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Hope Inspired Art Raffle to Benefit Programs

Everyone has a creative side waiting to be expressed. This is true at the Hope Center where poets, illustrators and sculptors walk the halls and sleep in the bunks. Creativity is also flowing each day at Latitude Artists Community in downtown Lexington. Years ago, Latitude helped to cultivate an artist who was from Lexington, searching for a place to express his creativity.

The artist's name is Albert Moser, recently diagnosed as autistic at the age of 82, who has spent the past 45 years creating collaged photographic landscapes of various American cities in an effort to document his immediate surroundings. Each one bears Moser's detailed notations which include his personal contact information, the location of the photograph, the camera used, film used, shutter speed, date, etc. He currently lives in Trenton, New Jersey but has spent many years visiting his sister in Lexington, where he has completed hundreds of photo landscapes, one of which has been donated to the Hope Center. The images range from the extraordinary to the banal and serve as poignant reminders of our city's history, recording the different architectural

incarnations of downtown Lexington and its suburbs. They are an intriguing and accessible record of the past that proves valuable in understanding our sense of physical community while posing hard questions about the roles and place of individuals like Albert who find immense difficulty in the rituals of daily life.

Please show your support of the Hope Center and purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win the pictured Albert Moser piece. It is a beautifully framed panoramic view of downtown Lexington. (Framing performed by New Editions Gallery.) Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 859-225-4673, online at hopectr.org or just stop by Latitudes in downtown Lexington or at the Privett Center or Hope Center Emergency Shelter.

Live drawing will be held during the Night of Hope on November 17 at the Lexington Opera House. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the event from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. If ordered online or by mail, your tickets will be available at the Privett Center. All proceeds to benefit the Hope Center programs.



Artwork donated by Latitude Artist Community in Lexington. See 30 panoramic photographs by Albert Moser on display now at the Chandler Medical Center West Gallery of Pavilion A.

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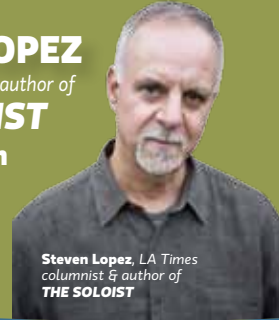
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The Ball Homes NIGHT OF HOPE

featuring **STEVEN LOPEZ**
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The Lexington Opera House
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In the world of homelessness, drug addiction and mental illness, which most do not want to acknowledge exists, the Hope Center is working the front line, every day and all night, to battle the statistics and turn lives from addiction and illness to wellness, recovery and hope.

With the incredible work of the Hope Center comes a heartfelt and inspiring event to support it. The Hope Center will hold the third annual Ball Homes Night of Hope at **The Lexington Opera House on November 17**. Each year this event has moved and touched its sold-out audience.

And this year will be no different. The featured attraction for 2011 will be a presentation by Steven Lopez, the L.A. Times

columnist, who meet Nathaniel Ayers, a homeless musician living on skid row. Their life-changing friendship story is told by Mr. Lopez in *The Soloist*, which is also a motion picture. Mr. Lopez will reflect on his story and experiences in the world of homelessness and mental illness.

Please join us this year on November 17 for the Night of Hope. Tickets can be purchased at www.hopectr.org or by phone at 859-225-4673 (ask for Heather or Carrie). *Tickets sell out fast, so please contact us soon and we look forward to seeing you there!*

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Mentally ill and homeless

What can happen when you don't step past

A homeless man came to the Hope Center one day. I'll call him Eddie. He had been homeless for years. No one knew exactly how long because Eddie didn't know himself. Eddie had paranoid schizophrenia.

The Hope Center helped Eddie get his condition diagnosed and his treatment started. The staff spent years working on Eddie's basic living skills. They also worked on the alcohol dependency he had developed through years of self-medication. He learned to abstain.

The staff helped Eddie get his SSI disability check and acted as his payee. After four years, Eddie moved into his own apartment.

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He received housing support and case management services from the Hope Center staff. Eddie shopped with assistance from the staff.



Cecil Dunn

Eddie's story shows how mental illness can make a person homeless. It also demonstrates that the proper diagnosis, treatment and assistance can keep that person off the street. Eddie told the staff: "You saved my life, and I love all you guys."

Eddie's is one of the many stories that came to mind when I started thinking about the story Steve Lopez tells in "The Soloist." His book recounts how Lopez, a Los Angeles reporter, met Nathaniel Ayers one day by chance. As a young man, Ayers had been a classical music student at The Julliard School in New York. Thirty years later he was a mentally ill homeless man playing his violin on skid row.

