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## A CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE: Frank and Dominic

Sitting with Frank and Dominic at the One Parent Scholar House, it is clear how happy they are to be together as a family. In fact, Dominic runs to his dad each day when he comes to pick him up from the child care center. And it is obvious Frank is so grateful for this second chance.

Frank began the Hope Center Recovery Program at the Fayette County Detention Center, where he was

serving time for dealing and using drugs. He continued the program at the Emergency Shelter and then at the George Privett Recovery Center where he completed in November. Frank then served as a peer mentor, helping other men to become stronger in their addiction recovery.

"I knew better," said Frank. "I had great parents who taught me better, but I just didn't listen and took a very hard journey. Living at the shelter for a while was a great dose of humility for me," he said. "Each night as the men got their mats out I would say to myself,

I cannot let myself live this life."

The entire time Frank was growing in his own recovery, he also battled for custody of his then two-year-old son Dominic. And he won. Wanting to make a better life for himself and Dominic, Frank explored all options for the next step in their lives. Hope Center Caseworker Chuck Gilliam told him about the One Parent Scholar House. In September 2011, Frank and Dominic moved into a two-bedroom apartment at One Parent Scholar House and Frank is taking classes at Bluegrass Community & Technical College while Dominic



flourishes at the One Parent child care center.

"I owe the Hope Center everything...my sobriety, my son, my life."

Frank plans to transfer to a four year school, earn a degree in Social Work/Human Service and spend his life giving back by working with youth and at-risk youth.

## 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](mailto:hmitchell@hopectr.org).

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Emergency Shelter  
Ball-Quantrell Jones Center for Women  
George Privett Recovery Center  
Fayette County Detention Center Recovery Program  
HopeMobile  
Hill Rise Place Apartments  
Barbara Hardwick Rouse House  
One Parent Scholar House

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## A Little History

### Remembering Lexington's homeless problem as it used to be

During the 1980s downtown Lexington was a daily home to hundreds of homeless and near homeless people. Three downtown centers struggled to deal with these numbers. The



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Salvation Army provided night shelter, the Community Kitchen served meals and the Horizon Center delivered social services as a day center.

To get an idea of the number of people they were dealing with, the three centers compiled their statistics for the first two months of 1988 and found they had served a total of 580 different persons. These individuals spent their days traveling the length and breadth of downtown in a constant parade.

In a 1985 Herald-Leader article welcoming visitors to the Final Four, Andy Mead wrote, "Lexington has a growing number of homeless, jobless people. How to deal with them has been a major subject of debate. The city recently removed some downtown bus shelters to prevent street people from gathering there."

One Urban County Councilmember said that he wanted Lexington's street people barred from entering

the downtown business district. Another told the police chief that police ought to harass street people. Prominent developers asked the Salvation Army to move out of downtown. From time to time, an individual would be found dead from exposure.

Downtown Lexington had become overburdened with homeless people. They were a hindrance to business. They were a deterrent to the casual visitor and the potential customer. There weren't enough social services available.

The Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness studied the matter and issued its report in October, 1990. It called for the establishment of a new "24-hour comprehensive service facility."

The city built the new facility on West Loudon Avenue, about two miles from the center of downtown. The city asked the Hope Center (the new name for the Horizon Center) to undertake the challenge of operating the city's new shelter and to develop comprehensive programming.

We have fulfilled that challenge every day since the emergency shelter opened in 1993, and the city has helped underwrite the cost of operation. That's appropriate because it is at the city level that basic service needs must be met.

We have leveraged that support tremendously by seeking and winning funding for programs that help the homeless find

their way towards self-reliance and by building six additional facilities. But emergency shelter remains a critical need. It is also the irreplaceable first step toward the programs that provide lasting solutions for homeless people.

There are still homeless people

around town, of course. Some are averse to shelters or fearful of rules. Some just aren't wired that way. But those of us who remember the 1980s – and early 1990s – know just how much better things are now. They are better because the city and the Hope Center have worked together not just to fund and operate the city's emergency shelter, but to build upon it.

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Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

# Hope Center Community Presentations

Want your organization or community group to know more about the life-rebuilding programs at the Hope Center? Contact us at 859-225-4673 x 107 and we would be happy to come to your next meeting!

The new Hope Center video will be a part of this presentation. This new video is a heart-warming three minute Bullhorn Marketing video which so accurately captures the journey of many clients. You can see it on [hopectr.org](http://hopectr.org).



## In Honor of Arnold Kirkpatrick

**February 14, 1941 – November 29, 2011**

Beloved husband and father, successful real estate broker, award-winning writer, tremendous person and Hope Center Board Member since 1994. The Hope Center will greatly miss you.

