



**Safe Harbor**

# Harbor *Highlights*

2022 Fall Newsletter

## Breaking Generational Curses

**25** years old, overdosing more times than she could count and wishing she were dead, Danielle was found on the side of the road and ended up in the hospital on life support for over a week.

Growing up in an extremely broken family, bouncing back and forth between her mom and dad, she endured abuse for years. Desperately seeking her mom's approval, Danielle



would steal her dad's prescription medications for her. Eventually, addicted to drugs herself, Danielle was drawn into the world of guys and partying and at 14 years-old was kicked out of her dad's home and found herself homeless. Going from bad to worse, meth and heroin became her drugs of choice.

Over the next few years, Danielle was in and out of prison while at the same time giving birth to three beautiful children. While she has not seen them since they were babies, she says her heart aches for them every day.

Eventually, Danielle landed in jail, this time for five months. It was here that Chrystal, a wonderful Christian woman doing prison ministry, told Danielle about Jesus. At first Danielle thought she was crazy! For the 23 years of her young life, she never knew much about God or

Jesus, although she often cried out to Him for help. After meeting Chrystal, she prayed to this new God in her life to be accepted into a safe house called Solus Christus, which eventually led her to Safe Harbor. "I can truly

say that God saved my life. Without Him I would not have made it this far. I am extremely blessed to say that God brought Chrystal, Solus Christus, and

Safe Harbor into my life and I am finding out more each day who I am through God. He has shown me I am worth more than I realized."

Since being at Safe Harbor, Danielle obtained her driver's license for the first time and was baptized on February 27th, 2022. She has been clean since May 27th, 2021, a tremendous accomplishment for Danielle! When asked what her dream job would be, she quickly lit up and said without hesitation "a nurse!" Danielle is confident that she will see her children again and acquire custody. She broke the generational curses of addiction, poverty, and homelessness over her life and her children's lives. She also led her younger brother to the Lord! He is now on fire for God just as Danielle is – her feet are on a new path with Jesus Christ as Lord over her life.

*"...for God has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for His own glory." (Isaiah 61:3)*

# Executive Director's Letter

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*



Friends,

Women come to Safe Harbor seeking "hope." Hope for a safe shelter, hope for food for their growling stomachs, hope that someone will help them find a place to lay their head, and hope for a chance to start over.

Because of you, they find that "hope," and his name is Jesus. They see Jesus in our staff as we compassionately meet the needs of women experiencing homelessness

in our Community Center. They get to know Jesus intimately through discipleship from our staff and volunteers in the Whole Woman recovery program. They see Jesus in the provision

of housing for women and children in our Greenleaf transitional program, and they see Jesus in the guidance of our staff in the High Country Recovery Center for women.

When you give, pray and/or volunteer at Safe Harbor, YOU are the "hands and feet" of Jesus. Not only do women find HOPE, but they also learn that God has a plan and a purpose for their lives. THAT is a game-changer!

Thank you for giving to the Lord,

Vicki Murray  
Executive Director

## HIGH COUNTRY NEWS

**FunRaiser** – One of Safe Harbor's treasured volunteers, Pam Greer, took the bull by the horns this summer and coordinated the first fundraiser for Safe Harbor in the High Country. She single-handedly rallied others to form a committee and raised almost \$8,000 for what she creatively called a FUNraiser. All of the proceeds went to Safe Harbor – what a blessing! All Pam can say is "to God be the glory!" Thank you, Pam, and all who supported Safe Harbor through this wonderful event.



**Safe Harbor's High Country for Women**, would like to welcome Tiffany Christian as the new Director of High Country Ministries in Safe Harbor's Boone location.

Tiffany's primary responsibility will be to increase awareness of Safe Harbor in the High Country and the services they provide. This awareness will ultimately lead to engagement and collaboration with the community as a whole. Our prayer is through these efforts, true life transformation of those Safe Harbor is looking to serve, will result. Tiffany will be the face of Safe Harbor in the High Country.

"I am honored to be chosen to take the lead in the next steps of growing and expanding how this ministry serves our community. I look forward to finding ways to collaborate with others who, just as we do, want to see women, their children, and family's lives be empowered, reaching their fullest potential" says Tiffany. Please help us welcome Tiffany the next time you are in the High Country!





# Great Things Are Happening Because of You!

## COMMUNITY CENTER

In August, a donation of used children's clothes was brought to the Community Center. Typically used items need to go to Safe Harbor's ReSource Warehouse. And even more atypical, Safe Harbor hadn't been seeing many children come to the Community Center lately. But around that same time, a little girl, her mom, and her grandmother came to the Center. The little girl had scrapes on her bare feet from not having shoes for 2 weeks. Her Mom was extremely stressed. You see, school was getting ready to start and the little girl had no shoes or clothes. The huge trash bag full of children's clothing was just her size! There was an overflowing amount of joy shining on everyone's face that day! God is so good!

*"The warm hot meals you provided gave me strength to take steps on getting my life back."*

### Safe Harbor

Providing a Christ centered community for rebuilding, renewing and recovery.

### *Be our guest!* Lunch & Tour

RSVP: 828-326-7233

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month**  
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# Harbor Happenings

## ALUMNI CORNER

### Where is She Now?

I heard about Sylvie's story when I first came to Safe Harbor 5 1/2 years ago. I loved it the first time I heard it, and it continues to get better! However, it wasn't always a good one.

In 2013, after having been set free from an addiction to drugs and alcohol 17 years prior, Sylvie was living at the Motel 6 in Gastonia with two dogs, one cat, and two birds, meanwhile driving to Hickory twice a week to volunteer at Safe Harbor's Whole Woman program. She had maxed out her credit card at a whopping \$10,000, and she was two weeks shy of being homeless.

As she spent time around the Safe Harbor staff and other volunteers, she quickly realized – she had a problem! While her challenges weren't drugs & alcohol anymore, they were co-dependent relationships, an obsession with pets, and a lack of financial budgeting!

February of 2014 Sylvie entered Safe Harbor's Whole Woman program – but this time as a program participant.

Fast forward eight years, Sylvie is a true testament to living one day at a time, being obedient to God, and exercising the tools she learned at Safe Harbor. Two years after entering the Whole Woman and Greenleaf programs at Safe Harbor, and graduating, she once again volunteered, but with a whole new perspective. She began saving her money while in the programs and was able to buy her own home and pay cash for her appliances, living room, and dining room furniture. She obtained full-time employment working at Sipes Orchard Home with young women and part-time at Safe Harbor. As of August 1, 2022, she became a full-time employee at Safe Harbor's Whole Woman program as a case manager! God is so good! THIS is one of the many testaments to what YOU can make possible by partnering with Safe Harbor – thank you!

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## VOLUNTEER NEWS

### Headquarters Car Show – Not Just Another Car Show!



## RESOURCE WAREHOUSE THRIFT STORE

Thank you to all who nominated and voted for ReSource Warehouse for Best of Catawba Valley 2022. We are excited to announce that ReSource Warehouse won Favorite Consignment/Thrift store and Favorite Antique store for 2022.

Please visit the store Mon - Fri 10am to 5pm, Sat 10am to 3pm.

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Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups available.



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