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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ:

Happy spring and summer and all holidays within: Flag Day, Father's Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and any I may have forgotten!

We are pleased to welcome new residents, with several more coming in early June. Our current gals love Jesus, and He is doing a remarkable work of healing and deliverance in their lives. So this quarter I asked them to share in a few sentences what Grace Haven means to them.

Michele: "God is working in me. I hunger for His word, have a sense of peace I have never had before. He led me to Grace Haven where I feel His presence. I have hope for my future."

Heather: "All my life, I have been trying to fill a void. I had an emptiness inside me and I tried to fill it with men, drugs, possessions, anything I could get, except Jesus. I tried everything, except Jesus. Then I gave in and made a decision to turn my will and life over to the care of God. I am a new Creation in Christ, ten months sober by the grace of God. I had been addicted half my life."

Yvonne: "I have been sober from alcohol for 90 days. I have lived my whole life in darkness and without God. Grace Haven has brought me close to God and showed me light. I now am living my life wanting to help others and doing what God has intended for me to do from the beginning."

We have bid good-bye to another resident whom the Lord restored to her marriage and children. We were sad to see her say good-bye but so excited and blessed to be a part of the work Christ did in her life and family. We miss her (even though she comes to our Bible study).

These gals have come a very long way and are more determined than ever to be free of addiction and allow Jesus to do the work. We are so proud of them and are blessed by their sincerity and determination.

May the Lord richly bless them. He has blessed us by allowing us to minister to them, constantly reminding me of the scripture that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13, and of course "with men this is impossible but with God all things are possible", Matt. 19:26.

Our Soup, Salad and More raised about \$4200. The turn-out was rather disappointing. Our generous friends and businesses had donated more items than we had people to bid. Back to the drawing board.

We are planning a 5K Run/Walk the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Please pass the word to all runners and walkers. Family event - Bring kids, dogs, grandparents to the **RACE FOR GRACE. More information to follow. We would love to have some business sponsors to advertise on the back of our t-shirts.**

I am in the process of writing letters of inquiry to non-profit Christian-based foundations to try to get grants to help us with staffing needs the rest of this year and into 2018.

It is difficult to run a 24/7/365 residence. We appreciate our volunteers who have stepped up to help us on Fridays. Thank you to Jeana Johnson, Dr. Lela Johnson and Jennifer Voight. We so appreciate you!

We also appreciate the help of Tracy Pugh and Brenda Carson who have stepped up for some Saturday duties, while weekend and night-time supervisors get some well-deserved R & R.

A new class is being offered on Saturday mornings dealing with job interview skills and dressing for success, thank you, Julie Van Meter. Residents also are looking forward to cooking classes to begin next month, thanks to ladies of Calvary Baptist church.

Our ladies were treated to a spa day at Ultimate Look III, thanks to stylist Dee Irvin who gave them free cuts and styling, and minimum charge for perms and highlights if the gals wanted.

We are in need of mentors for our residents and volunteers to provide transportation locally to probation, drug testing or court.

The houses are planning a trip to THE ARK in June after the study of Noah and viewing the discovery of the Ark that aired on TV a few years ago. The ladies will be having a yard sale to pay for expenses (admissions, gas, meals), and of course we always welcome folks who offer to buy a ticket for a resident.

Please continue to pray for Grace Haven Ministries as the Lord is doing a marvelous work in our residents. We are family.

I am seeking speaking engagements from any mission or ladies' groups, church services, business groups. The residents and I would love to come and fellowship and share the mission and hope of Grace Haven and our vision to move out of town into the county.

Please prayerfully consider being a monthly supporter of Grace Haven. Our house expenses are running approximately \$3000 a month. The expenses increase as more gals come and water, electric, gas, sewage increases. We also were informed the gas company will want between \$800 -\$1,000 in the next few months to install shut off valves for both houses and that is a huge unforeseen expense. We are in need of porch, deck, siding, roof and plumbing repairs. Any amount you can pledge per month will be so appreciated.

Be blessed.  
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