2024

## ANNUAL REPORT





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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

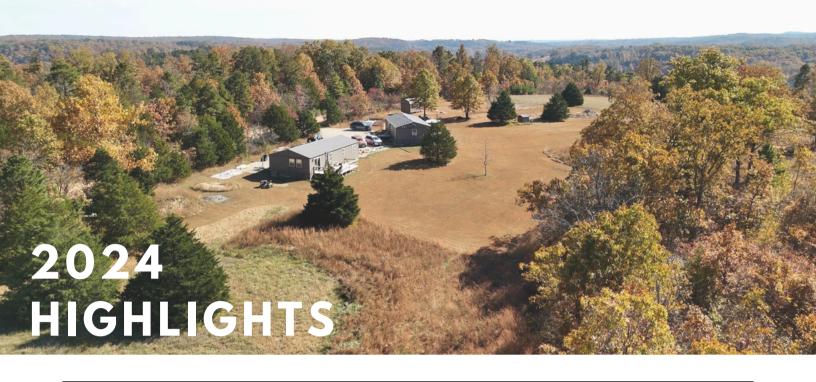
As I look back on the past four years, I marvel at what the Lord has done. In four years we have gone from looking for property, to owning 57 acres of land. With your help, we transformed this raw land by installing a well and two septics, putting in four buildings, clearing multiple campsites and trails, and digging a brand new fishing pond!

Just this past year at Hero's Rest, a new reception office and a guest bathroom house were delivered. These two buildings were crucial for opening and providing excellent facilities to guests. We continued to clear campsites, finding wonderful views and lovely secluded areas. The most fun addition to the property is a one-acre fishing pond that was dug by an excellent local excavator - Riley Dodson. These exciting developments move us closer to opening in 2025.

Shalam's Trauma Support Program provided peer support and resources to 72 people in 2024! We have seen several of our trauma clients progress well towards healing and have also begun working with several new clients.

As we have made all of this progress towards opening, I can not thank you all enough. Your support, both financial and through prayer, has been an enormous blessing to all of us. It is only with your help that we have made consistent and significant progress in building Hero's Rest. I pray that you are blessed deeply in your relationship with the Lord throughout 2025.

God Bless, Rev. Ryan Hatch President of Shalam Ministries



## YOUR GENEROSITY MADE IT POSSIBLE TO...

Construct TWO new guest facilities, a reception office and a bathroom, AND dig a pond! (pp.4-5)

Work with many volunteers and volunteer groups to make progress at Hero's Rest (p.6)

Serve **72 trauma survivors** with in-person, video chat, and phone support! (p.7)

#### THANK YOU!!!



# HERO'S RESTA

#### **PROGRESS IN 2024**

Imagine a landscape changing dramatically in just three weeks! That's what happened this fall as we dug the first fishing pond at Hero's Rest! At around an acre in size, the pond sits near the north end of the property and provides new, stunning views of the surrounding hills.

Just before the pond went in, two new buildings went in for our guests. A reception office and our first guest bathroom (pictures on p. 5.) These three crucial elements coming together, meant we were ready to announce the opening of Hero's Rest in April 2025!





We had numerous opportunities to network with first responders and veterans, as well as organizations and businesses that support them!

Once again, The American Cup hosted a fundraiser for Hero's Rest! The second annual "Helping the Hero's" event featured a talented live band - The Batchelor Family, delicious smoked pork by Sheriff Byerley, and prizes sponsored by 21 local businesses!

Many volunteers helped in 2024 with campsite clearing, controlled burning, and demolishing some old structures on the property! (pictured on p. 6)

## POND, RECEPTION, AND BATHROOM!



















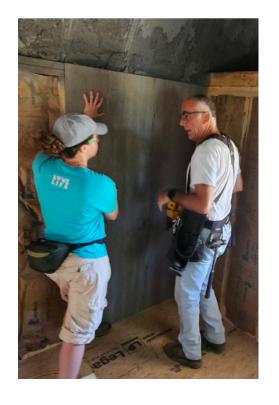




## 2024 Volunteers Thank you!!

Squires VFD Eastern Douglas Co VFD Walmart Duraline

Special Thanks to Michael Schiff for volunteering multiple days in 2024!





**72** 

1,130

501

**BENEFICIARIES IN 2024** 

**HOURS SERVED** 

**BENEFICIARIES SERVED TO DATE** 

Shalam's Trauma Support Program provided peer support and resources to 72 people in 2024! 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!

