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CLIENT REFLECTIONS...*Emergency Shelter helps to heal.*



“The Hope Center means everything to me.” – Henry

I spent six years in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman. After the Navy, I worked as a paramedic in Miami and did that for eight years. My wife and I were married for 22 years. She passed away suddenly in 2006. Years earlier, she had been hit by a drunk driver and had contracted Hepatitis C from an untested blood transfusion. When she was diagnosed in 2003, the doctor gave her six months. She made it until January 29, 2006. It was a tough blow, and I turned to drinking, then to drugs to cope. I was a heroin addict for almost two years. I went through a program in Miami, and by the grace of God, I’ve been clean and sober since December 24, 2007. I came up in 2010 to stay with a friend in Nicholasville, but it turned out that he was getting evicted, so he brought me to the Hope Center and said that they could help me find a place. I didn’t know this was a homeless shelter. I’ve been here off and on since then.

The Hope Center means everything to me. When I first got here, I thought I had somewhere to stay, and if it wasn’t for the Hope Center I would be out on the street. I’m too old to be out there. I never in a million years thought I would be here. I work in the medicine closet, handing out over the counter meds to the guys that live here. It’s a full-time job, but I love it, and I love knowing the folks that live here.



“We help each other through the healing process.” – Alexander

I was born and raised in Nicholasville. I had a beautiful childhood. After high school, I went to work, and worked for 35 years until I was no longer able to work. Before I came to the Hope Center, there were things that were bringing me down, and I was drinking, which made it all worse. I didn’t like what came with my drinking, and I wanted to better myself. I’m not a quitter. So I stopped feeling sorry for myself and just got up.

I was a cowboy without a horse, but I had a couple of ropes, so I finally caught a horse.

I’ve been here a little over a year. The interaction I have here with all these different people – it’s a healing process both for me and for others. We help each other through the healing process. I’ve been blessed with a good caseworker in Mr. Shawn. I do chores around here to keep my rent paid. I talk to guys here about keeping a positive attitude, and their outlook. Nobody brought me here but me, and the same goes for everyone here, in my opinion. The kind of place I really want I’m not able to get now, but it will come. I’m looking at a job doing Patient Safety, something I have experience in. It’ll be a way to improve my financial situation. I’ll stay here for a while so I can save up for my own place.

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COWBOY DAYS

Finding the right horse



Every day, 365 days a year, there is a lot of hard work being done at the Hope Center. Our employees are talented and deeply dedicated to the work they do, but they are not the only ones doing hard work. Our clients also work hard. They have to if they are going to make any progress.

This is a point I like to emphasize, maybe because some people don't seem to fully understand it.

Recovering from addiction is hard work. Overcoming mental health issues is hard work. Learning to make your way in the world after growing up in poverty is hard work. Overcoming education deficiencies is hard work. The list goes on.

In this issue is the story of a fellow named Alexander. He worked for thirty-five years and then no longer could. He was dejected. He started drinking too much, and he didn't like it. He came to the Hope Center. He's working hard. He's making progress. I like the way he puts it.

"I was a cowboy without a horse, but I had a couple of ropes, so I finally caught a horse."

I had not thought of the Hope Center as a rodeo before, but I see his point. The people who come through our door almost always need something, something that will help them regain control of their lives or even take control of their lives for the very first time. They're all looking for a "horse" – that something, that helping hand, that hope that will help them put their lives together.

The Hope Center has lots of "horses," and our clients work very hard to catch them. Our employees work very hard to help them do that. When all that hard work pays off, it is a joy to see them ride out of here full of hope.

Thank you for helping them do that.

Cecil Dunn,
Executive Director



"Wow, the Hope Center!

You've got to check this place out. What

they are doing for people and how they are helping people, it's just unbelievable." –Jimmy Wayne



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SAVING LIVES ON THE STREETS: Cold Patrol



After the brutal winter of 2013, the Hope Center established a new service to help those living on the streets into shelter when extreme winter temperatures hit. The Cold Patrol is a team of trained staff sent out into Lexington in an effort to encourage homeless people to come

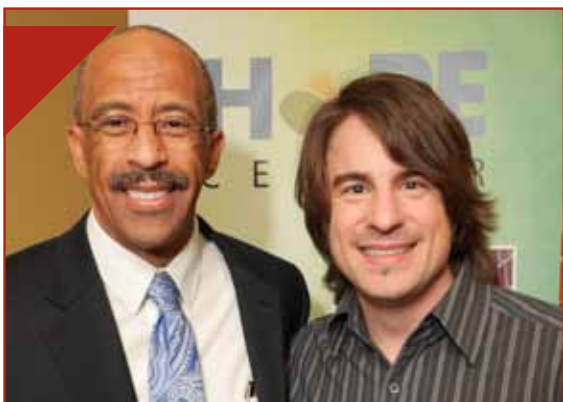
indoors and transport them to a shelter facility, be it the Hope Center or one of the city's other shelters.

Patrols typically begin at 6:00 pm on nights when temperatures drop into the single digits or wind chill is at or below zero, and will extend until 11:00 pm. If you're interested in helping with supplies for the Cold Patrol, contact our Development Team at 859-225-4673.

BALL HOMES NIGHT OF HOPE ROCKED THE EVENING WITH JIMMY WAYNE

The Ball Homes **NIGHT OF HOPE**

Presented by Don & Cathy Jacobs



On November 13 Hope Center supporters filled the Lexington Opera House and were uplifted and entertained, not only by performers from the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre and country rock star Jimmy Wayne and his story of overcoming teenage homelessness, but by our clients. Client gratitude was woven into the entire evening and for the bravo performance, two talented clients jammed with Jimmy on the stage.

It was an amazing evening, all to benefit our life-giving programs. We wish to thank the following:

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SHOOTING HOOPS AND SAVING LIVES



On November 6 over forty-five teams gave their best shots on the Rupp Arena floor at Johnny Carino's Hoops for Hope. Church groups, businesses and families raised over \$25,000 for those who are in need of addiction recovery, mental health services and relief from homelessness. We had special guests Joe B. Hall, Jarrod Polson and Jack Givens stop by to help on and off the court. There was friendly competition abounding, but our top shooting and fundraising teams were:

Points Scored Winners:

- 1st - Team Ron Brown
- 2nd - Ashland
- 3rd - Team Sullivan

Funds Raised Winners:

- 1st - Ball Homes (\$1,885.00)
- 2nd - Team LEX18 News (\$1,560.00)
- 3rd - Lexington Herald-Leader (\$1,283.55)

Thank you to the following for making Johnny Carino's Hoops for Hope possible:

Johnny Carino's Italian Rupp Arena

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To all of our Johnny Carino's Hoops for Hope Teams: WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!

HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE HOPE CENTER



"It's the best day of the year" is something that we hear over and over on the day of our annual Client Christmas Party. Every year, the Hope Center partners with local businesses, churches and community organizations to make sure that each and every one of our clients feels the love of the holiday

season and receives a special gift. This year, clients had a visit from Santa while they enjoyed cookies and cocoa provided by Second Presbyterian Church. Our Christmas Party sponsors did an amazing job of collecting donations. For a majority of our clients, the gift they receive at our Christmas party is the only gift they will receive during the holidays. A special thank you goes out to volunteer Dave Norat, whose hard work ensured that the party was a success and to Orkin, who sponsored the Women's Recovery Center Christmas Party.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our donors who helped us spread holiday cheer to the homeless:

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MANY MERRY EVENINGS



Thanks to the following for making the 12 Days of Christmas a success!

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