us, we're reminded of the incredible hope you help bring to those in need.

Just as flowers bloom and trees bud with the season's change, your generous support allows Haven of Rest to nurture those who long for renewal. With each gift, you help individuals rise from their struggles and experience the transformative power of God's love.

This spring, thank you for being a vital part of their renewal and restoration. Your kindness is such a gift—making the impossible *possible* in their lives.

In Christ's love and service,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

### Donate clothing items

Each year, we share clothing with thousands of people in our community.

As we head into spring and summer, we need good-quality used clothing for the warmer seasons. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

### The Donation Center hours:

Monday – Friday: 8AM to 6PM  
Saturday: 9AM to 5PM  
Sunday: Closed

### Fill Hope Totes for our neighbors

This Easter, you can bring dignity, comfort, and joy to our neighbors who need it most through Operation Hope Totes.

By filling bags with **much-needed personal care items** (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bodywash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, and lotion), you will remind those who feel forgotten that they are deeply cared for and loved.

For more information, contact David John at 330-535-1563 or at [djohn@havenofrest.org](mailto:djohn@havenofrest.org).

**Thank you for your help in making hope bloom.**



WE ALL WANT OUR  
LIVES TO LEAVE A  
MEMORABLE IMPACT



## THIS SPRING, GIVE HOPE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

Spring brings renewal; it is a time when life emerges from the dormancy of winter. But for those facing homelessness, hope can still feel far away.

While many enjoy the warmth and comfort of home, countless men, women, and children are left to face the uncertainty of life on the streets—hungry, cold, and wondering if a new season of hope will ever arrive.

But because of YOU, hope is always within reach.

Your compassion and generosity provide more than just relief. They offer the life-giving hope of the Gospel and a fresh start in a season of transformation. With your gift today, you bring springtime to someone in need—a new beginning filled with possibilities.

When hope blooms, lives are renewed. And it begins with you.

**PLEASE SEND A GENEROUS GIFT TODAY!**

Three ways to make the most of your generosity:

- **Include Haven of Rest in your will.** A charitable gift will truly express your heart for generosity, leaving a lasting legacy and inspiring your loved ones. To create and update your will for free, through our online secure platform GiftWise, please go to <https://havenofrest.legacywill.org/>
- **Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** QCDs allow you to deposit up to \$100,000 to a charity while allowing for certain tax benefits.
- **Open a Donor Advised Fund (DAF).** DAFs allow you to give to the charities you care about from one account. They are easily created as a family, ensuring your legacy of generosity for generations to come.

For more information, contact **Mike Solosky** at **330-535-1563** or [msolosky@havenofrest.org](mailto:msolosky@havenofrest.org)

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*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 [havenofrest.org/give](https://havenofrest.org/give)

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

