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PROFILE

A CLIENT’S PERSPECTIVE: **Guy’s Story**

I lost everything in my divorce and then got laid-off from my job. I lived for a while in my truck until I had to sell it. That brought me to the Hope Center’s Emergency Shelter for the first time. Since then I’ve stayed here off and on when I don’t have a job.

The good thing about the Hope Center is I don’t have to worry about not having money. They help me with food, a place to stay, even let me take showers and do laundry. The clinic helps me get insulin so I can take care of my diabetes.


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When you’re homeless you spend a lot of time alone. People don’t look at you the same, and you don’t have many friends – nobody to pal around with. There are other men at the Emergency Shelter who are in the same situation as me. They understand what I’m going through. It’s important to be around people who care and understand.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please help us make sure we have your most updated information. Would you like to be added to our e-mail list, do you have a change of address or name, would you like to be deleted from our mailing list, etc.? If you have a change of any sort, please contact Heather Mitchell at 859-252-7881 or hmittell@hopectr.org.



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Ball-Quantrell Jones Center
for Women
George Privett Recovery Center
Fayette County Detention
Center Recovery Program
HopeMobile
Hill Rise Place
One Parent Scholar House

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The Capacity of Hope

New facility will meet urgent need for beds for the homeless

Thank you Central Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Kentucky Housing Corporation and Lexmark International. And thank you especially to the extraordinarily generous couple whose names will appear on a major new Hope Center facility (and whose identity will be announced at the groundbreaking).



Cecil Dunn

Last winter I wrote here about the challenging numbers at our Emergency Shelter, the 1993 building that houses our overnight population, our mental health programs, health clinic, employment program, transitional housing and several more activities dedicated to helping the homeless.

That facility has 118 beds, yet we often have to find room for 200 or more men, sometimes upwards of 230. With mattresses spread on the floor at night and with overflow help from our church friends at Grace Baptist and Arlington Christian we have managed never to turn anyone away for lack of capacity. Still, we clearly had to deal with the issue.

I told you then we were

working diligently to develop a solution. I'm happy to report that our efforts have paid off.

We are about to break ground on a new 140-plus-bed facility on West Loudon Avenue,

across the street and just east of the Emergency Shelter. It will house many of the program clients now sleeping in the shelter. The shelter will become more of what its name implies, a place where men in immediate need can find shelter, food and clothing. It will also continue to be a place where those men can find the help they need to change their lives.

This new building would not have been possible without a critical million-dollar gift. This act of generosity is a testament to the donors' commitment to the plight of the homeless. It also tells of their faith in what the Hope Center does not only to get people off the street but to give them the personal tools they need to stay off the street.

With the help of Central Bank we were able to secure another million dollars in the form of a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. Kentucky Housing Corporation will also provide a significant grant. Lexmark donated the land.

Mark September 24 on your calendar. We are planning the groundbreaking for that date. Details will follow.

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knowing that their commitment reflects a confidence in what we do. It is one thing to recognize a need. It is another thing to do the right thing to meet that need, to give those who need your help the kind of help that

will stay with them, tomorrow and for years to come.

That is what the Hope Center does. Thanks to the people I mentioned above. And thanks to you. 🌟

Save the Date | The Ball Homes Night of Hope is Back



On October 28, the Hope Center will hold the second Ball Homes Night of Hope at The Lexington Opera House. No matter who you speak with, everyone agrees that last year's Ball Homes Night of Hope was a rousing success. More than 800 people attended.

The featured attraction this year will be a presentation by Jeannette Walls, whose memoir, *The Glass Castle*, has been on the New York Times best-seller list for three years. Even though alcoholism, mental illness and homelessness all affected her family, hers is a story of hope, perseverance and accomplishment.

Don and Mira Ball, who have been so generous to the Hope Center for so many years, have enthusiastically thrown their support behind this event for the second year by providing the title sponsorship through Ball Homes.

Other sponsorship opportunities are available. Kim Livesay can answer any questions about the sponsorship levels and benefits. You can reach her at 859.252.7881, ext. 3008, or klivesay@hopectr.org.

Tickets will go on sale at the first of September. You can purchase them online at www.hopectr.org or by calling 859-252-7881. Last year's event sold out so please reserve your tickets early. 🌊

It's Car Raffle Time (and it's a beauty!)



Can you see yourself driving a 2011 Cadillac SRX Crossover? Thanks to the generosity of Quantrell Cadillac you could own one for only \$100.

