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SOME THOUGHTS ON GRATITUDE

by Cecil Dunn, Executive Director



We began running the city's Housing First program just about a year ago, and I am proud of the way our staff has performed. The apartments are all occupied. They provide a home to 20 people who haven't had one

for a very long time. You can find a story inside about a letter of thanks one of these clients wrote to us.

That expression of gratitude got me thinking. Gratitude is nice. Being human, we all appreciate it when it comes our way. But I've been at this work for over 20 years, and if I have learned anything it is the fact that this is not about me. It is not about my need for appreciation. It's about a job that needs to be done.

So, when it comes to gratitude, I don't demand it. I don't even expect it. But I am glad to see it when I do. This is why: that expression of gratitude shows me that this client is starting to get it. This client recognizes the need for help and knows that getting beyond the challenges that have kept him or her back often requires the support of others, staff members and clients alike. Accepting help and expressing gratitude are steps along the way.

There is another type of gratitude that is always deeply affecting. We can't save everyone. Some mountains are just too high to climb. From time to time we will receive a heartfelt note from the sister or mother, perhaps, of someone who came to the end of the road in some cold, dark place one night, someone we had helped. These relatives know we couldn't save their loved ones any more than they could, but they tell us how grateful they are that we did something to bring some measure of comfort and care along the way.

There are plenty of others who provide moments of peace in stormy lives: police officers, emergency and hospital personnel, corrections officers, social workers, people at AA meetings and people at churches serving free lunches, and on and on. We interact with them every day.

These relatives are grateful for all the people who made life a little easier and perhaps a little longer for those who were close to their hearts yet far from their homes.

We never lose sight of the fact that we would not be in a position to do any of these things – that our Housing First client would have no reason to write his letter – were it not for the generosity of you and so many others. Please know that for this we are ever grateful.

Save the Date!

May 12 at the Carrick House

Don & Mira Ball present



with support from Don & Cathy Jacobs

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Information available at www.oneparentscholarhouse.org



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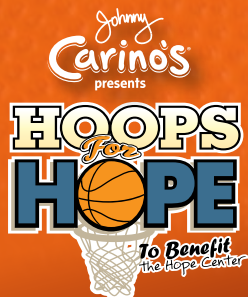
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"I THOUGHT GOD FORGOT ABOUT ME. BUT HE DIDN'T."



So many of our clients come to us at the end of their rope, desperate for change. When they find hope again, their joy and gratitude are overwhelming.

"Jim," a Housing First client, is just such a case. He has been homeless in Lexington for five years. He moved here to live with family while he recovered from an accident that caused him severe traumatic brain injury, and made it impossible to work.

Once Jim started receiving disability checks, he always sent the money to his daughters in Florida, while he lived on next to nothing, ashamed and hiding his homelessness from his family.

Now, Jim is getting back on track and even volunteering in the community. We're excited to share his letter with you so you can see that your help makes a difference, and restores hope for those who need it most.

12-14-2016
first Mrs, Shelby

I want to Thank you & The Hope center and your Supervisor, for all you all have done for me.

Thank you so much, you have saved my life, I don't know what I would have done this winter.

so many times I thought of giving up on life, because of my situation, not having a place to live.


I have done so much for people in my life, I've tried to live a good life, you know, do the right thing. I felt like I would take one step forward & two steps back. I could never get it together.

I thought God forgot about me.

But He didn't. Thank God. I guess my faith has to get a little stronger.

I feel God sent you and the center to be my back bone and not give up. I am so grateful please tell your supervisor I said Thank you and God Bless.

2016 IS MY YEAR TO



GET A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.
-Phillip
Emergency Shelter

2016 IS MY YEAR TO



CONTINUE WORKING ON THE SOLUTION, AND GET MY DAUGHTER BACK.
-Katie
Women's Recovery

2016 IS MY YEAR TO



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-Gerald
Emergency Shelter



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Winter is here, and with it, dangerously cold weather. The Hope Center will be sending out our Cold Patrol to help those in need of shelter on extremely cold or snowy nights.

Our supporters can help with this important program! Cold Patrol sponsorship is now available for \$300.00. Your sponsorship will help cover the costs of staffing and supplies and as a benefit to you or your business, we'll thank you on our Facebook and Twitter pages, and list you in a newsletter, an e-newsletter, and our Annual Report.

Contact our Development team at (859) 225-4673 for more information, or give through our website and specify Cold Patrol.

