

# Making a Différence... Offering HOPE



From the Executive Director

It is an honor to be part of such an important mission. St. James Haven is more than a refuge. Our staff and volunteers invest their hearts and souls unconditionally loving our guests.

Our guests come from all walks of life and a host of different situations. We welcome and support them all - whether they have just been released from prison or rehabilitation, suffer from substance abuse, or a manageable mental illness. We help them if they are homeless because of domestic violence, financial difficulties, or lost employment.

Whatever their circumstances, our guests are human beings in need of love, respect and kindness.

Sincerely,

Samantha Stump Samantha Stump



St. James Haven 779 N Main St. • Meadville, PA 16335 Nobody wakes up one morning and says, "I think I want to be homeless."



For most, they had normal lives, families and jobs. What they want is to have a normal life again with a home, family, and a job.

Since 1997, St. James Haven has been a place of welcome refuge for homeless men in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Founded by a group of Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania in Meadville, the St. James Haven ministry continues to provide an important service in Crawford County and is the only men's shelter in the area. St. James Haven provides over 2500 bed nights to nearly 200 men annually.

#### St. James Haven:

- Can accommodate 14 men each night
- Provides a comfortable bed and clean, dry shelter
- Offers a nutritious meal each evening, provided by donors
- Works closely with local police and housing & mental health agencies
- Is staffed with an Executive Director and two Resident Managers
- Is open 365 days/year from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Is financially supported mainly through public/private donations and fundraising efforts

## Ongoing Fundraiser: **3rd Thursday Community Dinner 3PM - 6PM**



On the third Thursday of each month, St. James Haven hosts a dinner, "Drive-Thru Style", from 3-6 p.m.

Price for the meals are by donation. Watch our Facebook page to find out what our featured meal is each month.

All you have to do is "drive-thru", let us know what you want, and one of our volunteers will bring it out to you!!



#### 100% of the proceeds are used towards the ongoing operation of St. James Haven.

I had it all at one time. A wonderful wife, great job, and friends - we had a lot of fun together. We camped, went for car rides, and lived life together. My life changed instantly when I lost my wife, granddaughter, and mother in a 21-day period. I spiraled into depression and began drinking. I lost everything to alcohol. Instead of paying bills, I paid for alcohol. On the verge of discontent and homelessness, I found St. James Haven. They welcomed me with warm, open arms. They've given me a roof over my head, food and clean clothes. The staff and everyone are great. They helped me get my life back together again. ~

# Thank you to all of our sponsors & worship bands for an incredible event!

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## 2023 Small Non-Profit of the Year ST. JAMES HAVEN

St. James Haven was selected as the small non profit of the year at the Diamond Awards through the Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce. We couldn't be more pleased. Thank you to a wonderful Board of Directors and an amazing community who are so faithful to our mission.

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When I had lost it all - my career, money, home and found myself completely out of hope - St. James Haven was there. It isn't just a shelter; it is a springboard to a real second chance at life. They have a staff who truly cares about their guests and fosters independence, discipline, and overall individual growth. I would not be where I am today without St. James Haven, and owe my second chance at a bright future with a professional career to the people who make St. James possible. They helped me find hope, as well as myself, again. ~ **Trank** 

### St. James Haven is blessed to have such AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

### Without our donors & volunteers, our door would not be open!

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

Our volunteers give a night to help serve meals and fellowship with our guests. This may be weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Our volunteers can also help with events and fundraisers we host.

We are always in need of extra hands to keep our mission alive and healthy.

If you're interested in volunteering or donating a meal, please reach out to St. James Haven by calling 814-337-6082 or visit our website at www.stjameshaven.org



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**Executive Director** Samantha Stump

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St. James Haven saved my life. They provided delicious food every night, washed my clothes and helped me get connected with other agencies to find housing. They made me feel like someone does care about me, I was allowed to stay until I felt I could successfully live on my own. I have 2 daughters that I hope to have move back in with me so we can be a happy family again. ~ Todd



New dishwasher

New stove

New tankless water heater