Lopez started out writing a story and ended up being profoundly involved himself as he sought to get Ayers the help he needed. Lopez will share his account with us at the Ball Homes Night of Hope.

Edward Humes, in his book review in the *Los Angeles Times*, made some good points about the story. It depicts the hopes and

frustrations that cropped up as Lopez tried to understand and deal with Ayers' predicament. It puts a deeply personal face on the world of mental illness and homelessness. It

shows the importance of having a friend watching your back, something that most homeless schizophrenics don't have.

Humes called the book "a compelling and gruffly tender account of what can happen when you don't step past."

That's why I have been reminded of Eddie and others. The Hope Center did not step past Eddie. The Hope Center is in the business of stopping and asking questions, finding out what the problems are and doing something about them. Yes, those problems are often difficult. The client can be resistant. Progress doesn't come in a straight line and is far from guaranteed. That's the way it is. We know that. We do it anyway.

Come hear Steve Lopez on November 17. He has a good story to tell. It's a story we at the Hope Center understand very well. It will be an evening well spent.

Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

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Client Perspective:

Tanya: Women's Center

At first Tanya used drugs for fun at the age of sixteen. Then her use and the trouble associated with it escalated. "I got my first DUI. By the end of it I was homeless, family less, had assaulted a police officer and ended up in jail."

Tanya didn't know there was a way out. She said she thought she would drink and use drugs until the day she died.

When Tanya walked in to the Hope Center's doors, she was scared to death. But from the moment she walked in, she felt surrounded by love. "The staff at the Hope Center are people who have recovered. I think God placed them here for a reason; to help people like me."

Tanya says that that the whole process at the Hope Center is empowering. "It's a peer-driven process where you hold your sisters accountable. It teaches you to speak out and say something when somebody's not doing something right. We have certain thought patterns we've developed our whole lives, and that's what has to change."

Now Tanya says her relationship with her family is better than ever. She is now a Peer Mentor helping others at the Hope Center and is living in the Rouse House (Hope Center drug and alcohol free apartments for women).

"I hope to find employment and go back to school. I am excited," said Tanya. "The Hope Center saves woman's lives. It definitely saved mine."

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What do you get the person who has everything for this holiday season?

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.

Can you, your business or church group help partner with the Hope Center by sponsoring

What about providing a wonderful meal or gifts to the homeless in their honor or memory?

the Thanksgiving dinner for \$250?

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Experience the Christmas season in a whole new way by providing and serving a meal during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 25 through January 5th.

This is a great project to do as a family or as a group.

There are so many opportunities-all in the spirit of giving thanks and giving to those in need.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a very trying time for the homeless. We strive to make Christmas as joyous as possible for clients and their children by passing out gifts and having a visit from Santa!

While you are out shopping for your loved ones please throw an extra gift in your cart to help make Christmas happen at the Hope Center. We will be providing over 450 gifts to men, women and children.

For a more complete needs list please visit www.hopectr.org or contact Heather Mitchell.

HOPE IN A BAG

Are you, your family, place of business, school group, or church group looking for a great volunteer project? Think about Hope in a Bag.

Hope in a Bag is simply collecting sample-size personal hygiene items for men and women, putting it in a bag and delivering it to the Emergency Shelter.

These donations are very important to our clients and we need your help in providing them. For a complete Hope in a Bag needs list please visit www.hopectr.org or contact Heather Mitchell.

If you would like to donate food, presents or volunteer your time during the holiday season, please contact Heather Mitchell at 859.252.7881, ext. 3041 or hmittell@hopectr.org. Thank you for all you do to make these holidays special for so many.



Top 5 Things We Need

- Blankets
- Sandwiches to be distributed on Fridays for the HopeMobile
- Towels
- Razors
- Personal Hygiene Items (trial size) Deodorant

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.

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

Meals Served
(including Privett Center & Women's Center) 90,512

Nights Lodging
(including Privett Center) 30,881

Clothing Issued 8,783

Mobile Outreach 2,800

Volunteer Hours 1,507

Health Clinic Visits 2,703

Mental Health Services 7,529

Men's Recovery Admissions 59

Housing & Employment 1,013

Hispanic Program 757

Women's Recovery Admissions 22

INCOME (January-March)

Grants \$603,220

Individuals \$23,865

Churches \$5,814

Businesses \$25,241

TOTAL \$658,140