Quantrell Cadillac donated the car to the Hope Center and it will be raffled during the Ball Homes Night of Hope at the Lexington Opera House on Thursday, October 28. Only 1,200 raffle tickets will be sold for \$100 each. Tickets go on sale September 1. You can purchase a ticket at www.hopectr.org or by calling 859-252-7881.

faith feeds



Back row - Faith Feed volunteers Jim Warren, Erica Horn, Debbie Abrams, Jan Hellebusch, Mary Powell; in front - Laura Wigglesworth and Phyllis Horn

Since June 17, the Hope Center has been the recipient of over 1,000 pounds of fresh food gleaned from Lexington's Farmers' Market and other sources by volunteers of *Faith Feeds*.

Gleaning is the traditional Biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot or be plowed under after harvest. *Faith Feeds* is a cooperative association of individuals and faith communities that glean fresh food and donate the food to emergency food agencies or churches in Lexington that feed those in need.

In 2009, *Faith Feeds* did some traditional gleaning of farms and orchards and while they plan to do that again, the group's biggest opportunity this year has come through its association with the Lexington Farmers' Market. Since the middle of June at the end of every market on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, volunteers have picked up food donated by farmers and delivered it to an emergency food agency. Since beginning in mid-June, volunteers have collected over 9,000 pounds of food.

The concept of *Faith Feeds* originated from an awareness of the many churches that have gardens and hunger ministries. Connections with these churches, people known to have an interest in growing food and those interested in ending food insecurity form the core group of volunteers and recipients. However, none of this would be possible without the support of groups such as Lexington Farmers Market and God's Pantry Food Bank and the core of volunteers who collect and distribute the food four days a week.

Through these combined efforts, persons who have little to no food or whose only food is processed food, now have an opportunity to have fresh food.

If you are interested in participating in this unique ministry, please e-mail us at faithfeedslex@gmail.com or call John Walker (859-797-2326) or Erica Horn (859-333-0247).

The Hope Center and all its clients thank *Faith Feeds* for the delicious fresh food received this summer. 🌊

FOR THE RECORD / Services provided for April-June (at the Emergency Shelter unless otherwise noted)

Meals Served
(including Privett Center & Women's Center) 87,473

Nights Lodging
(including Privett Center)..... 30,094

Clothing Issued 10,552

Mobile Outreach 2,272

Volunteer Hours 1,418

Health Clinic Visits 1,646

Mental Health Services 5,926

Men's Recovery Admissions 66

Housing & Employment 414

Hispanic Program 736

Women's Recovery Admissions 15

INCOME (April-June)

Grants \$681,910

Individuals \$21,305

Churches \$5,680

Businesses \$16,269

TOTAL \$725,164

It's Time to Think About the Holidays

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time when friends and family get together, often over too much food! Have you ever wondered what those who are homeless do? We need your help to make Thanksgiving extra special for the homeless in our community.

On Monday, November 22, the Hope Center will celebrate Thanksgiving by serving our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. In addition to serving our clients at the Emergency Shelter, our cafeteria will be open to anyone in the community who is in need of a warm Thanksgiving meal. We will feed approximately 200 people.

You can help provide the meal by donating funds to purchase the food or by donating the food to be prepared.

Christmas

The Hope Center's annual Community Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 16. Last year, approximately 300 men, women and children attended the party that provides dinner and Christmas presents for everyone.

Last year many of you and your groups/organizations provided food for a festive meal and presents for everyone in attendance. In addition, many of you volunteered to help during the party.

If you would like to donate food or presents or volunteer your time during the holidays this year, please contact Heather Mitchell at 859-252-7881, ext. 3041, or hmitchell@hopectr.org. Thank you for all you do to make these holidays special for so many.



Area Restaurants Provide Meals

When you serve more than 1,200 meals a day, food is a very important commodity. Several restaurants in Lexington are saving their unsold food items for the Hope Center to pick up. The restaurants have little waste and the food is a blessing to Hope Center clients.

The Hope Center specifically thanks the *Kentucky Fried Chicken* restaurants in Hamburg and on Richmond Road, the *Pizza Huts* on North New Circle Road and on Tates Creek Road, *The Soup Kitchen* on Southland Drive, *Atlanta Bread Company*, *Red Lobster* and the *Starbucks* on Versailles Road, Boston Road and Main Street.

Please stop by these restaurants for a meal and to thank them for supporting the Hope Center.

If your restaurant would like to participate in this program, please contact Heather Mitchell at 859.252.7881 or hmitchell@hopectr.org.

Top 5 Things We Need

- Twin-sized sheets and comforters
- Towels
- Shower Shoes (Flip Flops)
- Foot Powder
- Razors

See full list of needed items at www.hopectr.org



The **Hope Center** provides services to the homeless in Lexington, Kentucky, including the immediate needs of food, shelter and clothing and the longer-term needs of detox and substance abuse recovery, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, health clinic services, employment counseling, life skills, housing support and transitional housing.

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Leave a legacy of hope by including the Hope Center in your Planned Giving. For more information, please call Kim Livesay at (859) 252-7881.