

## **Hope on Haven Hill**

Opioid Abatement – Recovery Housing Pregnant and Postpartum Women

Demographic Informaton:

(3) Women in recovery aged 20 – 40

(3) Children aged 1-5

(3) Children aged 6-16

Impact(s), successes, and challenges of the project(s), program(s), and/or services(s) funded:

Successes include having the first-floor renter renew her lease for a second year. Her child is thriving and enrolled in a local preschool. Her older children stay with her often. The mom obtained some additional office skills and was able to land a professional job that she was able to do remotely. She recently changed jobs and is now working in the recovery field helping other women. She still is involved in many of our HHH activities, often just as a friend of HHH and sharing her story.

The second-floor unit has been rented twice during the past year. The first family was a woman who also went on to obtain employment in the recovery field, and her young child. She moved into another apartment after a few months, in order to live with her fiancé. The current family is another woman in recovery with a young child as well as two older children, and a pet rabbit. She works full time, and the children are all enrolled in school.

The impacts on these families are noticeable. They have been able to find safe, affordable housing, in a duplex with units that are well maintained and updated. Any maintenance issues are handled promptly due to having a facilities manager on the HHH staff, and all landscaping and exterior issues are noticed immediately because we are right next door.

The greatest challenge was due to the timing of the award, we were unable to utilize the bulk of our budget on the much-needed repairs and upgrades to the

two rental units, prior to the June 15, 2023, move-in dates for the initial two families. We left a lot of money on the table for this reason.