



SAFELANDING

In July 2020, our two Safe Landing crisis shelters merged into one co-ed facility, providing residential and non-residential care to boys and girls, ages 11-17. It has been a wonderful transition for both staff and youth, and the shelter looks amazing thanks to our hardworking House Manager, Patsy, many other staff members, and of course, our kind donors who have made all of this possible. We are so thankful for your support and are grateful for the opportunity to serve so many kids under one roof! The figures below reflect the successes Safe Landing has experienced this past year in helping youth blossom into the best versions of themselves. We wanted to share this happy news with you! Safe Landing successes include:

- ❖ Served 151 boys, and 133 girls through residential and non-residential services
- ❖ 93% of youth exited into a positive placement
- ❖ 93% of youth indicated positive satisfaction rating of the program and 95% of parents reported positive satisfaction rating through exit surveys
- ❖ 723 family and individual counseling sessions were provided to youth in residential care, 45 sessions were provided to non-residential youth



Remembering our friend, Phil Maynard

We are deeply saddened over the unexpected passing of our friend, Phil Maynard. Phil was an incredible inspiration to everyone who had the honor of knowing him, and his passion for making a difference in this community was made apparent through his hard work and philanthropic endeavors. Phil had a heart for youth and made many projects at The Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter possible over the past few years. His kind spirit, mentorship, and passion for our community's most vulnerable populations will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We extend our condolences to all of his loved ones at this time and pray that they may find comfort in their memories of him.



"Be strong, be fearless, be beautiful. And believe that anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." – Misty Copeland

A new year has arrived, which means fresh opportunities are on the horizon for all of us. If there's one thing to be learned from this past year, it's that life is precious, and all of the seemingly minute things we've taken for granted in the past are precisely the things that inspire and motivate us to keep going. Without these "little things," such as having the opportunity to meet up with a group of friends at a local restaurant to cheer on our beloved Cleveland Browns team, what keeps us all going? The answer is simple: we have the right people here to support us. Ultimately, there is no storm we cannot weather, so long as we're all working to make each other better. So, how will you make this year better than last? What new opportunities await you?

A Word from Wes:

Isaiah 40:28-31 says, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary and they will walk and not be faint."

With these verses in mind today, know that in whatever you face, God Himself is holding you. You may not always feel His embrace, and you may not understand His plans; but He knows what we don't. He sees the big picture when we see only a small part. And often times, He is bringing us to a place of protection or renewal. He is holding us steady and safe in His hands. We can trust Him. He knows our way, and nothing can snatch us out of His loving, protective hands!

Have a heart for giving? You're golden!

Please drop off all items to 32 South Ave. in Tallmadge
Hours of operation: M-TH 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. • F 8:30-3:00

In-kind Needs for Safe Landing:

- ❖ (4) 9x13 rectangle glass Pyrex dishes
- ❖ (12) two-inch black rubber binders
- ❖ (2) Staplers
- ❖ (50) Banker's boxes
- ❖ Gift cards for youth (Aldi, Giant Eagle, Walmart, Target, Marshall's, TJ Maxx)

Monetary Needs for The Highlands:

This year, our focus is on increasing our operating budget to serve more pregnant/parenting teen mothers and their babies in our teen pregnancy shelter.

- ❖ \$1 from every friend of The Highlands will make it possible for 20 teen mothers and their babies to escape homelessness and other scary situations for the entire year
- ❖ \$50 will provide one day's worth of hot meals for a mother and her baby
- ❖ \$75 will cover an overnight cost of an infant
- ❖ \$125 will cover an overnight cost of a teen mother

Because of you, our youth will be safe!