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HOPE CENTER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM CLIENT:

Michael Johnston

Michael Johnston came to Lexington to be close to his son. But with no money saved or a solid employment history, he had a difficult time getting settled. Michael lived with his son for a short period of time, but wanted to build a new life for himself.

“My son’s preacher told me about the Hope Center,” said Michael.

“And they helped me not only find a job, but

they helped me build a resume, gave me a place to stay and food to eat. This has allowed me to perform well on the job and to begin saving money.”

Michael worked in the Hope Center Health Clinic assisting the nurses with client care and filing. He also learned computer skills and other office skills.

Regarding Employment Program caseworker Kris Squires, Michael said, “If you need anything or forget something, his door is always open. And if he can’t help you,

he will connect you with someone in Lexington who can.”

Now Michael is hopeful for his future. He is currently working as a temporary at Toyota, and really enjoys his job.

“We shuttle and move over 550 cars each night” said Michael.

“I love my job, but I will need something more permanent soon. However, I now have the ability to save for better transportation for myself and for a deposit on an apartment.”

Michael is currently apartment shopping in Lexington, and looks forward to having a place of his own soon.



Michael is one of 144 men in life-rebuilding programs, such as the Employment Program, who live at the new Jacobs House.

HOPE CENTER

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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The employed homeless

*A few words about those who have jobs but nowhere to live
Also, a current need in Social Services*

It seems to surprise some people to learn that there are significant numbers of people living in America's shelters who are employed in jobs full time. Surprising or not, it's true.



Cecil Dunn

At the Hope Center we have several clients who have regular jobs but don't yet have the resources they need to live independently. The jobs are varied. One client drives a shuttle bus for a manufacturer. Another is a shift supervisor at a warehouse. Several have jobs with big box retailers or construction companies. Others work with a variety of other employers.

Some clients have obtained jobs with the help of our Employment Program. Some were already employed when they showed up at the Emergency Shelter. We also work on employment matters with clients in our Veterans Program and those in Phase 2 of our Recovery Program.

One reason they live with us despite having work is they haven't accumulated enough money to pay deposits for rent and utilities. They also may have obligations they already

owe. We work with them to save enough to move into a place of their own. At the lower end of the income scale these obstacles loom larger than many of us might appreciate.

Wage stagnation and real estate cost rises over

the decades play roles here as well. In 1967 a year-round worker earning the minimum wage could support a family of three above the poverty line. That is no longer true.

As I have written before, homeless individuals are as varied as any other population. Included among them are dedicated, hard-working full time employees struggling to get to the next rung on life's ladder.

Social Services need

Our Social Service Program provides a variety of services for those clients who are rebuilding their lives by connecting them with resources and offering individual acts of support.

Sometimes this support involves help with a specific need that requires a small expenditure, usually less than \$40. Sometimes it is a taxi voucher to get a client to a medical appointment. It could be a bus ticket to get home or a token to get to work. Sometimes it is used to purchase prescription medications.

For more than 15 years, a single dedicated donor has provided this money as a regular gift totaling \$5,200 annually. Recently, this good friend of the Hope Center had to cut back this support to \$1,000 annually. We currently are seeking another to make a \$350 donation per month; a donation which would make a direct impact in the daily lives of men trying to improve their lives.

Each one of us has the amazing power to affect the lives of those struggling to rebuild. And rebuilding lives is exactly the mission of each Hope Center program.

Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

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Education Builds Hope Celebrates the One Parent Scholar House

On May 17 over 450 people celebrated the newest Hope Center program, One Parent Scholar House (formerly Virginia Place), at the Education Builds Hope Luncheon. At the

sold-out Carrick House event, after being introduced by R.J. Corman, John Calipari greeted the crowd and spoke of the importance of Scholar House programs, which allow single parents with young children to attend college by providing them housing, child care and social services.

The One Parent residents themselves expressed their gratitude to the crowd, many of them with their younger scholars in tow. As resident Megan Simpson expressed, "Without One Parent Scholar House I wouldn't have had the resources to complete my degree and take good care of my children at the same time. I will graduate in December, 2012 with my Associate of Applied Science in Medical Technology. Thank you One Parent Scholar House; my children and I are very grateful for all the services and care that you all have provided us. This program has given us an awesome opportunity and we thank you."

