

Harbor Happenings

Save the date!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

On Tuesday, November 28th, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate and encourage giving. Your **#givingtuesday** donation to Safe Harbor will provide housing and programming for 2 months for the women in our Whole Woman Residential Recovery Program. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 this Giving Tuesday – **will you help?**

Planned Giving allows you to help Safe Harbor now and later. For more information and options, contact Vicki at 828-326-7233.

Will you prayerfully consider supporting Safe Harbor on a monthly basis? This would be a tremendous blessing to the ladies of our community!

Christmas will be here before you know it. Make sure to do your online shopping at Amazon Smile. You'll find the perfect gift and Amazon will donate 5% of each purchase to Safe Harbor Rescue Mission!



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Harbor Highlights

2017 Fall Newsletter

Life Restored!

Don't you love celebrations? Thanks to you and other caring supporters, we recently celebrated two graduates from our Whole Woman recovery program! Bridgett wants you to know that she is forever grateful!

Bridgett struggled with addiction for over 15 years. Her life was miserable. Then God intervened. Facing a prison sentence, she was given the option to go to Safe Harbor instead.

Bridgett learned that overcoming an addiction is very hard work, but she was diligent. Our holistic approach helped Bridgett heal emotionally, physically and spiritually. When Bridgett learned who she was in Christ, she was transformed!

Approaching graduation, she met with a potential employer and shared that the interview went extremely well. She utilized the skills that she had learned at Safe Harbor, and also through the Working Smart class that Goodwill offers through their Career Center.

She had to submit a 180-question test and was told that her score was the highest they've ever seen! They even

mentioned her potentially advancing to a manager position. In the past, Bridgett struggled with keeping a job due to her addiction and lack of confidence. God restored her confidence and she proved that she now has the skills needed to land a great job!



Bridgett is now living in freedom from her addictions. God's love and your support have given her joy, peace, and hope for the first time in her life! Not only does she have full-time employment but she is also now reunited with her husband and 5 children! You made it possible for this reunification!

Bridgett's graduation was on Sunday, August 20th. Attending the Commitment Ceremony were her husband and children, as well as her mother and grandmother. Also, many supporters, mentors and loving friends Bridgett made while at Safe Harbor were there to celebrate with her!

This joyous occasion would not have been possible if it were not for caring donors like you, who believe in Safe Harbor and who selflessly give out of the abundance of their hearts.

"I tell you her sins - and they are many - have been forgiven for she loved much." (Luke 7:47a)

Envision how different your days would look if you had no access to a vehicle. How would you get to work? Get your children home from after-school programs? Buy groceries or keep a doctor's appointment? By donating a car to Safe Harbor's Hope on Wheels program you will receive a tax deduction and someone in our program will receive Hope (on wheels).



Contact dawn@safeharborrescuemission.org for details or to donate.

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From Our Director's Heart

The Woman at the Well is Still Among Us

The "well-woman" has been called a sinner, prostitute, a troubled soul. By whatever name we call her, she represents the people we marginalize each day: the homeless, the poor, and anyone who chooses to live differently than most. We find them in every walk of life, in every profession, in every neighborhood, and yes, in every family.

By the standards of the day, this woman was a fallen woman, an outcast. BUT, she met Jesus and her life was transformed. Jesus spoke to her based on who she was, not what she did. He looked past the brokenness of her life to see a human being with value. Jesus offered her living, eternal water and she left a changed woman.

Bridgett was the "woman at the well" and she was transformed. Because of your support, Bridgett experienced unconditional love and it changed her life!

My prayer is that as you read Bridgett's story, you will understand the impact of your support! There are many Bridgetts in our world. Together, we can be Jesus with skin on to offer hope!



