

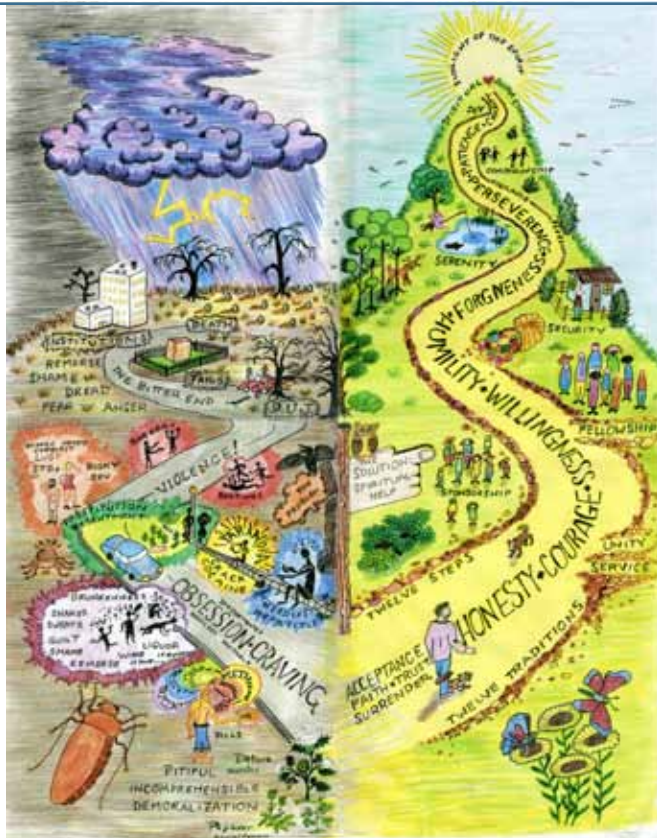
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A CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE:
**Artwork of
Addiction
and Healing**
Drawing by Andrew Lampkin

Andrew entered the Hope Center in June of 2008 and completed the program in February 2009. He then worked as a Peer Mentor, giving back to the Recovery Program. Andrew has a background in teaching, and became a Hope Center staff member four months ago.



**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 hmitchell@hopectr.org.

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The Hope Center's mission is to care for homeless and at-risk persons by providing life-sustaining and life-rebuilding services that are comprehensive and address underlying causes.

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Cutting Funding for the Most Vulnerable *Budget proposal should be reversed*

It was about 20 years ago that the Urban County Government gave us our mission of dealing with the homeless, in particular of providing shelter, food and clothing for homeless adult males in the city-built shelter. The city also charged us with providing comprehensive services to the homeless population. We took on that task. People tell me we do the job pretty well. We shelter people. We also succeed in getting many of them on a path toward self-sufficiency.

The shelter building the city provided in 1993 has 118 beds. We now typically house on average more than 220 men a night there. (The need to house all those men is the reason we have had to raise funds from a variety of sources for a new transitional housing facility, which is under construction. The city is not providing any funding for that building.)

From the beginning, the understanding has been that the city would help fund the cost of operating the shelter the city built. While the city has never provided the full cost of that operation, the



Cecil Dunn

city's contribution has been significant.

Now, however, under the mayor's budget proposal, the city would be weakening that commitment. The mayor has proposed that the city's contribution to

our operating budget be cut by \$74,000.

One reason these funds are so critical is that there are so few alternatives.

We work hard to get grants and support for our mental health, recovery, employment and other programs, but few of these funding sources provide for the basics of getting people off the street in the first place.

We all understand that these are difficult times, but it is precisely in difficult times that the need for the Hope Center's services soars. We cannot do more with less.

The Hope Center does not turn people away. We have an obligation to shelter those 220 men each night. (Overall, the Hope Center houses nearly 700 people each night

at its various facilities.) If we turned them away, the result would be deeply unfortunate for the homeless individuals, for Lexington's neighborhoods and businesses and for the Urban County Government. If we are to do the job the city has given us, we have to have the resources to do it.

One other point is worth making. Already, a few weeks ago, the administration cut support for the Hope Center by \$50,000 in money that comes from federal, not local, sources and is allocated by the city. That means that the administration is actually proposing cuts totaling \$124,000 in basic services to the

homeless population during a time of economic weakness and high unemployment. It's hard to understand the thinking behind that.

There is still time for the Urban County Council to amend the mayor's recommendation and restore the \$74,000 in budgeted funding. We will urge them to do so.

Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

One Scholar Success Story: Whittney and Jaden Johnson

Whittney Johnson was a senior in high school with a scholarship to the University of Kentucky when she became pregnant. She did not know how she could manage both being a student and raising a small child on her own. Her University of Kentucky admissions counselor suggested she take a look at One Parent Scholar House (then Virginia Place).

Whittney saw great promise in the program, filled out the application and was accepted. What she found when she became a part of One Parent Scholar House (OPSH) was the support and acceptance she needed to move forward with her life.

“My new friends and other residents and staff became my new support system,” said Whittney. “I was accepted in to the community, and I was not judged by my circumstances.”

And her daughter, Jaden, who was at One Parent Scholar House from the time she was six weeks to five years old, thrived as well.

