



December 2025 NEWSLETTER

A Christ-centered community for women to rebuild, renew, and recover.

A Season of Hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Recovery and housing stability are not simple journeys. The women we serve are diverse—a high school senior and an 81-year-old woman; a middle school dropout and a woman with a master's degree; a mother with children and a woman all alone. Yet one truth is the same: once a woman finds herself in addiction or homelessness, barriers can block her path, even when she desperately wants to move forward.



Can you imagine living like this?

to high demand. Our Community Center continues to serve increasing numbers, while rising food and housing insecurity adds to the burdens faced by vulnerable households.

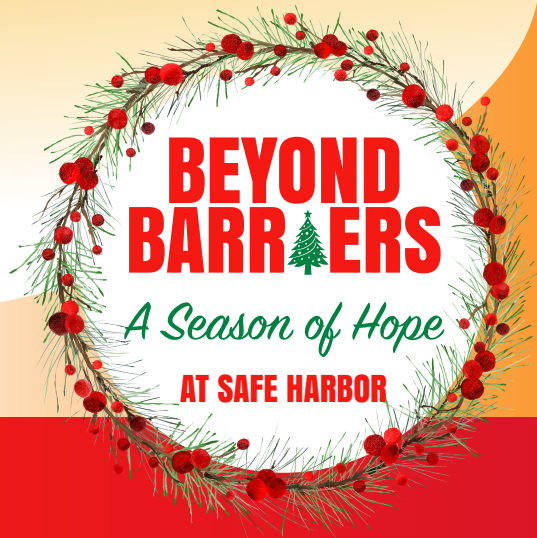
Safe Harbor depends on the generosity of individuals, businesses, churches, and community partners. This year, rather than simply asking for an End-of-Year gift, we will launch our annual **BEYOND BARRIERS** campaign to share the challenges women face and the vital role that resources and support play in helping them move forward.

Please join us throughout this campaign—on Facebook, Instagram, e-blasts, and ViewSparks—as we highlight the barriers our neighbors face. Lift up in prayer every woman and child we serve and our ministry that supports them. We hope this campaign stirs your heart to care more deeply and consider joining us in an even greater way this season. Your gift brings hope, dignity, and renewal to our neighbors.



Together, let's help those we serve go Beyond Barriers.

With Love,
Gigi Williams, Executive Director



Thank You!

FOR A BOUNTIFUL CELEBRATE THE HARVEST!!

The highlight of the evening was the courageous testimonies of the women in our program. They openly shared their past struggles, and in a moving display of resilience, turned their signs over to reveal the powerful themes of transformation and renewal that God is cultivating in their lives.

We are truly blessed to witness these stories of hope and healing every day, and getting to share them with our supportive community was a blessing.

The success of this event is a direct result of YOUR generosity and willingness to share your time and resources with us. Thank you for being a vital part of the of so many women's Safe Harbor journey.

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Stories OF HOPE

NOT the RETIREMENT I had planned: "T"

Retiring from a career spent caring for others as a dedicated Respiratory Therapist, "T" found herself unable to make ends meet. She was forced to move out of her apartment into her car. The daily struggle for basic necessities was a new and humbling reality. Hope arrived in the form of Safe Harbor by providing a place to shower, eat a warm meal, wash her clothes and blankets, and a safe indoor space to stretch her legs during the day, "T" will be moving into a new apartment in just a couple of weeks. Once she is settled, she plans to return to Safe Harbor, not as a client, but as a volunteer, eager to pay the kindness forward and help others who find themselves in a similar situation.

My ROCK BOTTOM: "C"

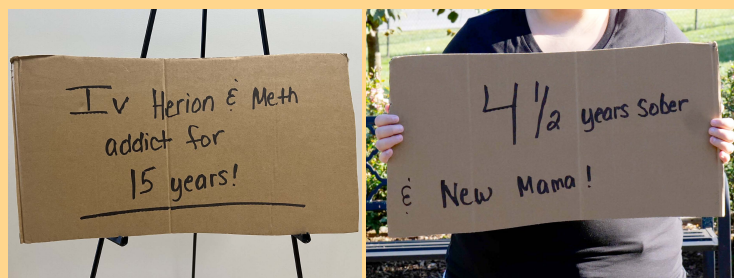
Being homeless was one of the hardest things I've ever experienced. It didn't happen overnight; it was a slow process of losing one thing after another to my addiction, my husband to drugs, a relationship with my family, custody of my 7 month old, my health, and eventually, a place to call home. I had been living in addiction from one substance or another for 18 years. I felt that I had lost everyone and everything. The day I found myself officially on the street with nowhere to go and no one to call I was scared, alone and hopeless. The nights were the worst. I was scared to fall asleep, scared of what could happen to me, and even more scared that no one would notice if something did. Then there's the embarrassment of going weeks without a shower and trying to find bathrooms that you can wash up in or a hose to do laundry. I had lost everything - my home, my safety, my sense of self-worth. This was my rock bottom. And this is exactly where God met me.

Finally SAFE: "A"

"A" has come to the Community Center for a while now. We started noticing memory issues and forgetting to take her medication. She has been living wherever she could find and at one point lived in drainage pipes, as you see in the picture (reverse side). This week we were able to assist her Social Worker and find her a place in an assisted living facility. We will miss her sweet spirit in our Community Center but are so happy she will be warm and safe going forward. We are thanking God for places that care for people with dementia.

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will reward them for their kindness.

Proverbs 19:17



We are **highlighting** the **BARRIERS** people face when trying to move from addiction to recovery and from experiencing homelessness to obtaining affordable housing.

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Mission 100

Churches making a difference

God is the **ULTIMATE** multiplier! We are looking for 100 churches to donate \$100 or more every month to Safe Harbor.

100 churches at \$100+ a month for a year = \$120,000+
This will help us to continue providing **15,330 nights of rest** in our programs, **15 apartments** for women and children, **4,500+ of lunches** in our Community Center, over **6,240 hours of job training**. Along with many hours of counseling, classes and healing! **WE ASK YOUR CHURCH TO PARTNER WITH US** as the hands and feet of Christ in helping heal our community. **Contact:** Stefanie Robinson to learn more at 828-326-7233 or stefanie@safeharbornc.org

Let's help those we serve go

BEYOND BARRIERS

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