

THE MATTER AT HAND

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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RESCUE MISSION AND RECOVERY CENTER

A Message from Our Director

Dear Friends,

For nearly four decades, The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center has been successfully helping men and women overcome life-debilitating challenges—addiction, homelessness, spiritual poverty and despair. But that doesn't mean we've applied the same solutions over the years, because the roots of the problems and the conditions that bring them to fruition haven't stayed the same.



Instead, we've learned to look first at the "matter at hand"—the unique circumstances that bring hurting individuals to their knees and to our doors—because that evolves rapidly, often on a daily basis. New drugs of choice. Discouraging economic conditions. Overwhelming societal pressures. The changing face and form of addiction.

We continually evaluate and strengthen our programs of rescue, recovery and re-entry to ensure they're relevant, timely and effective.

I'm pleased to share the results of these ongoing Christ-directed efforts. Among them are the opening of Foundry Farm, allowing us to serve 50 more men, and the renovation of our women's dormitory, enabling us to serve 17 more women. I'm so grateful for the prayers, partnership and generosity that make our work possible and allow us to reshape lives by the hands of God.

Our Mission

To restore hope and rebuild the lives of the addict, the ex-inmate and the destitute through Christ-centered recovery, re-entry and rescue.

Sincerely,

Rev. Bill Heintz
Executive Director

The Foundry Facilities

The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center

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Bessemer Campus

The Foundry Men's Center
1804 Sixth Avenue North

The Foundry Women's Center
The Foundry Worship Center
Administrative Office
1800 Fourth Avenue North

The Foundry Re-Entry Center
1616 Fifth Avenue North

The Foundry SuperThrift Outlet
727 Ninth Avenue North

The Foundry Auto Service Center
1918 Sixth Avenue North

The Foundry Auto Sales
1402 Fourth Avenue North

The Foundry Community Outreach Center
The Foundry Medical Center
608 18th Street

Other Location

Foundry Farm
575 County Rd. 1676
Cullman, AL 35058
Ph: 888-5FOUNDRY

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“As a high-school principal, I see an increase in illegal and prescription drug use. This seems to be a very serious problem that needs to be addressed with parents and children. Not only is The Foundry helping people get clean and stay clean, they are sending people into the community, into the schools and into the churches and informing people about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse from a firsthand perspective. This is a much-needed ministry.”

—Bob Lavett, principal
Pelham High School

The Matter at Hand

A Dorm Becomes a Home

In March, we held a grand opening for our four-story women's dormitory, which increased the number of beds in our Women's Recovery Program from 35 to 52. We are blessed to offer 17 more women the spiritual guidance and education they need to overcome substance abuse and lead self-sufficient lives. Through the collaboration of hearts, hands and love, simple bricks and mortar were transformed into spaces our ladies can call "home."

Teams of local decorators and artists brought together furniture, fabrics, accessories and original works of art to create peaceful, inspirational and comfortable surroundings on each of the dorm's four floors.

Director of Women's Ministries Michele Heintz says she couldn't be more pleased with the warm and welcoming environment that was created for hurting women who need a place to heal and feel God's presence. "These women left the security of their homes, families and familiar belongings and need to know they're loved."

The Foundry is grateful to our creative friends who truly touched lives, as well as to the financial supporters who contributed funds to decorate the dorm at \$5,000 per floor.



The Foundry residents appreciate the comfort of their newly decorated "home."

A Life Lost and Found . . . A New Identity in Christ



Josh is the father of two little boys. He holds an undergraduate degree in religion and a master's degree in education and history—and he's been a teacher and coach for more than 10 years. "I had a strong work ethic," Josh says. "My wife and I were high-school sweethearts and thought we'd be together forever. We were blessed with two sons. Life was wonderful."

But after Josh had back surgery, things began to unravel when he became dependent on pain medication. "I would lie and cheat to get my pills. I'd run up a credit card in minutes," Josh recalls. As his relationship with his wife and sons deteriorated, he started drinking to get off the pills. And soon he was a full-blown alcoholic. His addiction cost him his family, his job, his home, his reputation. "Within six months, I lost everything," Josh says with regret. Then a friend told him about The Foundry . . . and he realized he hadn't lost the Lord.

"Here I am with a degree in religion, but before coming to The Foundry, I'd never considered a faith-based recovery program where I had to give everything to God," Josh says. "Since day one here, God has started to restore me."

Christian counseling and guidance, relapse prevention, anger management and life- and job-skills training are all part of The Foundry Recovery Program for people like Josh who have literally lost themselves. But we don't help them regain their old identities; we guide them in building new ones—in Christ!

"The staff helped me realize who I am in Christ. I am a child of God. He loves me, no matter what I've done in the past. The Foundry has given me my life back. When I'd given up on myself, they helped me see that God never gives up on us. I ran away from God—but God never ran away from me."

