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**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

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Greetings to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ!! If you are like me you are wondering where did summer go?

Now with school starting so early things begin settling into more of a routine. Say good bye to lazy summer days and hello to fall colors, football games, soccer matches, cross country.



Now please add to your busy calendar: Labor Day weekend, GRACE HAVEN'S 5K WALK/RUN on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 am at Hocking Park. We have electronic timers for serious runners, and everyone who is not into the competitive part can come walk, enjoy fellowship and the beauty of God's creation. Bring your kids, dogs, and grandparents. We hope this event will raise much needed funds for much needed repairs To PRE-register for our RACE-For-GRACE, you can visit [www.gracehavenministries.net](http://www.gracehavenministries.net) /fund raiser and pay on line.

Once into the registration page, you can securely pay your entry fee and pick your t-shirt size. Prepaid, the fee is \$20 and the day of race, \$25. Only those who pre-register can be assured of a t-shirt. The day of the race, t-shirts will be on first come, first served basis.

We also need volunteers to work in various locations along the route.

Our yard sale netted approximately \$600, which will be used for Grace Haven activities that our ladies look forward to over the next few months, one being our trip to the ARK. The rest will help with household expenses.

The ladies also enjoyed participating in the Art Walk during the Lancaster Festival.

Preparing for this race, our residents have been conditioning with Chrissy Kittle, Katie Uhl, and Jennifer Voight. Jennifer takes interested residents running at 6-630 am, and Chrissy and Katie present "From Couch to 5k Conditioning" on Thursdays. Aside from moans and groans, the gals have risen to the occasion and want to do the 5K whether it is at a run or walk. To physically finish the race is the goal; just as 2 Timothy 4:7 admonishes us spiritually to fight the good fight, finish the course, and keep the faith, so we also remind the gals to finish this course.

We are pleased to welcome new resident Shannon who has been with us at the time of this publishing for four weeks. She will be 35 days sober and is doing well with us according to the probation office and court. Shannon received Jesus Sunday August 7 and was baptized. Praise God for the great work He is doing in the gals.

Good news about our residents:

Yvonne took a job at Tim Hortons on Memorial Drive a month ago and has now been promoted to trainer and supervisor. Owners are impressed with her work ethic and positive can-do attitude. She received her 6 month clean token from Celebrate Recovery.

Heather took employment at Diamond Jim's Pizza in downtown Lancaster. She has received her 13 months clean token from Celebrate Recovery and will be leaving us to rent her own place.

Both gals are giving God the glory and are so grateful to these employers for giving them a chance. They are walking testaments to John 8:36, that when Jesus sets us free, we are free indeed.

We are so blessed by these gals and their progress in recovery and their attitude of "but for Jesus I would be ....." and then they give Him the glory because they are not. They tithe to the house from their earnings, as well as paying restitution debts, and have established bank and saving accounts.

Our other gal, Michelle, also received employment but had to leave us earlier than we wanted because of health issues with her mother and dad. She felt she needed to go home to help and support them. We will miss and continue to pray for her.

Not so good news:

Our driver from Community Action had ankle surgery the last of July and will be out of driving commission until September. Many thanks to all the volunteers who are filling the gap for us now and in weeks to come. I appreciate it so much, and we will pray a speedy recovery for our gimpy gal.

We are welcoming a new part-time supervisor in Jennifer Voight who is taking over for Patty Matheny. We are sorry to see Patty depart but wish her the very best.

The building we were praying for was sold to another party, but we are still believing God for a home or building out of town where peace and quiet reign, with temptation not so great.

We are needing prayers for God's direction for the future of Grace Haven. Our houses are in serious need of repairs. Sarah's house has sustained some foundation damage after our very wet summer, not to mention the on-going war with the groundhog populations. It is very difficult to have to spend money on these repairs, not knowing if we are going to move or stay. However; to sell the homes, all repairs would need to be made anyway. Decisions, decisions - the Lord needs to show us.

As usual, we are always need various supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, laundry soap and softeners.

If anyone has unused hedge trimmers or a gas weed-eater laying around, we could put them to good use.

We had 3 bikes donated, so now the girls who have reached Phase 3 can ride if they want to take the bike trail somewhere.

So until our next letter which brings us to the holidays, be blessed, and remember when Jesus sets you free you are free indeed!!!

Be blessed.  
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**Jackie Hardman**

