

THE VOICE

HOPE AND A FUTURE

HAPPY EASTER

LEAVING THE PAST BEHIND

The new life YOU made possible for Chris

For years, Chris struggled with personal challenges and alcohol.

While he was living in Kansas, he used drinking as a way to cope. "I needed a change," he admits.

Then, something unexpected happened—as he was scrolling through social media on his phone, Bible verses kept popping up.

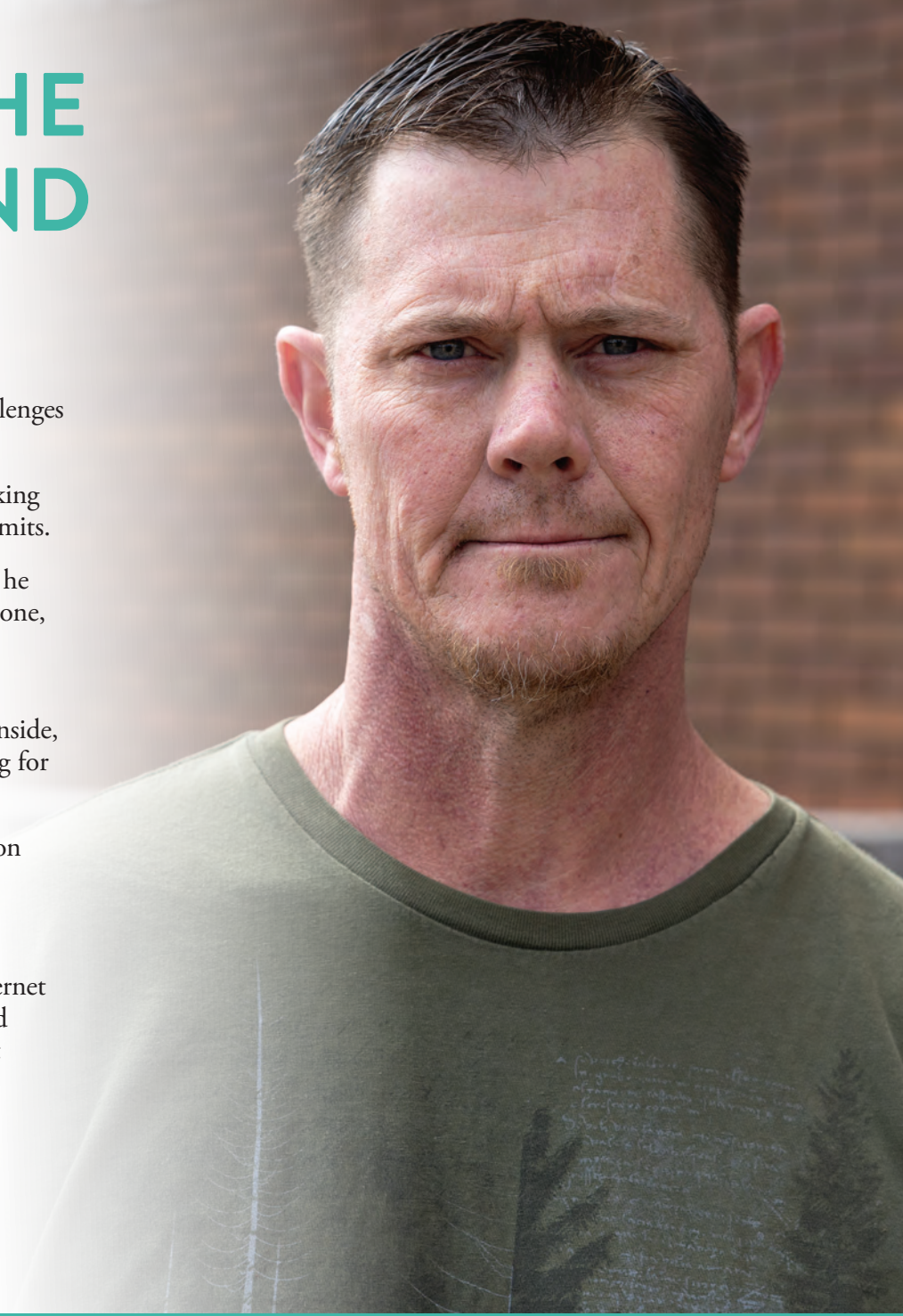
"Every time I would read them, I would feel better about things," he says. "Deep down, inside, I wanted to build a foundation — something for the future to hang on to."

That led him to search for Christian addiction programs.

You gave Chris a place to begin again

After seeing Haven of Rest appear in his internet search multiple times, he prayed about it and knew it was where God wanted him. He left behind his home, job, and car to come to Ohio. At first, he was nervous. "I didn't know anyone. I wondered if I would fit in,"

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Chris says, “But people here were welcoming and supportive.”

