A MESSAGE FROM
OUR PRESIDENT

This past year was focused on building towards the opening of Hero’s Rest and continued healing for trauma survivors.

At Hero’s Rest, we mapped out and cleared our first campsites and have been surveying for the best fishing pond location. We continued to work with our general contractor, David Ray, to finish several projects to complete the staff house and workshop. While managing the building projects we presented Hero’s Rest to Chicagoland law enforcement at an annual appreciation breakfast and invited them to come to Hero’s Rest. We also aided individual heroes and their families and invited them to Hero’s Rest; building towards a healthy attendance once opened. All of this has moved us closer to serving first responders and veterans at Hero’s Rest.

In our work with trauma survivors, we have seen significant progress. Trauma peer support work continued through in person, video chat, and phone support. We had the honor of presenting the Gospel to several people throughout the year and eagerly watch as they grapple with the truth. One trauma survivor has bravely taken steps toward recovery from a life-threatening addiction.

Last year was a victorious year of both preparation and action. In 2023 we look forward to the opening of Hero’s Rest and the continued growth of the amazing survivors and heroes the Lord has called us to serve. I would like to close by thanking all of you who have supported Shalam Ministries with time, donations, and prayer. All three are needed and your excellent commitment to them have made what we do possible. I am honored to lead this ministry and I am honored that you have joined us in this important work.

Thank you,

Rev. Ryan Hatch
President of Shalam Ministries
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR GENEROSITY MADE IT POSSIBLE TO...

Serve 82 trauma survivors with in-person, video chat, and phone support! (p.4)

Offer support to heroes and their families. Invite them for future stays at Hero's Rest! (p.5)

Continue construction on Hero's Rest - including clearing campsites, installing a tornado shelter, and more! (p.6)

THANK YOU!!!
"For the first time in years, I feel hopeful for the future."

Trauma survivor, Charlie, had used a coping mechanism that brought them near death multiple times. After months of hard work in Shalam’s peer support program, their perspective on life was changing. They realized that they had value as a person and could hope for the future.

"You saved my life."

After suffering medical trauma, Georgia was diagnosed with PTSD. She connected with a Shalam staff member and began working on processing her trauma and strategizing how to cope when triggers arose. Shalam helped her accept that she suffered trauma but to see a way forward as well!

Types of Trauma Survivors Served in 2022 include:
- Domestic abuse survivors
- Adult survivors of childhood abuse
- Family survivors of suicide victims
- Survivors of sex trafficking
- Hero families (first responders and military)
A military family needed direction when their veteran felt like the only way to deal with his Post Traumatic Stress, was to give into addiction. We guided the spouse in setting appropriate boundaries and helping the veteran get connected with a peer support group.

HERO’S REST
PROGRESS IN 2022

Progress continued at Hero's Rest both in construction and serving heroes in 2022! This year in construction we began clearing the first campsites, surveyed for the fishing pond, and installed the driveway and tornado shelter. The staff house and workshop were drywalled, painted, floored, and fixtures were installed; nearing both buildings to completion. (p.6)

We served hero families in 2022 and invited them to Hero's Rest (two stories below). We also spoke at a Chicagoland police appreciation event where we told officers about the hundreds of people who value their service and who are coming together to build Hero’s Rest for them! (p.1)

A corrections officer's family struggled with the stress of the job being brought home in negative ways. We helped them brainstorm ways to encourage and support the officer in spending time with positive coping skills that would give an outlet to the frustration and anger brought by feeling unsupported and unappreciated in a dangerous job.

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We are grateful that in both of these situations, the service member chose to do the courageous and honorable thing of seeking help and working on healthy coping skills. Both are now eager to be guests at Hero's Rest!
Walls painted
Campsites begun
Floors installed
Driveway done!
Thanks to your generosity we will move our base of operations for Shalam Ministries to the Hero's Rest property in 2023. This will allow our staff to begin phase 1 of Hero's Rest and host our first guests, while continuing to provide trauma support via phone and video conferencing.

Please consider how you can help us reach our 2023 goals!

**GOALS**

**Move** Shalam Ministries' base of operations to Missouri

**Grow** Shalam Ministries' Board with 1-2 skilled, new members

**Host** our first hero guests at Hero's Rest

**Serve** more trauma survivors

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**PRAY** - Pray for construction and moving, for God to be preparing our first guests, and for ongoing work with survivors.

**VOLUNTEER** - Help us develop the land, help with our social media, or grow support for Hero's Rest by hosting a small introductory dinner!

**SUPPORT FINANCIALLY** - Make your donation and invite others to give as well! [shalam.org/donate](http://shalam.org/donate)
2022 FINANCES

We are proud to say in 2022, **88% of your donations went to Program Expenses**! We are also excited to report that the financial support base of Shalam Ministries and Hero's Rest grew significantly in 2022. We received our first **four grants** last year, to benefit the Hero's Rest program. During the year-end fundraiser, the number of **donors doubled** from 2021 and we raised more than any previous year-end. **Thank you!** This type of growth is essential to fulfill the vision for Hero's Rest and to continue Shalam's trauma peer support program.

**ANNUAL GIVING HISTORY**

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**2022 EXPENSES**

$165,100

**2022 DONATIONS**

$156,579

Please visit shalam.org to view detailed financials from our IRS 990
This year we were honored to be the recipient of the following grants to benefit the Hero’s Rest program. Your partnership will help us serve first responders, military, and their families at Hero’s Rest.

THANK YOU!

**Slawek Family Foundation**
Two $5,000 Grants

**Walmart #56 Ava, Missouri**
$1,000 Community Grant

**Walmart #88 Mt. Grove, Missouri**
$1,000 Community Grant
### 2023 SPONSOR PLEDGES

We are grateful to the each of the following donors who made a 2022 year-end pledge to Sponsor a Week, Weekend, or Day of Shalam and Hero's Rest in 2023. Thank you! Your sacrificial giving serves trauma survivors and provides Hero's Rest.

#### WEEK SPONSORS ($5,000)
- Mr. Steve & Mrs. Rebecca Engstrom
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- Pamela & Joseph Holtman, Jr. Foundation*
- Ms. Connie Palmer
- Mr. Joe & Mrs. Mary Slawek
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- Anonymous

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- Mr. Doug and Mrs. Tanya Webster
- Mr. Mark & Mrs. Katrina Willis
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MISSION
Meeting the needs of the traumatized, drawing them closer to God.

VISION
Building a sanctuary of rest where all are drawn to Christ.

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