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HOPE CENTER CLIENT STORY: Cheryl



The Hope Center saved my life. I was born in Pewee Valley Prison while my mom was incarcerated for murder; I spent the first part of my life in foster care. Mom was

abusive so you never knew what to expect from her. I don't remember my mom ever showing any of us kids affection with a hug or pat on the back. By the time I was thirteen, I was smoking marijuana and partying in the bars. Ten years of drinking and pills changed me and I walked out on my son and husband. I was 115 pounds and dying. After I lost everything – my home, car and the respect of my friends and family – I entered the Women's Recovery program. I came in hopeless and found hope.

Now, as a peer mentor, I teach steps 1, 2 and 3 of Alcoholics Anonymous in our Women's Recovery Program. Today I can be who I really am. I could never do that before. I am in a place where I am comfortable with myself and where I am in life, and I can help others suffering from the same disease as me. I came in hopeless and found hope.

The Hope Center saved my life, and I am grateful.

Top 5 Things We Need

- Blankets
- Towels
- Small bar soap & Toiletries
- Backpacks
- Socks

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

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FACILITIES/PROGRAMS

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

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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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20 Years of Hope, 1993-2013

What we – and you – have brought about

On June 14, 1993, then Mayor Pam Miller said, "This is the day hope becomes a reality for those who need help, and for those of us who believe Lexington should be a place where such help is readily available."

She spoke at the dedication of the Hope Center emergency shelter. It was indeed a day of hope and promise. Twenty years later, it's worth reflecting on how that hope and that promise have been realized.

That original building had 118 beds, virtually all for adult men. It provided shelter, food and clothing. It also was the birthplace of the programs we developed to deal with the problems that were keeping our clients homeless. That, after all, was a central part of our charge from the Urban County Government. As Mayor Miller put it at the dedication, "The goal is to get people off the streets and into a new life."

That first year we had programs for mental health, employment, transitional housing, and social services as well as a health clinic and a detoxification unit. Over



Cecil Dunn

the years, we have added mobile outreach, Hispanic services, a recovery program for our male clients, a separate recovery program for women, another recovery program in the detention center, and permanent housing for people in recovery. We also took over management of One Parent Scholar House, a program that helps single parents obtain a college education.

In the process, we have added several facilities to house our expanded efforts. Near the original shelter we now have the George Privett Recovery Center, the Don and Cathy Jacobs House and the Jacobs Hope Cafeteria. On Versailles Road is the Ball-Quantrell Jones Center for Women. Next to that facility is the Barbara H. Rouse House, which provides permanent housing for women in recovery. Nearby, Hill Rise Place does the same for men. This year we are completing a near total makeover of that first facility, the one we dedicated in 1993.

Twenty years ago we opened with 118 beds. Today, we provide a place to sleep at night for up to 800 people. That is important.

What is even more important is that we have kept faith with our charge to help our clients turn their lives around.

These are things we celebrate. You who have supported our efforts by giving and volunteering should celebrate too. You have earned the right. You have made these things possible.

Take a look inside at two events coming up that will present great opportunities to celebrate with us, the Johnny Carino's Hoops for Hope and the Ball Homes Night of Hope. I hope I see you there.

Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

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The Hope Center provides services to the homeless in the Lexington area, 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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Celebrating

Emergency Shelter Renovations Unveiling



On September 26, the much improved Hope Center Emergency Shelter was unveiled to a very enthusiastic public. Over 300 came to see the improvements to the 20 year old Emergency Shelter at 360 West Loudon Avenue.



From 118 to 176 beds

The Emergency Shelter, which sleeps about 200 men, sometimes more, each night, now will be able to provide more beds for clients. As the demand for beds and services rises, this new sleep space will offer more comfort and quality space for our homeless clients.

Improved Health Care Services at the Dr. Gordon Hyde Hope Health Clinic

For many homeless, the threat of sickness and no health care is very real. The new Dr. Gordon Hyde Hope Health Clinic will provide much-improved space and services for anyone who is in need of health care. Improvements include new exam rooms, medical furniture and equipment and a dental care services room. Thank you to HealthFirst of the Bluegrass for staffing the Hyde Hope Health Clinic.

Improved Veterans Housing

With a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the new renovation gives the 30 men in this program improved living spaces including new bathrooms, sleep quarters and common living area.

Improved and Increased Bathroom and Shower Areas

Housing more men demands more facilities, and by moving the cafeteria facilities to the new Jacobs Hope Cafeteria, the old kitchen area has been transformed into new, modern bathroom facilities.

Thank you to everyone who made these impactful improvements possible:

A grant from Fayette Urban County Government, Cathy Jacobs for her hard work and dedication to the project, and Dr. Gordon Hyde.

A New HopeMobile



Through generous donations from **Baptist Health** and from the **Hope Center Foundation**, the

Hope Center is proud to announce that we have a new HopeMobile!