May God bless you,

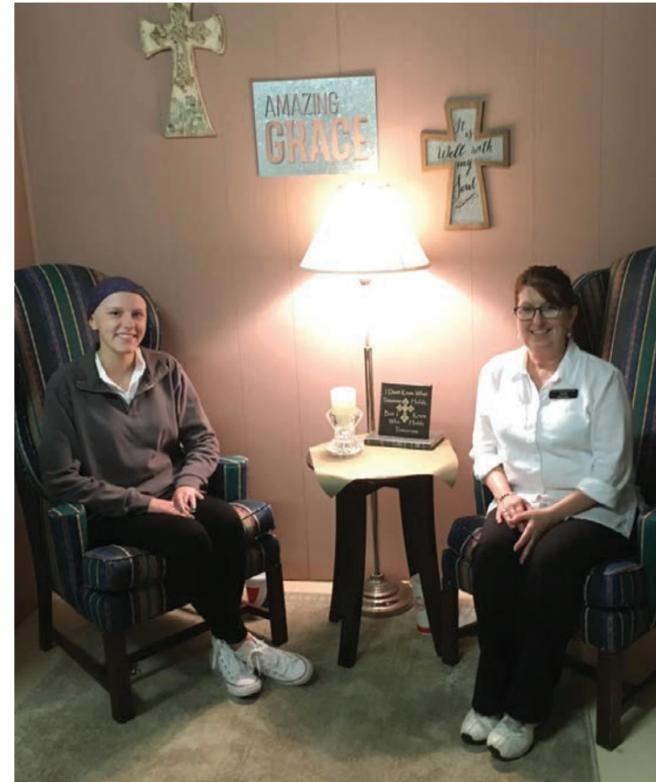
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Volunteer Corner

Safe Harbor Provides Opportunities for Leadership through Volunteerism



Virginia Tanner, a member of Girl Scout troop 2229, and a senior at Hickory High School provided a new office space for Safe Harbor's ReSource Warehouse Manager.

Virginia spent 85 hours planning, constructing and decorating the new office. Not only did she raise the money for this project, she raised enough money to purchase floor mats where staff and employees stand and the materials to construct an awning over the donation loading dock!

Safe Harbor and ReSource Warehouse & Gallery are most grateful for Virginia for this huge blessing!

Great Things Are Happening Because of You!

Tears of Joy!

Recently, a staff member at Safe Harbor received a text from one of our graduates, with a photo from the local newspaper of her son playing a sport. Turns out this young man is a star athlete in his local high school!

The graduate texted, "I cried a little but only out of pure joy and gratitude. He was 5 years old the last time I watched him play."

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

Having this mother restored to her family is priceless. Not only was this mother overjoyed at watching her son pursue his passion in sports, no doubt that young man was happy to know his mother was back in his life, sitting in her proper place on the bleachers - snapping photos!

Moving Forward at New Day

Mary, a senior citizen, lost her husband to suicide in the 80's. She had no family and was living at the Salvation Army when she visited Safe Harbor. Mary is thankful for the love she experienced and especially for the help in receiving acceptance to Lutherhaus, an income-based apartment complex.

Thank you to the many supporters of Safe Harbor who truly believe in this ministry and give of their time, talents and resources. Thanks to YOU, Mary is able to move forward out of homelessness.

And the Winner is...?!



BEDSPREAD DERBY



On Saturday, August 19, Safe Harbor Rescue Mission held their 4th Annual Bedspread Derby Race. It was a huge success raising over \$23,000 for homeless women and for women held in bondage to addiction!

The winners of the Bedspread Derby Race this year were:

- ☞ Hickory Police Department – 1st Place
- ☞ South Caldwell High School Interact Club – 2nd Place
- ☞ Kellex – Sweet Dreams Award/ "Best Design"
- ☞ Graystone Eye Care - Bed Head Award/ "Most Outrageous"
- ☞ Hendrick Honda of Hickory - Broken Springs Award/ "What Were They Thinking?"
- ☞ First Impressions Dental Lab - Extra Mile Award

Lunch & Tour

If you would like to see the life-changing work you support at Safe Harbor Rescue Mission, then come join us on one of our bi-monthly Lunch & Tours. Also, invite a friend. A Lunch & Tour is a great way for them to learn more about Safe Harbor – up close and personal! We hold Lunch & Tours the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Simply call 828-326-7233 to reserve your seat. Seats are usually booked up several months out so call TODAY! And the best part? It's FREE!

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