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Thank You for Making a Difference in Tim's Life!

In 2015 Tim Priest was looking for a way out or someone to blame for his problems. You first read his story in the December, 2015, newsletter which is still available on our website at refugeofhope.org.

Homeless, hungry, and depressed, Tim turned to the Crisis Center and was referred to Refuge of Hope in July, 2015. Tim worked hard to overcome his addictions and get right with God. **Because of you**, Tim was able to transform his life!

When you ask Tim or any of the men who have moved into their own housing their response goes something like this, **"...after being homeless living independently again can be exciting and terrifying all at the same time."**

It is exciting because the men understand they are moving forward with their lives. It is terrifying because now all responsibility and accountability rests entirely in their hands. **Tim adjusted but that adjustment period involved some depression. He came to the mission to share a meal and talk with staff to help him overcome those negative feelings.**

Tim's first job after moving from the shelter did not work out like he had hoped. But that did not stop him. At a local job fair he was offered an opportunity at a half-way house for men released from prison. His past experience as a Corrections Officer and volunteering as a Resident Assistant at Refuge of Hope helped land him the position.

"I now have the opportunity to help men from becoming repeat offenders," said Tim. "I teach them how to live life in service to their community and how to develop a healthy lifestyle. **I can share my past and help men just like Refuge of Hope assisted me!**"



During the day many of Tim's clients come to Refuge of Hope to volunteer in the kitchen. "I know by sending them to Refuge of Hope they can be part of the ministry that showed me how to change my life. **They will hear the gospel and be treated with love and respect there,**" Tim explained. **"Growing closer to God is what helped me, and now keeps me going. I pray it will help them too."**

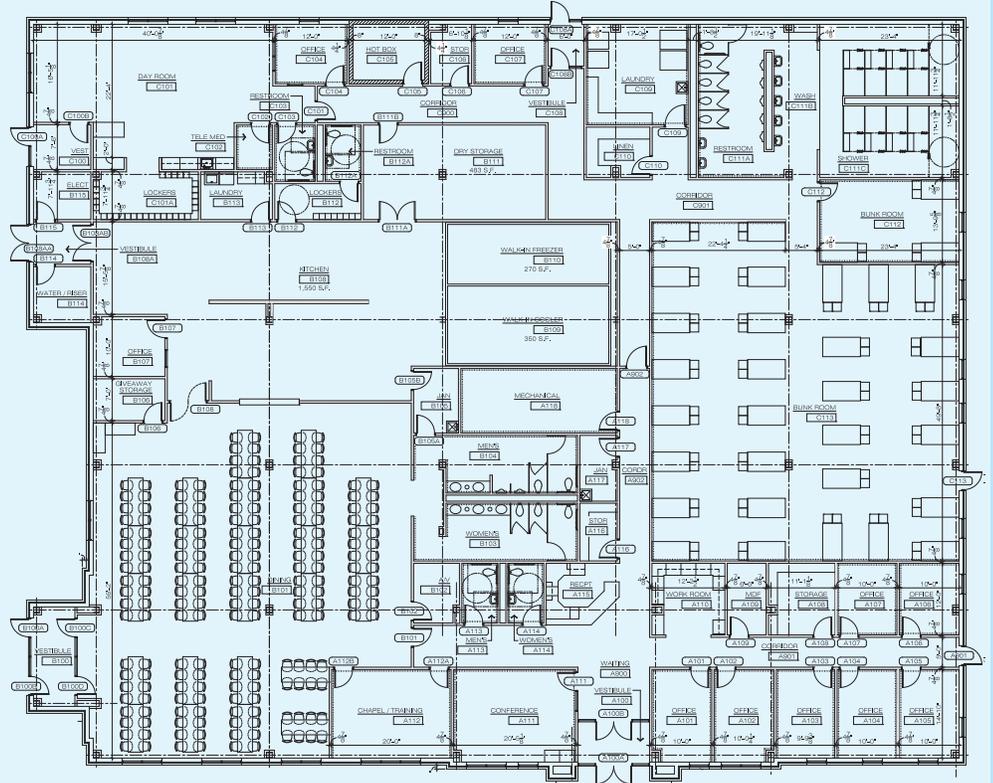
I want all of our donors to know how much they did to provide for me at a time in my life when I felt hopeless and forgotten. As a former shelter resident, I feel I can extend the sincerest gratitude from past and current residents to each one of you! **Because of all of you we have a second chance at life!**"

A way out is no longer something Tim thinks about. His focus is now rebuilding a relationship with his family and keeping the faith every day. "It's what keeps me moving forward and close to the Lord," Tim said.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

Here is your first look inside our new facility!

- A 19,000 square foot, energy efficient facility
- Doubles the amount of beds in the men's shelter
- Doubles the amount of seating in the meal ministry
- Adds a chapel, dayroom for the men's shelter, and training rooms



As we close out the silent phase of our campaign, all praise and glory be to God for His great provision!

We are pleased to announce that Ron and Dawn Hartman contributed a very generous donation of \$1 million to our campaign. What a blessing! The new building will be called the Ron and Dawn Hartman Center!

During the public phase of the campaign we are praying to finish strong, and God willing, we will break ground next spring.



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.



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November 2017 Tee-Shirts

Get your Refuge of Hope swag! Our staff is modeling our new tee shirts for sale now! We are excited to offer these shirts for a limited time. You can help us bring awareness to the men, women, and children we serve at Refuge of Hope by wearing your shirts. Groups can purchase



the shirts and wear them together while volunteering!



Stop by the mission today to pick up your shirt for only \$15.00!

Yes, I want my gift today to make a difference in the lives of men like Tim! I know by providing meals, shelter, and Hope to those in need they can have an opportunity to change their lives.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Gift Will Help Men, Women, And Children EVERY. SINGLE. DAY. Thank You So Much!

\$50.00 \$100.00 \$150.00 Other: \$ _____

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover Exp.: _____ CVV# _____

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Thank you on behalf of those who benefit from the work of Refuge of Hope Ministries made possible through your generous gift. Tax deductible information will be mailed with your donation receipt.



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Thank You!

Visit our website:
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In this season of Thanksgiving we wanted to share some thank you cards from our dinner guests and resident men. In their own words...



Thank You!



Thank you Doug Pugh, our local Chick-fil-A owner, for recommending Refuge of Hope's participation in a special "Sharing in the Spirit" campaign. It is a great way to provide for our hurting neighbors in Stark County!

It is easy to help Refuge of Hope and also meet your catering needs by ordering a Nugget or Strip tray online. Chick-fil-A will then donate a tray to our Meal Ministry! Simply select the Refuge of Hope option for your ministry of choice!

Visit www.Shareinthespirit.com to place your orders today for your catering needs and you will help feed hungry men, women, and children at Refuge of Hope! Thank you!