For almost twenty years, the Hope Center's Mobile Outreach Unit, the HopeMobile, has been serving the homeless and others needing services in downtown Lexington.

This "Hope Center on Wheels" provides recovery and medical referrals, basic medical services, HIV prevention kits, blankets and brown bag lunches to over 100 people each day. Our new HopeMobile will allow us to continue this important work and continue to assist those who need it most.

Note: Sandwiches are needed daily for the HopeMobile.

Bluegrass Cycling Club



The Bluegrass Cycling Club saw a need and took action. This spring, they generously donated new bike racks to the Hope

Center's Jacobs House. The racks are used by the clients in the Mental Health, Employment and Recovery Programs. For many Hope Center clients, bicycles are their only mode of transportation to their jobs and recovery meetings. The Bluegrass Cycling Club's donation allows them to safely keep their bikes with them- and helps them to rebuild their lives.

Thank you Bluegrass Cycling Club!

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

Meals Served (including Jacobs Hope Cafeteria, Privett Center & Women's Center) 93,508

Nights Lodging (including Emergency Shelter, Privett Center, Jacobs House, Women's Center) 46,457

Clothing Issued 9,131

Mobile Outreach 3,780

Volunteer Hours 1,082

Health Clinic Visits 3,357

Mental Health Services 8,047

Men's Recovery Admissions 84

Housing & Employment 1,032

Hispanic Program 579

Women's Recovery Admissions 23

INCOME (July-September)

Grants \$571,080.00

Individuals \$38,053.18

Churches \$4,496.45

Businesses \$58,321.70

TOTAL \$671,951.33

20 Years of Hope

Former NBA Star Chris Herren Shares his story at

The Ball Homes NIGHT OF HOPE

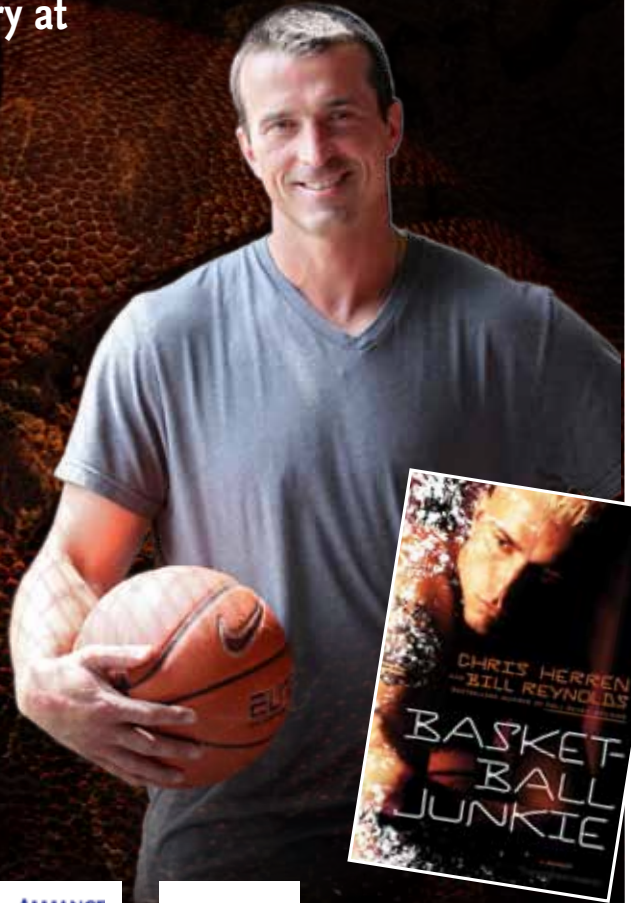
Presented by Don & Cathy Jacobs

October 29 | Lexington Opera House | 7 p.m.

Chris Herren was a high school basketball legend who achieved his lifelong dream of playing for the Boston Celtics only to lose it all to alcohol and drug addiction.

The subject of ESPN's documentary *Unguarded* and author of *Basketball Junkie*, Chris draws on his own history to convince audiences that it is never too late to follow your dreams and urges them to overcome their setbacks and start making the right choices.

Please join us to battle homeless and addiction. Tickets on sale now at hopectr.org or call 225-4673.



Johnny
Carino's
presents

HOOPS For HOPE

To Benefit
The Hope Center

Shoot Hoops, Save Lives

If you've ever dreamed of seeing your name in lights at Rupp Arena, now's your chance! You and your teammates will have five minutes (or more!) to shoot baskets on the Rupp Arena floor during the Johnny Carino's Hoops for Hope to benefit the Hope Center on Thursday, November 7th. Fantastic prizes will be awarded to the teams that score the most points and raise the most donations for the Hope Center.

There are a limited number of team slots available. Registration fee is \$200 per Community Team (friends, families, neighbors or churches), or \$1,000 for a Corporate Team / Slam Dunk Sponsorship. See hopectr.org and click on the Hoops for Hope banner.

NOVEMBER 7TH 2013

6:00 P.M. RUPP ARENA