Orlando Antigua then introduced featured speaker Liz Murray, who guided the audience through the incredible story of her childhood dealing with addicted parents and teenage homelessness. Liz had the audience laughing and crying in between reflecting on their own lives as she spoke of how education empowered her to grow and move upward in her life. Her performance met with rave reviews saying she was one of the most powerful speakers the audience members had heard.

One Parent Scholar House would like to thank our sponsors and all who attended this new event!



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Ford Donates \$10,000 to the Hope Center

Ford Motor Company Fund and area Ford and Lincoln Dealer's Operation Goodwill presented the Hope Center with a check for \$10,000 to assist the Hope Center Emergency Homeless Shelter and Recovery Programs.

"We are grateful to partner with the area Ford and Lincoln dealers," said Don Ball, Chairman of the Hope Center Board. "Their Operation Goodwill effort is an effective initiative to assist worthy programs and to better our community."

FOR THE RECORD / Client services provided for January-March 2012 (at the Emergency Shelter unless otherwise noted)

Meals Served
(including Privett Center & Women's Center) 95,114
Nights Lodging
(including Privett Center) 32,866
Clothing Issued 10,235

Mobile Outreach 2,771
Volunteer Hours 1,917.50
Health Clinic Visits 1,598
Mental Health Services 9,299

Men's Recovery Admissions 78
Housing & Employment 1,204
Hispanic Program 634
Women's Recovery Admissions 24

INCOME (Jan-March)

Grants \$582,497.00
Individuals \$25,586.00
Churches \$4,562.00
Businesses \$24,292.00
TOTAL \$636,937.00

Friendly Competition between Governors for the NCAA Championship Benefits the Homeless



Kansas Steak Burgers Enjoyed at the Hope Center

Gov. Steve Beshear and Gov. Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas, had some friendly competition during the NCAA Championship. If Kentucky won, Gov. Brownback would donate their famous Kansas beef to a Kentucky charity. If Kansas won, Gov. Beshear would donate famous Kentucky hams to a charity in Kansas.

As we all know, Kentucky won and on May 8 Governor and First Lady Beshear and Hope Center clients enjoyed steak burgers from Gov. Brownback at the new Jacobs Hope Cafeteria.

"We would like to thank Kansas and Governor Brownback for their sportsmanship and this gracious donation," Gov. Steve Beshear said. "Of course we also thank the UK team for thrilling us with their inspired play this season."

Hope Center Executive Director Cecil Dunn says "It's great to see a national event bring two cities together and help the homeless. We are very grateful to Governors Beshear and Brownback for their passion and generosity. This beef donation made an immediate impact on the homeless that we serve and is a very creative way to show our clients that our community cares."

This generous donation has fed delicious burgers to 400 homeless men and women at the Hope Center.

Top 5 Things We Need

- Shower Shoes (flip flops)
- Towels
- Sunscreen
- Sandwiches for the Hope Mobile
- Personal Hygiene Items (trial size)

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

"Ladies, We Are the Miracles!"—Hope Center Recovery Program for Women Client



The two overwhelmingly popular thank-you comments at the 25th Transitional Ceremony for the Hope Center Recovery Program for Women this June were, "I thank the Hope Center staff," and "I thank God, for I would not be where I am today without my higher power." So many clients linked the two, saying, "I thank the Hope Center staff for loving me until I could love myself and my God," and "I came in here spiritually sick, and the staff helped me to become spiritually strong. I am blessed and grateful."

Twenty-three women graduated from the Hope Center Recovery Program this May. The transitional ceremony was filled with laughter as the Phase One clients performed a skit portraying the graduates and the Hope Center staff. There was also singing and many serious moments as the women spoke of their lives before and after the Hope Center.

"We see you all as beautiful roses," said Stephanie Gudger, Director of the Womens Program. "When you first come in here though, you are full of weeds, and a bit overgrown. Through the program you pruned yourselves, a clip here and there, throwing out the unhealthy branches, pulling the bad weeds...and look at you all now; beautiful, beautiful roses."

"I came in a scared child, you all made me into a certified woman! I am forever grateful," said one transitioning client. And another said, "I was so scared and afraid to speak. You loved me like a family, and now I love me too."

"This is just the beginning for you ladies," said Stephanie. "Your new life is about to get started. Keep God in your life, and things will come in His time."

And with the hugs and smiles and excitement in the room, we are all sure these women's lives will grow and flourish. As one other client said, "I have been given a second chance; I am not going to waste it!"

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