A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2023 was a year of milestones and moving forward.

At Hero’s Rest we got the staff housing ready for move-in and continued clearing campsites. In August, we moved our staff and the ministry’s base of operations to the Hero’s Rest property! Since moving, we have made significant progress in recruiting volunteers to help in the many tasks needed to open Hero’s Rest. The extraordinary people of the Ozarks are interested in helping! The culture of generosity here is very encouraging.

Our work with trauma survivors has continued to go well. Our move to Missouri had little impact on our trauma survivor program, as many of our clients are served via video and phone conferencing. We are overjoyed to report that in 2023, one of our trauma clients accepted the Lord!

Last year marked the tenth anniversary for Shalam Ministries. As I reflect on the past decade, as well as this past year, I am deeply blessed by the path the Lord has led us down and by all of your amazing support through donations, prayer, and volunteering. It is my honor to serve as Shalam’s president. I look forward to the opening of Hero’s Rest and the continued growth of our trauma survivors. Thank you for joining us in this important work.

With Gratitude,

Rev. Ryan Hatch
President of Shalam Ministries
2023 HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR GENEROSITY MADE IT POSSIBLE TO...

Move Shalam Ministries’ base of operations from IL to the Hero’s Rest property in Missouri! (p.5)

Serve 37 trauma survivors with in-person, video chat, and phone support! (p.4)

Reach our 10 year anniversary as an organization and celebrate serving over 460 people! (p.6)

THANK YOU!!!
Accepting Jesus' forgiveness

Trauma survivor, Devon, struggled with deep guilt over what had been done to him and over his own sinful choices. He believed in God but also talked about what he needed to do to get to heaven. On Easter, it clicked. Jesus lived the perfect life for Devon and died to pay the penalty for every sin. Jesus loved Devon and forgave him completely. Devon chose to trust that forgiveness by praying "I believe Lord, help my unbelief".

Saving a Family

Riley was struggling with the temptation of infidelity when things at home felt impossible. Shalam Ministries helped Riley realize that painful feelings about their spouse and children were coming from past trauma. Shalam Peer Support was there for Riley when childhood trauma came to the surface. A family unit was saved when, in a pivotal moment, Riley chose to stay with their spouse and children and continue to work to heal from the pain rather than try to escape it.

Types of Trauma Survivors Served in 2023 include:

- Widows
- Domestic abuse survivors
- Adult survivors of childhood abuse
- Survivors of sex trafficking
- Hero families (first responders and military)

Types of Trauma Support include:

- Scheduled Peer Support Calls
- Emergency Peer Support Calls
- Program graduation celebrations
- Resourcing (providing referrals to counselors, programs, books etc.)
- One-time consultations

Shalam's Trauma Support Program provided peer support and other resources to 37 people in 2023! Your support helped us walk alongside these survivors, listening to their stories and guiding them in taking steps to heal. You also helped us share the hope of the gospel with many who do not yet know Jesus. Please join us in praising God for these stories of hope from 2023!
Big milestones were reached at Hero’s Rest in 2023! We \textbf{reached our goal of moving} Shalam Ministries’ base of operations and our full-time staff members onto the Hero’s Rest property. In the first half of the year, despite our contractor being in a bad car accident, we were able to \textbf{finish the staff house} and most of the workshop. Then, in August, many volunteers helped us load the moving truck in Illinois. When we got to Missouri even more volunteers showed up to help us unload on the hottest day of the year (104°F). All together, \textbf{over 53 people helped} with the move (p. 6)!

In September, a local coffee shop - The American Cup, with the help of many local businesses, hosted a fundraiser for Hero’s Rest! The “Helping the Hero’s” event was the \textbf{most successful} community led fundraiser in Shalam’s history! It also helped connect us with local first responders and potential volunteers.

The year finished up with \textbf{multiple volunteers} coming out to help set up the staff house and help with property development. (p. 7)
MOVING DAY!
Staff House finished
Moved in August
Local event in Sept.
Volunteers help out!
Thanks to your generosity reached our goal to move our base of operations from Illinois to the Hero's Rest property in 2023! This year our goal is to open 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 2024 goals!

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**PRAY** - Pray for the opening of Hero's Rest in 2023, 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 dinner!

**SUPPORT FINANCIALLY** - Make your donation and invite others to give as well! shalam.org/donate

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**GOALS**

**Open** Hero’s Rest Retreat Center in 2023 and **host** our first hero guests!

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

**Serve** more trauma survivors
2023 FINANCES

We are proud to say in 2023, **86% of your donations went to Program Expenses**! Despite being under funded (just over 40%), we continued our 11 year record by operating in the black for the 2023 fiscal year. At year-end in 2023, you raised more than any other year-end fundraiser! Funds raised included **two $50,000 grants** as well as two grants from local Missouri organizations. **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

2023 DONATIONS $189,485

Please visit shalam.org to view detailed financials from our IRS 990
This year was 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 Charitable Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation**

$50,000 Grant

**Anonymous**

$50,000 Grant

**Pamela & Joseph Holtman, Jr. Foundation**

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$5,000 Grant

**Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation**

$500 Community Grant

**Walmart #88 Mt. Grove, Missouri**

$300 Community Grant
We are grateful to the each of the following donors who made a 2023 year-end pledge to Sponsor a Week, Weekend, or Day of Shalam and Hero’s Rest in 2024. Thank you! Your sacrificial giving serves trauma survivors and provides Hero's Rest.

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- Mrs. Sue Werner and son Mr. Jack Werner
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Building a sanctuary of rest where all are drawn to Christ.

MISSION
Meeting the needs of the traumatized, drawing them closer to God.

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