#### Helping a parent with suicidal child

A widow for seven years, Anna was struggling to help her teen daughter who was vocalizing thoughts of suicide and self-harm. Anna had been working with Shalam Ministries for a couple of years and asked them for advice. Shalam staff first helped Anna address recent conflict and supported her in seeking professional help for her daughter. They faced their challenges with courage and continue to work on improving their relationship.

#### **Types of Trauma Survivors served:**

- Parents who have lost a child
- Domestic abuse survivors
- Adult survivors of childhood abuse
- Survivors of church abuse
- Hero families (first responders and military)

#### Types of Trauma Support offered:

- Scheduled Peer Support Calls
- Emergency Peer Support Calls
- Emergency Prayer Support
- Resourcing (providing referrals to counselors, programs, books)
- One-time consultations

#### **Combating Lies with Truth**

"I can't go back to work. Please pray." Paul, a cop, was stuck, facing a familiar overwhelming darkness. He texted Shalam Ministries. The staff member he reached could relate and asked Paul some well placed questions. As he answered these questions, the critical situation locking things down became apparent. Years ago, a tough call had made Paul think his work was ineffective. A recent call had brought this belief back. Shalam and Paul confronted that false belief with truth. As a result, Paul was able to get back to work by trusting results to God.

## OUR FUTURE

#### You can help us take the final steps to opening Hero's Rest!

Every year we see the need for Hero's Rest more and more. With your help, we have made consistent and significant progress in building the retreat center! With the addition of the reception office, our first guest bathroom, and the newly dug fishing pond, we are poised to open Hero's Rest in 2025 and begin providing the much needed resource.

#### **GOALS**

**Open** Hero's Rest Retreat Center in 2025 and **serve** first responder and military guests!

**Grow** Shalam Ministries' Board by adding one skilled, new member

**Connect** with more local leaders and businesses

#### YOU CAN HELP!

PRAY - Pray for the opening of Hero's Rest in 2025, for God to be preparing our first guests, and for our team to grow as we provide this needed service.

**VOLUNTEER** - You, your church, or your business can volunteer at Hero's Rest! Help us serve first responders with your time!

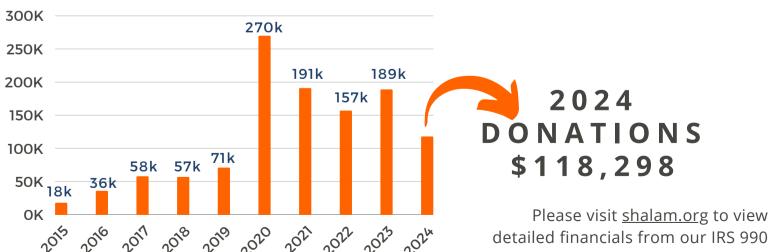
**SUPPORT FINANCIALLY** - Make your donation and invite others to give as well! **shalam.org/donate** 



We are proud to say in 2024, 91.9% of your donations went to Program Expenses! We continued our 13 year record of operating in the black for the 2024 fiscal year. This has been achieved in part by paying "cash" for all land development and construction at Hero's Rest. At year-end in 2024, you raised \$110,000 for Shalam and Hero's Rest! Thank you! Our goal is to grow that to raise \$400,000 annually. This would fund all stays at Hero's Rest, including salaries for on-site staff, continuing land and building development.



#### ANNUAL GIVING HISTORY





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!

#### **Anonymous**

\$25,000 Grant

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

a Donor Advised Fund of the Strategic Donor-Advised Fund Program \$4,000 in Various grants

#### **MFA Oil Foundation**

\$2,000 Grant for Guest Bathroom Facilities

#### Walmart #56 Ava, Missouri

\$1,000 Community Grant

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

\$500 Community Grant

# 2025 SPONSOR PLEDGES

We are grateful to the each of the following donors who made a year-end pledge to Sponsor a Week, Weekend, or Day of Shalam and Hero's Rest in 2025. 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

These donors pledged during the 2023 year-end fundraiser to sponsor days in 2024. Sponsors who pledged during the 2024 year-end fundraiser to sponsor in 2025 are celebrated on p. 12 of this report.



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Ryan Hatch President & Founder

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Maggie Caudell Director

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Rev. Ryan Hatch President Trauma Support Staff

Cheryl Hatch Treasurer Trauma Support Staff

Carissa Remillard Development Director Trauma Support Staff

#### 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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