



SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

SPRING AT RESTORATION

Spring is a wonderful time of the year. The grass is looking greener; daffodils, tulips and hyacinths are popping out of the soil; the promise of new life is evident all around us. New life is happening around Restoration as well. Although we were not able to meet our initial goal of reopening last September, we reset the timeline for after Christmas for March. Five residents were accepted into the program this month and have begun their journey to hope and wholeness; they are taking classes; reading the Bible, going to church, and receiving spiritual counseling.

OUR MISSION

To create and develop a godly ministry to the homeless, near homeless, and displaced, where love, respect, and dignity can be maintained in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. To provide a temporary resident dwelling; to teach Godly principles to help each person gain vision and learn how to reach his/her goals. To give participants an understanding of God's love and an invitation to accept it.

**“...HE WHO HAD
MERCY ON THE POOR,
HAPPY IS HE.”**

PROVERBS 14: 21

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

God has answered prayers for the financial and logistic needs that enabled us to reopen the transitional housing. Over the past few months, Steve and the staff have been working to prepare rooms for tenants. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to help with some of the cleaning. We are continuing to prepare more rooms so that we can accept more residents.

God has also provided teachers. We are thankful for those who have volunteered to teach.

A SPECIAL VISIT

On February 27, we had the honor of hosting a lunch visit from Congresswoman Mary Miller (15th District) and Scott Turner, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. It was very encouraging to have their support. They both expressed the importance of the work of Restoration in our community. Mr. Turner promised that his office would provide logistic assistance with the local HUD office for eligibility for grants.



Congresswoman Mary Miller



Secretary of Housing Scott Turner



WALK -A-THON FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all who came out for our 2nd annual Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon on February 28. It was a fun time of good food (chili and pizza), fellowship, and exercise. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, walked and/or sponsored a walker. We raised close to \$10,000. A big thank you for all the corporate sponsors:

Mike Rumsey, Farmers Insurance
Feldkamp Towing
Slumberland Furniture
Copper Creek Contractors
Judy Fejes, Coldwell Banker
Weiner Companies
Tatman Towing
Jet's Pizza (provided delicious pizza)
Meijer

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Staff** – wisdom and discernment in the daily operation of the office; good stewardship of finances and resources; case workers and spiritual counselors to be the mouthpiece of Jesus.
- **Residents** – teachable and humble spirit to receive instruction, tenderness toward the love and grace of God in their lives; healing from past pain and struggle.
- **Volunteer teachers**
- **Ervin Williams** – pastor of Restoration Church
- **Board** – for wisdom and discernment in decision making
- **Continued financial support from the community** – Restoration can't do it alone

DONATION REQUESTS

Restoration runs on the donations of generous individuals. Consider supporting us through meeting these needs. Please call the office at [217-233-8440](tel:217-233-8440) for furniture pickups if needed.

- Working microwaves*
- Slow cooker/crock pot*
- Furniture –small tables and chairs, dressers for rooms (no large office furniture needed)
- Office supplies

**A microwave, a crockpot, and a refrigerator are provided in each room; a small table with chair(s), and/or desk, and a dresser are also provided if available.*

For more information or to donate, please scan the QR code to visit our website.



www.restorationurbanministries.org



A NOTE FROM STEVE SCHUREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am excited to announce on March 2, our transitional housing has reopened. We are currently running a program for people in need of temporary shelter. There are 5 residents participating in a program that includes daily devotional at 9 a.m. followed by two classes. At 12:30 lunch is served. After lunch, they do 2 work hours. In addition, the residents attend a Monday night and a Tuesday night recovery class. Each resident is assigned a case worker who will be handling financial planning, job search, and give assistance in obtaining housing and a spiritual advisor. The clients also attend weekly Sunday and Wednesday Church services led by Pastor Ervin Williams. I am thankful and praise God for the opportunity to touch lives and pray for each resident to be receptive to the healing power of His love.

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