

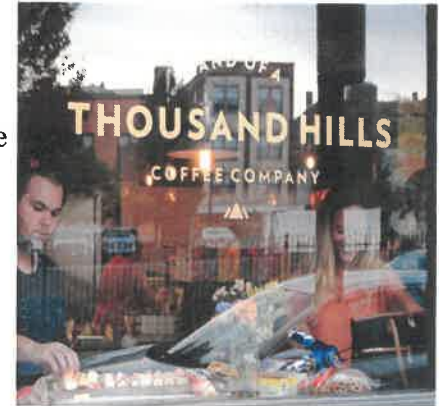
# THE HAVEN PROJECT

## WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Empowering Young Adults on the North Shore*

### A Note from our Executive Director,

I hope you have had a chance to come by **Land of A Thousand Hills** Cafe, the Haven Project's social enterprise at 61 Munroe Street. When we started our non-profit in 2012, our dream was to open a business so that we could offer job training to our clients and earn funds to support our programming for homeless young adults.



We opened in January 2016 and the café is already a huge success on all counts. It is a beautiful space with great coffee, tea and delicious food. We have been delighted to see that in a short amount of time, the café has created a caffeine-like buzz in the community which is helping our organization with fundraising and advocacy. Most importantly, our job training clients are measurably benefiting from the skills they are learning.



If you haven't had a chance to come by the café, I hope you will come by to see all of the progress we have made because of your support and contributions.

**Thank you for being a key part of our team,**

*Anni Mayma*



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# IN ONE YEAR, YOU HELPED US TRANSFORM

**36**  
YOUNG ADULTS  
MOVED INTO  
PERMANENT  
HOUSING

**74**  
JOBS  
ACQUIRED

**14**  
YOUNG ADULTS  
HIRED IN OUR  
JOB TRAINING  
PROGRAM

**154**  
YOUNG ADULTS  
SERVED

**2084**  
MEALS  
SERVED

**OVER 300**  
VOLUNTEER  
TUTORING HOURS

**540**  
EMERGENCY CALLS  
ANSWERED

**28**  
WORKSHOPS &  
TRAININGS

## YOUNG ADULT VOICES

That night it went too far. My father got very angry and I was not safe staying at home; so, at 19 years old I left as fast as I could. Moving every couple of days made it really difficult to stay focused and do well in my college classes. I didn't have access to the houses I stayed at unless the owner was home, and I didn't have access to the things that I left at my parents' house. I was starting to feel hopeless and depressed. Fortunately, I heard about the Haven Project through some friends of mine. Going there gave me the motivation I

needed. Through the Haven's Host Home Initiative, I was paired with a woman who was willing to let me stay in her home, which was near my college, for 6 months rent-free! While staying in the host home, I was able to save \$5000... *Continued on page 4*

*So much has happened...but I am finally in a place where I can breathe more easily and think hopefully about my future.*

## GIVE THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

Can you imagine being 17-24 years old and not having a place to live?

Moving from place to place, with no one caring for you, no one knowing if you are safe? Dreaming about school, a career and a safe, productive future but having no idea how to get there? It's a lonely, desperate place to be...

Our services are a vital lifeline to hundreds of 17-24 year olds from our communities who do not have a stable place to live.

***But we cannot,  
and do not,  
do it alone.***

Last year, with your generous support, we added an online learning lab and the social enterprise. Both programs drastically increased opportunities for our clients.

*Thank you for your investment in these young people.* Please consider making a tax deductible donation this month. We are excited to partner with you in 2017!

*Please consider making a tax deductible donation today to the Haven Project.*

## GIVING IS EASY

**Online via credit card:**

[www.havenproject.net/donate](http://www.havenproject.net/donate)

OR

**Mail a check:**

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## YOUNG ADULT VOICES, *continued from page 2*

which helped me to get out on my own into a safe and affordable space. The Haven Project helped me budget, get my license, and continue my education. I recently found a good counselor, and have been slowly establishing healthy

relationships and support systems in my life. So much has happened in the past two years, but I am finally in a place where I can breathe more easily and think hopefully about my future. ■

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Melissa Reaume, owner of MJ Coco Hair Salon in Reading, has found a unique way to make a difference at the Haven Project. Melissa learned about our clients needs through one of our monthly informational meetings and decided to get involved!

We regularly schedule a haircut event, and Melissa sets up a pop-up hair cutting station right in the Drop in Center. Her top-grade professional skills help our



homeless young adults regain their confidence with a free,

high quality haircut.

We are always grateful



to have professionals connect with our clients—exposing them to positive role models, and affirming that their current struggles do not have to alienate them from the many opportunities their futures hold.

*If you would like to volunteer at the Haven Project, come to our monthly Info Meeting!*

*You can sign up at:  
[www.havenproject.net/volunteer](http://www.havenproject.net/volunteer)  
or email us at  
[office@havenproject.net](mailto:office@havenproject.net)*

Thank you to Melissa and the many others who make the Haven Project so great! ■



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