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### **CONCERT CELEBRATES RESTORED PIANO AND RESTORED LIVES**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** -- An abandoned house in Springfield, Ohio, has become a center of restoration for broken lives and a broken piano. Empty for ten years, the house now belongs to [Safe Harbor House](#), a ministry for women in crisis. Volunteers restored the building, and Safe Harbor donated the [historic French piano](#) it previously housed to Cedarville University. Now the piano is also restored, and Cedarville will host a musical celebration March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dixon Ministry Center Recital Hall to unveil the instrument and honor the ministry of Safe Harbor. The concert, titled "Making All Things New," is free and open to the public.

John Mortensen, a professor of music, said the connection between Safe Harbor's ministry to rebuild lives and the restoration of the historic piano calls for mutual celebration. "Having a big party and celebrating all these things together seemed like the obvious thing to do," Mortensen said. The concert program includes classical, spiritual and jazz music that, according to Mortensen, has power to bring people together and express the sorrow and joy of redemption.

Amy Willman, executive director for Safe Harbor, said the abandoned house has not been cosmetically renovated, but completely restored — just like the women who now live there. "The house is a concrete reflection of what's happening in their hearts and their lives," Willman said. The restored home, now called the Lighthouse, is directly across the street from Safe Harbor and provides transitional housing for women completing the one-year program.

After the concert, a reception will allow audience members to see the piano up close, ask questions—even play the instrument. Guests can also learn more about Safe Harbor clients' experience of restoration through original poetry and reflections on display.

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