Cultivating New Lives

The Foundry celebrated a God-inspired expansion with the opening of the 80-acre Foundry Farm 11 miles east of Cullman. The property includes a large house where staff and residents can gather for meals, classes and worship. Two additional buildings are used for sleeping, personal activities and offices. A three-acre garden provides delicious fresh vegetables for meals.

Men who enter The Foundry Recovery Program begin with a 30-day Orientation at Foundry Farm, which allows them to slow down and mentally detox from their addictive lifestyles. Following Orientation, they transition into the long-term Recovery Program at Foundry Farm or our Bessemer campus.

The daily routine for Foundry Farm residents consists of personal reflection and group discussions to help them identify issues that led to addiction. Personal and spiritual development through classes and individual counseling are also key activities. Each man assists with basic chores, maintains the grounds and facilities, or works in the garden or woodshop, where he learns woodworking skills by building outdoor-style furniture and many other wood items.



“ Men coming out of prison need food, clothing, shelter and a job, and The Foundry helps meet those basic needs. The Foundry has a proven program coupled with Re-Entry staff members who have real-life experience as ex-offenders. They are great mentors and they work very well with men just coming out of the system. There are not enough opportunities or ministries like The Foundry that are willing to commit resources to help ex-offenders. ”

Terrance McDonnell, Associate
Commissioner for Programs

Alabama Department
of Corrections

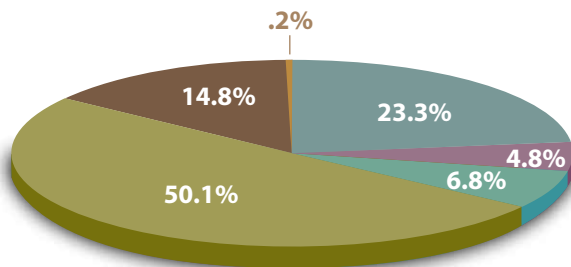
Our Financial Principles

- The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center belongs to God. Our staff is committed to pleasing God in every aspect of ministry. Apart from His grace, The Foundry could not exist.
- The Foundry is governed by a board of directors that ensures all contributions are used for the purposes for which they were given.
- We believe each gift comes from people who give sacrificially. We use all gifts conservatively and prayerfully.
- We are a private organization funded by businesses, churches, foundations, civic groups and individuals led by God to help the addicted and homeless.
- We believe Christians should support their local church first. We will never encourage believers to support The Foundry until they first meet their obligations to their churches.
- We believe our supporters want to hear from us in times of plenty and in times of difficulty.
- As a 501(c)(3) organization, we pledge to raise funds with integrity, communicating The Foundry's needs honestly and sensitively. We will never try to raise more money than we need.
- We promptly send receipts for all donations and pay for purchases within 30 days.
- We never sell or rent our donor mailing list.

Financial Summary

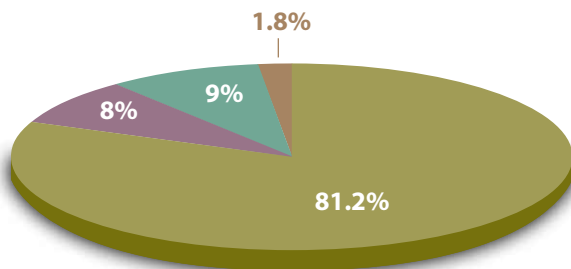
Revenue

Contributions	23.3%
Grants/other	4.8%
Auto Center sales	6.8%
SuperThrift Outlet sales	50.1%
Program fees	14.8%
Foundry Farm	.2%
Total	\$5,242,051*



Expenses

Programs	81.2%
Administrative	8%
Fundraising	9%
Interest	1.8%
Total	\$5,021,748*



2009 Statistics

Nights of lodging	85,091
Meals served	295,236
Recovery Program graduates.....	106
Re-Entry graduates	23
Residents receiving GEDs	12
People receiving free clothing....	1,285
Food boxes distributed	601
Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance.....	2,471

*Through sound stewardship, conservative budgeting in light of the economic conditions, and the blessings of generous donor support, The Foundry revenue exceeded expenses, allowing for necessary staffing and strengthened programming in 2010.

Give with Confidence

Financial Accountability—The Foundry submits to an annual audit by an independent auditing firm.

Good Stewardship—For every dollar you invest, The Foundry raises \$2.40, and we make every effort to keep our expenses equal to or below revenue. Sixty percent of our income is provided through our SuperThrift Outlet, Auto Sales and Service Center, and enterprises owned and operated by The Foundry, through which our residents learn job skills that are vital to their recovery. The Foundry is a member in good standing of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM), and the Bessemer, Hoover and Birmingham chambers of commerce.

Gifts in Kind—Your donations of food, personal-care items, new or gently used clothing and household goods help meet the daily needs of our residents. At the same time, you enable low-income families to purchase affordable, quality products at our SuperThrift Outlet, which helps fund our annual budget.

Employees—The Foundry currently employs over 60 full- and part-time staff. About 40 percent of our employees are graduates of our programs.