



Safe Harbor of NC

Anchoring Lives Through Christ

Fall 2026

NEWSLETTER



A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN TO REBUILD, RENEW, AND RECOVER.

Dear Friends,

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

One of our greatest responsibilities at Safe Harbor is ensuring that we meet women exactly where they are with the love of Christ AND the right balance of grace and accountability. That means never standing still. We continually analyze and evaluate our programs, staffing, facilities, resources, and partnerships so we can serve each woman with excellence and a truly person-centered approach.

The impact is measurable: In the first six months of 2026

- 20 women obtained housing
- 8 secured employment
- 4 completed our year-long recovery program.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. Women and their children have been reunified, generational patterns have been broken, women have advanced through our programs, and women have completed cancer treatment, renewed professional licenses, and even entered the Marines.

Sometimes impact is as simple as a cooler outside our gates providing cold water in extreme heat. It is a safe place to sleep, a meal, clean clothes, a shower, a listening ear, and most importantly, women encountering God, experiencing His love, finding hope, and seeing their futures change.

This happens because we plan intentionally for today while preparing for tomorrow. We are blessed with an incredible Board, staff, volunteers, and supporters, and we remain committed to having the right people in the right roles.

That same intentionality has guided our leadership transition. Effective July 1, 2026, Alecia Cates became Chief Operating Officer, bringing years of management and human services experience to the role. After more than four years at Safe Harbor, beginning in programs and growing through increasing leadership responsibilities, Alecia knows our ministry from the inside out. She is a capable, trusted leader and one of the fiercest advocates for the women we serve.

As of this same date, my role as Chief Executive Officer is now focused on support, guidance, long-term strategy, sustainability, leadership training and development, funding, communications, and major initiatives, including completing and launching The Haven. I will continue providing guidance and support the rest of this year and will transition to a fractional role in 2027 creating more time with my husband, our three young grandsons, and our adult children.

I want to leave Safe Harbor strong, healthy, and in excellent hands, and I'm confident in God's timing, we are there. We have prayerfully and intentionally prepared for this season, with two strong leaders and an exceptional Leadership Team moving Safe Harbor forward.

With love,



Gigi Williams

Gigi Williams, Chief Executive Officer



Our new transitional cottages will provide a safe, transitional home for women and up to three children. Each 256-square-foot studio style cottage will include a kitchenette, sitting area, bed, bathroom, and front porch, all within a secure, gated community where mothers can watch their children play.

THE HAVEN will serve women facing many different circumstances: a mother facing eviction, a young pregnant woman building a new future, or a mother and child living in their vehicle during freezing weather. It may also provide a safe landing place while someone waits for a program opening, saves for affordable housing, or receives needed medical care.

More than shelter, The Haven will offer refuge, practical support, and a loving Christian community.

Each woman's journey is different, so the care she receives will be centered on her individual needs, helping her find stability, rebuild her life, and move forward with hope.



Thank you for being a part of making The Haven a reality!

**MEETING WOMEN
WHERE THEY ARE
WITH THE LOVE
OF CHRIST**



Celebrate the Harvest



Join us!



Come early to shop the ReSource Warehouse popup shop, buy raffle tickets and enjoy fellowship and food! But be in your seats by 7:00 so you don't miss out on our women sharing how God loves them and how their lives are being transformed!

HARVEST HOST LEVELS

Sprout | \$300-\$499

12 event tickets • Name featured in the program • Sprout gift

Harvest | \$500-\$999

12 event tickets • Name featured in the program • Harvest gift • Preferred seating

Golden Grain | \$1,000-\$4,999

12 event tickets • Name or logo featured in the program • Golden Grain gift • Preferred seating • Social media recognition

Fields of Plenty | \$5,000-\$25,000

24 event tickets • Name or logo featured in the program • Fields of Plenty gift • Preferred seating • Social media recognition

Easy!

WAY TO HOST A ROW

- **Scan** the QR code.
 - **Pick** the level you want to host
 - **Invite others** who want to make a difference in the lives of women and children in our area. *It is really that simple!*
- Questions?** Contact Pang Her at 828-326-7233 or email: pang@safeharbornc.org



TOGETHER OUR IMPACT IS GREATER

We can accomplish so much more **together** than we ever could alone.

You can Support Safe Harbor by volunteering, shopping at Resource Warehouse, making a gift, attending **CELEBRATE THE HARVEST**, sponsoring a row, bidding on a basket, or most importantly lifting our ministry up in prayer. Every gift, large or small, helps us continue meeting women and children where they are with the love of Christ. We continuously work to sustain our operating budget and continue to raise funds for the Haven. Additional sponsorship opportunities will be available in October for the furnishings, appliances, etc. We are excited to serve alongside our community partner organizations and all of you. The needs continue to grow as do the numbers of women we serve. Together our impact is greater - **JOIN US**

CELEBRATE THE HARVEST!

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the
date



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6:00 - 8:00 pm



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