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CLIENT STORY:

Franklin Carter

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My name is Franklin Carter and I was born and raised in Lexington.

When I was younger I made a series of bad decisions that led to me being incarcerated for about 14 years. When I got out I had a lot of high hopes and dreams and they were pretty quickly dashed by the recession and the hardship of finding a job that will hire a convicted felon.

I've been out of prison since November 1, 2010 and have been at the Hope Center for about 4 months.

Right now I'm just trying to seek employment. Been through a few job agencies. With a record like mine, it's pretty hard to get good employment, but the Hope Center has given me a chance to really seek employment.

I'm trying. I am really trying. It gets hard but I know that it could be worse. I personally know that it could be worse.

The Hope Center provides everything I need in order for me to better myself. I think that I should take advantage of that opportunity and do what I need to move forward.

This is a self-motivated program and when you're able to support yourself, you feel more like a man. I just pray

that sooner or later I can find a good job and give somebody else a chance to be here.

If it wasn't for the Hope Center, I would probably be back in prison.

The Hope Center is a blessing. *It's a blessing.*



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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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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Turning Lives Around

What we do at the Hope Center

By Cecil Dunn

Turning a life around isn't easy. It's not quick, either. It takes long and deliberate work. The effort and dedication of the person whose life is involved are essential. It almost always takes help from others as well.

At the Hope Center we help people turn people's lives around in many different ways. In the mental health program we help clients get their illnesses diagnosed and then help them receive treatment.

In our recovery programs, we take people in for six months or longer to work on the disease of addiction that has taken over their lives. They work with other people addicted to drugs and alcohol to keep themselves focused on the work they need to do.



Cecil Dunn

We help clients with physical health problems, employment challenges, translation issues and much more. They do the hard work. We just give them the chance to apply that hard work in a way that will turn their lives around.

Liz Murray said something about this at the luncheon we held in May for One Parent Scholar House. She turned her life around when her commitment to doing something about it met a schoolteacher who was prepared to give her the opportunity. As a result, she went from homelessness to Harvard.

Then there is Jeff Henderson. He spent ten years in prison for dealing drugs. It turned out to be another example of commitment meeting opportunity. He took advantage of the educational opportunities in prison – reading and literacy, vocational school, job training. Out of prison, he

became a successful executive chef at major hotels, a Food Network star and inspirational speaker.

Not everyone can rise as far as Murray and Henderson, of course, but they can rise. They can turn their lives around, with the right effort and the right help.

That's our job at the Hope Center. We give people the help they need to turn their lives around. Not everyone does, of course, but plenty do, and it's deeply rewarding to see that happen.

Chef Jeff Henderson has an incredible story to tell relating to each one of us, and the potential that lies within to do great things. We invite you to come to the Ball Homes Night of Hope, Thursday, November 15, at the Lexington Opera House. Details are inside.

Cecil Dunn, Executive Director

Chef Jeff Henderson on Finding your Potential



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Lexington Opera House

November 15, 7:00 pm

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All in the Spirit of Giving to Those in Need

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

Thanksgiving

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 the Thanksgiving dinner for \$500?

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.

Christmas

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 650 gifts to men, women and children.

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 them in a bag and delivering them to the Emergency Shelter.

Visit www.hopectr.org to get more details or call Heather at 859.225.4673 or hmitchell@hopectr.org.



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

Meals Served (including Privett Center & Women's Center)	93,141	Clothing Issued	10,920	Men's Recovery Admissions	65
Nights Lodging (including Privett Center, Women's Center & the Jacobs House)	45,237	Mobile Outreach	2,040	Housing & Employment	1,170
		Volunteer Hours	2,122.50	Hispanic Program	436
		Health Clinic Visits	3,357	Women's Recovery Admissions	30
		Mental Health Services	9,835		

INCOME (July-September 2012)

Grants	\$563,105.00
Individuals	\$20,979.00
Churches	\$3,719.00
Businesses	\$10,466.00
TOTAL	\$598,269.00

Fazoli's Partners with Feed the Children and The Hope Center to feed 800 Families



Fazoli employee volunteers were on hand to work with George Privett Recovery Center clients to distribute the 2,400 boxes of goods to local families with children in need of assistance.

This past August, Fazoli's, Feed The Children and the Hope Center teamed to bring two semi tractor-trailers full of food and essentials which were distributed to 800 families in Lexington.

The Hope Center pre-identified the 800 families to receive the boxes and each received a 25-pound box of food, a 10-pound box of personal care items and an additional box of Avon products.

With more than one in four children living in Lexington (26.5 percent) considered impoverished, this distribution made a huge impact. The number of impoverished children living in Kentucky (262,760) could fill Rupp Arena 11 times.

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Top 5 Things We Need

- Socks
- Toothpaste
- Long underwear
- Coats
- Hats

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

Area Companies Help Get Fresh Food to the Homeless



New Partnerships Feed Hundreds of Lexington Homeless Each Day

Amazon and two other local businesses have assisted the Hope Center in purchasing a refrigerated truck which was needed to pick up daily fresh food donations from new Lexington retailer Trader Joe's.

"With over 1,100 meals being served each day in Hope Center facilities, we were honored to have been chosen by Trader Joe's as the charity to receive daily pickups of fresh meats, produce and other perishable items," said Cecil Dunn, Executive

Director of the Hope Center, "However, we needed a refrigerated vehicle to safely transport the items each morning."

At the same time, Amazon was seeking a very specific project in which they could make a difference using community grant money.

With the Amazon grant monies in place, plus a large donation from the supplier of the truck, Worldwide Equipment, the Hope Center can now make the necessary pickups each day to provide, eggs, milk products and fresh meat to the Jacobs Hope Cafeteria and two recovery center kitchens.

"This not only provides our clients with a healthier meal, but this program also helps us lower the amount of food necessary to purchase to feed our clients," said Ken Newton, Director of Facilities at the Hope Center."

Once the truck was purchased, Craycraft Signs also assisted by providing the graphics for the refrigeration truck. And Global Supply & Floor Equipment has also sponsored the vehicle, which is doing pickups around Lexington seven days a week.

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