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LINKING ARMS

KNOX HAVEN invites you to join our efforts to impact the lives of people in our communities who are dealing with issues that destroy hope leading to a sense of isolation and disillusionment. Our mission is to provide a center for change where people come to find answers to their perplexing questions. Our team links arms with people to form a support chain that becomes a bond that stands strong against the corrosive forces that attack body, mind and soul. Regardless of the source of these forces, the goal remains the same: *see people emerge renewed with the vigor to push on knowing they are part of something bigger than themselves.*

We are grateful for your interest in, and support of, the KNOX HAVEN initiatives that are making a difference in the lives of people each and every day. Your partnership with us is priceless. As we link arms with our participants, it is because you have linked arms with us. Thank you for your confidence in what we are doing. We think you will be as inspired by the stories presented in this quarterly as we are in sharing them with you!

MOVING ON!!!

It is hard to believe that in just a few short months, we will celebrate our one-year anniversary. As we move on the KNOX HAVEN team is even more excited than ever to continue building a center that is changing lives. The rest of the year will see the momentum continue as several strategic initiatives continue to unfold. The foundation is being laid that will support years of services needed to facilitate growth and change in our community. We ask you to continue joining with us as we move forward!



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BREAD OF LIFE

YES, FOOD! *BUT SO MUCH MORE*

The Bread of Life Food Pantry has a fundamental goal of caring for those in the world around us who are in need. It is a Community Care initiative that addresses a range of issues that begin with food disparity but is also inclusive of financial, spiritual and emotional deficits within the family structure.

In the last month the pantry was visited by several mothers who are a testament to the devastating effect the use of illicit drugs are having on communities and families. The last time one of these mothers visited the pantry, over two years ago, she was jobless and needing food to help stretch her limited income. Though she was struggling financially, she was hopeful that her situation would improve. This time there was no sign of hope. When asked how she was doing, she broke into tears. Her twentysomething year old son had overdosed and died a year ago. Months later she still struggles with the senseless loss of life. The police officer who was assigned to her son's case calls her every week to tell her he is pursuing the drug dealer who sold him Fentanyl.

This is the only thing that seems to give her a semblance of peace. Pantry volunteers were blessed to talk with her and offer prayer for true peace. The despair, frustration and anger are not uncommon sights in the food pantry. While people come for food, we are able to address the deeper issues in their lives as well; food for the soul as well as the body. Generous hearts that give to the pantry make these exchanges possible.

BOL STORE UPDATE

The renovation continues to progress well on the BOL Store! What a blessing it has been to see so many people volunteer their time and resources to help bring this vision to life. In addition to the labor of so many, we are also receiving much needed support from partners of the existing pantry...that will soon become the **BOL STORE!** Many thanks to the American Heart Association for the donation of a three-door refrigeration unit that will go into the new cold storage area of the store.

This is just one of seven new units required to support the store. We need a new shelving system, vegetable crispers, a new HVAC unit, and much more! Unexpectedly we have to replace an aging box-truck that needs to be replaced with a

refrigeration truck. You are invited to take a look below and consider how to partner with us to bring the Store to life. Anything you are able to contribute will be appreciated!!!



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If you have interest in providing any of these units, please contact us for details via email at:
info@knoxhaven.org



Two or Three Section Glass Door refrigeration units
(3 Needed)



Two or Three Section Glass Door freezer units
(3 Needed)



Vegetable Crisper Horizontal Open
(3 Needed)



16' Refrigerated Box Truck w/Lift
(1 Needed)



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BIBLICAL COUNSELING CERTIFICATION UPDATE

The 2024/25 Biblical Counseling cohort has representatives from nine partner churches. Participants in the 18-month program gather weekly for instruction, study and fellowship. The certification is offered in partnership with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC).

Oversight of the certification is provided by an ACBC Fellow through the Knox Haven certified counseling training center. A team of ACBC certified instructors provide the training and coaching for the participants.

The four phases of the training include: Theological basis/Counseling philosophy; Observation and reading; and Examination

workshop;

Supervision.

The size of the Cohort is sized to maximize the experience.



CREATING A COUNSELING CULTURE



Thousands of hours have gone into establishing the culture of counseling administered by the Knox Haven counseling team. A key component of establishing culture is the conviction that counseling is most effective when carried out in community. A counseling community involves both formal, and informal, counseling. What unites this approach is a common objective of striving for genuine heart change that produces actions and thoughts consistent with a biblical worldview.

The counselor's objective is to build hope and foster change through intensive involvement that uncovers the underlying issues at the heart of the counselee's struggles. This process of discovery leads to assessments that are data-driven, yet absent the cold detachment of non-faith based approached. From the one-on-one interaction between the counselor and the counselee, the counseling community brings to bear additional resources that promote accountability and long-term success.



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Biblical Counseling?
Send us their name!

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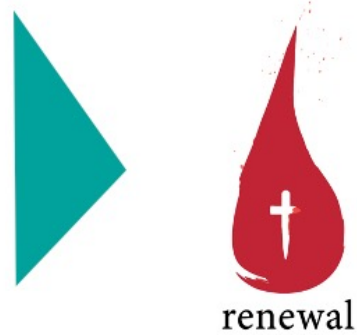
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WELCOME SCOTT WILLIAMS!



Scott Williams officially joined the Knox Haven team full time beginning 09/01/24. Scott has led the Renewal initiative since 2017, splitting his time between the demands of Renewal and his full-time career. During this time Renewal has seen incredible growth that requires a full-time director. Scott has assembled a strong

leadership team to assist him in directing the activities of this critical Knox Haven initiative.

Scott's personal story of renewal from the grips of life dominating issues is truly remarkable. Things had gotten so bad Scott recalls, "I was even stealing pills from my Granny." After surviving a near fatal car accident, Scott knew that unless he started following a different course of addressing his struggles, the chances of walking away next time were slim. Something radical had to occur in his life...and that's exactly what happened.

Scott turned to the life-changing truth only presented in the Bible. Beginning one day at a time, Scott embraced the biblical truth that he could walk in freedom from the bondage of addiction. One day turned into two, two days into two weeks, and today Scott is amazed that he has lived in freedom for years. Scott's story of transformation drives his passion to see Renewal impact the lives of others so that they too may experience the freedom that has replaced his addiction.

TRAINING UPDATE

NARCAN training was conducted for several members of the Renewal staff by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health services on Sept. 20th. In the department's 2024 Drug Overdose Deaths report it is noted that, "too many Tennesseans are dying of drug overdoses every year. In 2022 (the most recent data available), 3,826 Tennesseans died a of a drug overdose. Of those deaths, most involved an illicit (illegal) opioid, fentanyl. With training and the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone, you can stop an overdose and save a life." Renewal is committed to providing a full range of services to combat the deadly consequences of drug related deaths. This specialized training is an example of Knox Haven's goal of helping people who are

having difficulty finding solutions for their questions. Additional training will occur in the upcoming months. Please contact us if you are interested.



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RENEWAL TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITY



Renewal has launched a capital campaign to raise funds required to acquire and operate a transitional living facility to walk with men who are fighting to address life dominating issues that are destroying their lives. What makes this facility unique is the emphasis on building Christian community that provides hope, structure and accountability. The eighteen-month program integrates discipleship, life-skill training, community and service. The campaign begins October 20th and will last until the funds are raised. Your timely support will ensure that the facility becomes a reality as soon as possible.

