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## From the Ground Up

Imagine yourself having served our country and finding yourself having to resort to staying in an old rundown RV because of a family breakdown. You are cold, out of gas and out of resources.

Because of your great commitment to The Haven, we were able to assist this person in 2017 as we have many and help get them back on their feet.

On-going case management has helped connect them with a job opportunity relevant to their age and interests.

Most recently, their transportation needs will be met and it will no longer require them to ride their bicycle the long haul to their job in Pisgah Forest from Brevard. Now their bicycle has become what it was before.... for enjoyment purposes.

Not only were we able to provide them shelter, we have been able to provide the much needed support after the family breakdown.

The best part is that they give back to The Haven by volunteering at least every other week!

## Code Purple, What is that?

When the temperatures turn cold and many of us are preparing for the seasonal Holidays and are looking forward to some snow for winter fun - some of our fellow Transylvania County residents do not share the joy.

The cold weather brings additional challenges to those without a home. From staying warm and dry, to finding enough fire wood and making a warm meal, to making sure the tent and sleeping bags protect from the blistering winter cold.

The Haven in cooperation with the community opens a Winter Emergency Shelter called: Code Purple.

This year, The Haven partnered with the Human Relations Council, Bread of Life, Sharing House, Keystone Camp, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, and the community at large to organize the shelter.

St. Philip's is providing the safe, warm space; Keystone Camp the beds; Bread of Life ensures that folks have a warm meal, Sharing House provided sleeping bags, and the Human Relations Counsel provided essential support and



got the ball rolling in 2017.

Many community members and Churches have joined the efforts by donating sleeping bags that are winter rated to -20F, pillows, warm jackets and blankets, and by donating money to help with the cost of running the shelter.

Thanks to the generosity of so many, we continue to raise the needed money to pay one person to work as the shelter assistant. We specifically chose someone who has experienced being homeless and needed an income opportunity.

Your continued support and donations help keep the Emergency Shelter doors open to those in need. Your generosity literally saves lives! Thank you!

# Director's Desk

As we are at the end of a great year, we are looking to the next by assessing our accomplishments and considering what our upcoming goals will be. When a resident comes into The Haven, we help them set goals to better their circumstances. The Haven is no different.

If you have volunteered recently, you may notice a better presence of staff in the shelter. This is due to one big goal for us, a more complex case management provided to our residents. This does not mean that we no longer need our volunteers, this means we utilize your volunteer time for us to case manage our folks well!

With the additions of staff we made this year, Eric Edwards our Shelter Manager and Robin Dean our Assistant Director, we

are able to meet with each person as needed. Sometimes that means once a week, sometimes more than that as



each case is different and each person's journey is unlike the others.

We have always tried to "meet people where they're at", but we believe, we are now better equipped to do this.

Your continued support is crucial to helping us.

We are always trying to fill shifts and rely on you wholeheartedly.

If you have not volunteered in a while, please consider coming back. Without you, we cannot run this place effectively and provide the case management we wish to implement. It is essential we have all hands on deck to accomplish what we have set out to do.

Together, we can build mountains and conquer this thing we call homelessness, even if we work ourselves out of a job. I would truly love that. I might hit the road one day and become a famous singer. You never know, but as long as there is homelessness in our community, I will be working with you to combat and advocate for those who need it.

Emily Lowery, Interim Director

**Volunteers!**

During this season, we often reflect over the past year and all that has been accomplished. At The Haven we know how important our volunteers are in our success.

This past year our volunteers covered the shelter for over 5600 hours! Thank you seems so inadequate.

Starting in February, we will be holding an appreciation time with coffee and snacks every 1st Wednesday from 9 – 10 am and again every 3rd Wednesday from 4 – 5 pm. This will be a time you can get to know other volunteers and compare notes. We would like your feedback on how you would like to use this time, and let us know if these times work for you. If we don't see you before then, have a wonderful holiday and see you next year.

Email your suggestions to: [admin@havenoftc.org](mailto:admin@havenoftc.org)

# Bring in the New Year with us!

You are cordially invited to our first New Year's Eve Party!

Join us Sunday, the 31st of December 6:30pm to 12:00am  
Connestee Falls Overlook Clubhouse  
98 Overlook Clubhouse Dr. Brevard, NC 28712

Bring in the New Year while benefiting The Haven of Transylvania County! The evening will start off at 6:30 PM with Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktail. A plated dinner will begin at 7:30pm and will consist of: Entrees: Crisp Wedge of Iceberg Lettuce with Blue Cheese Ranch, Candies Bacon, Cherry Tomatoes & Chives, Marinated Filet of Beef & Butter Poached Spiny Lobster Tail with Sweet Corn Soubrise, Steamed Broccolini, Potato Coins.  
Chocolate Grand Marnier Mousse

Dashboard Blue will rock us into the new year starting at 8:30 pm.

Your ticket price of \$65 will include a champagne toast to top off the night!

There will be a CASH BAR!



Two ball drops have been planned, one for 10pm and one at midnight!

Space is limited! Tickets are going fast! Only 75 seats left! You can book your own table of 8 or 10.

To purchase tickets online:  
[facebook.com/pg/TheHavenOfTransylvaniaCounty/events/](https://facebook.com/pg/TheHavenOfTransylvaniaCounty/events/)  
or  
calling the office (828) 877-2040

or Treasurer, Jim Symington  
(828) 884-3546



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Do you use Amazon for Shopping? Want to help the Haven at the same time? Hurray! We have Great News for You! Amazon.com has a program called Smile that will donate a % of your purchase to a charity of your choice. Just follow these simple steps: 1. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com> 2. Log into your account 3. You will be prompted to select a charitable organization 4. Search for Haven of Transylvania 5. Start Shopping!

## President's Corner

Farewell!

Alright, maybe we don't have to start off so formally. It does seem a little dramatic doesn't it? Sort of like you are standing on the deck of a ship and people are waving to you and screaming, "Bon Voyage" over the sound of a loud horn.

Maybe some of you think farewell looks like a card signed from a whole bunch of people having a potluck.

The point here is that my time as President has come to a close. I have seen many changes during my tenure. Working with the Board and Staff of The Haven has been very rewarding. We have made great strides to ending homelessness in our county. It has been my pleasure to serve you for the last 3 years. It is a great shame that all good things come to end. I like to look at as though it gives an opportunity for other good things to happen. Jim Walker will fill my shoes in the upcoming year.

There is no doubt that he will do great things, just as we have for the last 8 years.

I plan on continuing to volunteer, just as all of my predecessors do and I encourage you to continue to serve with me.

Thank you for your support and prayers that you have bestowed upon us. We cannot do it without you.

Sandy Tooman, President

# Thank you!

We want to thank all who have responded to our appeals this year, donated on your own, attended fundraisers like the new Family Hoedown we had this year, A Happening for The Haven, and who have contributed much needed food and supplies. As most of you know, The Haven relies on private donors for the majority of our funding. Your donations, small and large, keep us open to help folks in need. We need and appreciate your continued support. Remember us when you are estate planning!

Thank You!

Remember: We are a registered nonprofit, so all your donations are tax deductible.



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