

# OPENING DOORS

**7hills**  
homeless center 



## Our Mission:

To develop and implement collaborative, local solutions that foster hope, opportunity and stability for people experiencing homelessness.

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Dear Friend,

The holiday season is here and with it comes joy, laughter, good food, gift giving and sharing. For a lot of us, it's our favorite time of year.

But for some of our neighbors, the holidays are not as joyful. Extreme cold, hunger, inconsistent shelter and a lack of warm clothing are a few of the challenges facing our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Because of you, there is hope.

You help ensure the people we serve have access to warm shelter, winter clothing, hot meals, sleeping bags and many other things needed for protection from the cold.

Thanks to your support last winter, we provided 5,082 meals, 1,203 hot showers and 5,072 individuals with warm clothing. I hope you'll consider stepping up this holiday season to partner with us in providing these vital resources to our neighbors simply trying to survive the frigid weather.

The winter months can be a challenging time for our mission and for the people we serve. With your support, we can help make sure everyone in our community has access to food, clothing and shelter – during even the coldest of nights.



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Gratefully,

  
Mike Williams  
CEO



## Things Are Looking Up for Casey

You're changing lives with 7hills. Because you choose to give, neighbors like Casey have a lot more to celebrate this holiday season.

"I didn't have a place to live," he says of his prior situation. "I couldn't afford to get a place, and my family wasn't able to help."

Casey is close with his mother, but she wasn't able to offer financial support. As Casey searched for work, his budget reached its breaking point. He was truly desperate for help.

You gave him somewhere to turn. Casey remembered a friend who also benefitted from your support by receiving housing assistance through 7hills. Casey reached out to us and was placed in our transitional housing dorm.

"[My situation] is looking up," says Casey.

He adds that his property manager, case manager and 7hills' program director continually listen to him and check in with him as he works to get back on solid footing.

Casey's moving forward. He's actively looking for a job and hopes to earn an income that will make him self-sufficient. In the meantime, Casey's giving thanks for your support.



### Board Member Jo Kaye Offers Neighbors a Hand Up

"The thought of people in NWA not having a safe place to lay their head at night, calls me to action," Jo Kaye says of her decision to partner with 7hills. "NWA is a special place with a generous spirit that is always ready to help support a great cause. I want people to see homelessness as one of those great causes."

Jo Kaye has been supporting 7hills' mission for more than a decade. She began volunteering through her job at Walmart corporate and joined our Board of Directors in 2016.

Jo Kaye has a deep understanding of poverty in our community. She knows the issue is far more complex than many often think.

"There are a lot of misperceptions people make about homelessness," she says. "It's not as simple as getting up and getting a job — you can't pull yourself up by your bootstraps if you don't have a pair of boots."

Jo Kaye is now a professor at the University of Arkansas' school of business and recognizes that housing insecurity is a problem we can solve if we work together.

"If everyone is willing to give just a little of what they have, we can create an amazing success story for our area," she says. "Let's begin writing that story."

We couldn't have said it better. Thank you, Jo Kaye, for improving lives across Northwest Arkansas!



Thank you for helping local families thrive this holiday season.

## You're a Lifeline to Melody and Her Children

Melody was truly struggling. It was the peak of summer, she was pregnant with her fourth child — and she was homeless. She was in desperate need of help.

That's when a family member sent her a link to 7hills' website. Melody called immediately and was placed on the waitlist.

"I had nothing when I moved in," she remembers. "My caseworker, Bobby, helped me get an apartment voucher. He and my other caseworker, Zach, put me in touch with a lot of programs I didn't know were available."

Within a month Melody and her little ones were able to move into a home of their own.

Nowadays she's focused on getting stable financially — and looking toward a brighter future. Her goal is to become a lawyer and buy a house for her family. Your support will help her get there.

Friends like you make all the difference. Because you give, countless people who experience homelessness are able to improve their situations and break the cycle of poverty for the next generation.

"[7hills] definitely saved our family," Melody says.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated — at this time of year especially. You're bringing neighbors in from the cold. Thank you for providing hope for the holidays!

### Help Fill the Need

Help our neighbors experiencing homelessness have access to everyday essentials. From clothing to food to hygiene products, every donation helps. If you're interested in giving a gift to help fill the need, please visit [7hillscenter.org/7hills-needs-list/](https://www.7hillscenter.org/7hills-needs-list/) or scan the code below.



### To Our Donors and Volunteers...

We want to say a big thank you! Without the support of friends like you, we wouldn't be able to provide the services and care that we do for our neighbors facing homelessness. If you're interested in becoming a donor or volunteer, please visit our website at [www.7hillscenter.org](https://www.7hillscenter.org) or by scanning the code below.



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