Through the Conqueror’s Program, Bible studies, and Christian community, Chris found healing.

You make life change possible

“I’ve learned a lot about the Bible and about myself,” he shares. Romans 12:2—about renewing the mind—has become a guiding verse for him. “It’s changed me pretty much inside out.”

Chris also gained practical skills, like using a computer and writing a resume. And classes like Authentic Manhood have helped him grow into the man God created him to be.

Now, Chris is focused on walking with the Lord and rebuilding his life, including reconnecting with his son.

Your generosity brings Easter hope

To donors, he says, “You are making a difference every day.”

This Easter, Chris’s story is proof that hope and new life in Christ are possible. Thank you for making this transformation happen!

Mark your calendar...



STAMP OUT HUNGER JOIN US TO FEED OUR COMMUNITIES

Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries.

Since launching in 1993, the **National Association of Letter Carriers’ annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** has grown into the nation’s largest one-day food drive, helping to fill the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States.

If you or someone you know resides in Stow, Cuyahoga Falls or Munroe Falls, Ohio, your non-perishable food donations collected during this year’s food drive (Saturday, May 10) will benefit Haven of Rest Ministries.

To participate, simply place your donated items in a bag near your mailbox for pick-up by your letter carrier.

Thank you for spreading the word and joining us in feeding hundreds of people in need.

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CEO'S MESSAGE



EASTER HOPE IS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY!



REV. JEFF KAISER
CEO

This Easter, we celebrate not just the hope of new life but also the transformation of lives that happens every day at Haven of Rest.

Each person who walks through our doors is given a chance to start over—free from the pain of addiction, homelessness, and isolation.

Through our programs, many have experienced a fresh beginning, finding strength and purpose where there was once only despair.

This season reminds us that change is possible and that every individual is worthy of a second chance. At Haven of Rest, we witness the miracle of new beginnings, one life at a time.

In Christ's love and service,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

82 YEARS OF COMPASSION— MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!

For 82 years, Haven of Rest Ministries has been a place where people in crisis find food, shelter, and the support they need to rebuild their lives. But none of this would be possible without you.

Your generosity transforms lives and families

What started in 1943 as a small rescue mission in Akron has grown into a ministry that serves thousands each year. Through every season of change, one thing has remained the same—your generosity and prayers have kept these doors open. Because

of you, men and women struggling with homelessness and addiction receive not only meals and shelter but also the opportunity for a fresh start.

Because of you, hope continues

As we reflect on this milestone, we want to say thank you. Your support makes a lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most. With your help, Haven of Rest will continue sharing God's love for years to come.



FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE AT HAVEN OF REST

Last year at Haven of Rest, over 4,000 volunteers dedicated more than 37,000 hours to serving

those in need—and there's still room for you!

Your generosity transforms lives and families

Whether you're an individual, a family, or part of a church, business, or school group, there's an opportunity for you to make a difference.

From serving meals and sorting donations to assisting with children, leading devotions, or even making Scripture cards to uplift our guests—your time and talents can bring hope to those experiencing homelessness.

Serve with passion. Love with action.

Volunteering can be weekly, monthly, or as needed. To learn more, visit our website and click on "Volunteer" under the "Get Involved" tab or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jan Pluck, or Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, Christina Thayer at 330-535-1563.

Come be part of something life-changing!



THIS EASTER, HELP US PLANT SEEDS OF HOPE!

As the flowers begin to bloom and new life bursts forth this spring, it's a reminder of God's renewal—both in creation and in the hearts of those struggling with homelessness.

For many, Easter is a time of celebrating resurrection and renewal, but for those without shelter, each day can feel like a struggle for survival. Many are left wondering when their own new beginning will come.

This is where your support makes all the difference.

Your generosity brings more than just a warm meal or a place to rest. It brings the hope of a fresh start—a new life grounded in the love of Christ.

Your gift today can help provide those experiencing homelessness with a chance to bloom in the hope of the Gospel, finding renewal in both body and spirit.



CREATE YOUR LEGACY LOVE LETTER

Crafting a will may seem overwhelming, but it's also an opportunity to express what truly matters.

Start with a heartfelt message—a Legacy Love Letter. This letter will be a treasure to your loved ones, sharing the depth of your love and legacy.

Here are three meaningful elements to include:



PRAYERS—Let your family know the ways you've been praying for them through the years, lifting them up in faith.



YOUR FAITH STORY—Share how your walk with God has shaped your life, leaving a lasting spiritual impact on your loved ones.



GOD'S FAITHFULNESS—Reflect on a challenging time when you saw God's faithfulness firsthand. Your story will strengthen your family when they face their own trials.

To discover how to pass down your values and create a meaningful legacy, contact Mike Solosky at 330-535-1563 or visit havenofrest.org/legacywill.org.

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

3 SCAN HERE with your mobile device.