“Jaden did excellent. She was everybody’s daughter,” said Whittney. “She accelerated in the program. I owe it to the staff at the child care development

center. They took such great care of her, and I did not have to worry about who was looking after my daughter.”

Whittney has graduated from University of Kentucky with a degree in Social Work and Sociology and now serves as a Social Worker at the Fayette County Public Defender’s Office.

In her speech given to recent OPSH graduates, Whittney comments, “It does not stop here: Lee Iacocca stated, *“People say to me you were a roaring success. How did you do it? I go back to what my parents taught me: Apply yourself; get all the education you can, but then by God do something. Don’t just stand there, make something happen.”* One Parent Scholar House is the foundation, the beginning, and a door opener to the future.”

See hopectr.org and click on the One Parent Scholar House logo for more details.



One Parent Scholar House Graduation Symbolizes New Beginning for Clients

Many young women experience challenges in life, whether it is an early pregnancy, abusive relationship or separation from family, but many of these same women have a strong desire to be well educated and successful. One Parent Scholar House is a program to assist single parents who desire a better life for their families.

On May 12, 2011, many clients of One Parent Scholar House celebrated the completion of their education goals. Diplomas earned included Bachelor Degrees in Mathematics, Accounting, Marketing and Merchandising, a Masters in Family Studies, plus cosmetology and technical college degrees.

One Parent Scholar House provides affordable housing, social services and three-star day care for clients’ children. See hopectr.org and click on the One Parent Scholar House logo for more details.



One Parent SCHOLAR HOUSE
FORMERLY KNOWN AS VIRGINIA PLACE

Visit Hopectr.org and Join Us in the Battle Against Homelessness

A new communications tool for the Hope Center is being developed; a monthly e-newsletter. This will provide you with timely Hope Center news and happenings. Each issue will include reflections from a client, program updates and details of events.

Please visit our website at hopectr.org and click on the “Partner with Us!” button to send us your email address. Our wish is to better communicate with you!



FOR THE RECORD / Client services provided for January to March (at the Emergency Shelter unless otherwise noted)

Meals Served (including Privett Center & Women’s Center) 93,344	Mobile Outreach 2,406
Nights Lodging (including Privett Center) 23,539	Volunteer Hours 1,480
Clothing Issued 10,019	Health Clinic Visits 3,228
	Mental Health Services 7,780

Men’s Recovery Admissions 53
Housing & Employment 1,114
Hispanic Program 699
Women’s Recovery Admissions 27

INCOME (January-March)

Grants	\$615,568.00
Individuals	\$21,591.94
Churches	\$17,807.71
Businesses	\$12,591.00
TOTAL	\$667,558.65



Drug Free Youth

The Foundation for a Drug Free Youth stretched their giving by increasing their annual support to \$17,500. This donation will help provide assistance to the men and women in our recovery program.

Pictured left to right: Janice James, Cecil Dunn, Dr. George Ross, Kolan Morelock

Top 5 Things We Need

- Bus Tokens
- Sandwiches to be distributed on Fridays for the HopeMobile
- Towels
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Personal Hygiene Items (trial size)

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.

Hope Center Volunteers!

KRAFT FOODS & UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Kraft Foods and the University of Kentucky's Career Development Center have partnered with the Hope Center. They are helping support our single parent families and teachers at One Parent Scholar House by donating Kraft products and time on an ongoing basis.

Kraft Foods recently brought over a truck load of crackers and cookies, and with the help of the Career Development Center, helped distribute them to our families and our Child Development Center.

Thank you Kraft Foods and the Career Development Center for being a responsible community partner!

If your business would be interested in partnering with One Parent Scholar House, or any Hope Center Agency, please contact Heather Mitchell at 859.252.7881, ext. 3041.



SEARS & PHI KAPPA TAU

The Hope Center was proud to be the pilot project for the Do It Together Campaign (DIT) as a collaboration between Sears and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Sears provided the shelving, park benches and donations while members of Phi Kappa Tau provided the labor!

Last, but not least, Michelle Beadle with ESPN came to unveil the project!

Thank you Sears and Phi Kappa Tau for making a lasting impression on the Hope Center.

For more information and a great video please check out our website www.hopectr.org.



KELLER WILLIAMS BLUEGRASS REALTY SHINE UP THE HOPE CENTER

Keller Williams Bluegrass Realty helped brighten up the Hope Center with donations and a day of service through their Renew Energize Donate (RED) program. The group painted our hallways at the Emergency Shelter, planted seeds and plants in our garden and donated 300 backpacks for our homeless clients.

Thank you Keller Williams Bluegrass Realty for making a difference! See hopectr.org and click on the Volunteer button to help.



Volunteers!

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The Ball Homes
NIGHT OF HOPE
PRESENTED BY DON & CATHY JACOBS



SAVE THE DATE! And Support the Ball Homes Night of Hope with a Sponsorship!

Plan to attend this year's Ball Homes Night of Hope on November 17. Event details will be in the next *Words of Hope* Newsletter. Also, event sponsorships are now available. We offer great exposure for your business, and you are helping the homeless at the same time! Please contact Carrie Thayer (859-225-4673 x107 or cthayer@hopectr.org) for a full sponsorship proposal.