# An Amazing “Piece”

With the newly built Jacobs Cafeteria and Don and Cathy Jacobs House, decorations were needed for the common areas. Cathy Jacobs teamed with the Sayre School Art Department to create incredible works made of giant, wooden puzzle pieces which come together to create a larger piece.

“The art was a great way to get our clients involved in the new buildings. Hopefully it will be making the walls bright, interesting and uplifting for years to come,” said Cathy Jacobs.

The artwork is up and the final touches are being organized for the new buildings. You are invited to see the finished product at the grand opening (date to come).



## Hope-Inspired Art Exhibit: February 17 through March 9 at Central Bank



You are invited to enjoy the Hope-Inspired Art Exhibit at the John G. Irvin Gallery at Central Bank beginning on February 17. Over 25 pieces of art completed by Hope Center clients and staff members will be on display.

“My art has helped my recovery by teaching me patience,” said Charles Fain, a recently graduated Hope Center client who loves to spend hours sculpting.

Each art piece is individually inspired, just as each Hope Center artist has their own journey.

*Special thank you to Frame Outlet (859-278-8686) on Southland Drive for assisting to prepare the client art for the exhibit.*

### FOR THE RECORD / Client services provided for July-September (at the Emergency Shelter unless otherwise noted)

**Meals Served**  
(including Privett Center & Women's Center) . . . . . 93,623

**Nights Lodging**  
(including Privett Center) . . . . . 30,620

**Clothing Issued** . . . . . 9,485

**Mobile Outreach** . . . . . 2,600

**Volunteer Hours** . . . . . 1,647.50

**Health Clinic Visits** . . . . . 1,622

**Mental Health Services** . . . . . 9,181

**Men's Recovery Admissions** . . . . . 82

**Housing & Employment** . . . . . 959

**Hispanic Program** . . . . . 693

**Women's Recovery Admissions** . . . . . 24

### INCOME (July-September)

**Grants** . . . . . \$572,835.00

**Individuals** . . . . . \$27,345.00

**Churches** . . . . . \$5,235.00

**Businesses** . . . . . \$35,990.00

**TOTAL** . . . . . \$641,405.00

# A World of Thanks to All

Simply put, lives could not be rebuilt without our Lexington community support. A special thank you to the following:

**PNC Bank** for the new One Parent Scholar House Computer Room



**J Jill** for the Support of the Women's Recovery Program

**Professional Women's Forum** for their loads of gifts to One Parent Scholar House

**Sayre School Art Department** for assistance with new artwork

**Altrusa International** for their One Parent Scholar House Brains & Bellies and HUGS (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) programs

**PharmaNet iz and Phi Sigma Rho** for the One Parent Donation Drives.

**The Gathering Christian Church** for the Hope in a Bag program.

**St. Raphael's Episcopal Church** for the Book Drive and Thanksgiving Baskets

**WARM Up America and Stitch Nitch** for making scarves for all our clients

**Brownie Troop 874** for the Birthday in a Box Program for One Parent Scholar House

**Starbucks, Boston Road** for catering a Christmas Program

**Kraft Foods** for the presents for parents and decorating a Christmas tree in lobby

**Junior League** for donating coats for the children

**Ashland Inc.** for the constant support and generous gifts

**Christ Church Cathedral, Christ the King School, Brewer Family, Newman Center, Bluegrass Credit Union, Toyota, Whitaker Bank, Old Paris Church of God, Kentucky Bank, Global Scholars, Lexington Rotary Club, Sullivan University, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Robertson Family, Nigoff Family, Daybreak Community Church, First Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Ball Homes, Faith Lutheran Church, Southern Heights Baptist Church, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, Oasis Community Church, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, and David & Ginny Hyman** for all the Christmas gifts and food for clients. And to **Space Center Storage** for the space to store all of the above goodies!

*And, there are many more who assist the Hope Center clients; we thank you all and look forward to a wonderful 2012 with you!*

## Top 5 Things We Need

- Jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Towels
- Blankets
- Personal Hygiene Items (trial size)

See full list of needed items at [www.hopectr.org](http://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.

**Thank you to everyone who sponsored and attended the 2011 Ball Homes Night of Hope.** The event included beautiful music, and an inspirational speaker in Steve Lopez and it raised much needed funding for all Hope Center programs. Enjoy more pictures on the website and newsletter, *Hope Headlines*. Thank you again for a very successful event and for joining in the battle of homelessness, addiction and mental illness.



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*"I have traveled around the country to various homeless facilities and programs. After my tour today of the Hope Center, I have to say that this is one of the best, if not the best, I have seen."*

- Steve Lopez, LA Times Columnist and author of *The Soloist*

At the Ball Homes Night of Hope - Nov 17, 2011

