



# The SPARK

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Formerly City of Hope

## The Welcome Mat is Out

Amanda picks up the office phone and answers it confidently. She tells the caller, "It will be my

pleasure to connect you," then turns to her next task as receptionist for The Foundry.

Just last spring, Amanda was anything but confident about her ability to handle a job ... or her life. Her growing drug addiction had already cost her the home she'd bought and custody of her two sons, Austin, 8, and Skyler, 5.

Homeless, Amanda moved from place to place, often sharing space with garbage, bugs and even rats. Working in a strip bar financed her addiction, but she never knew where her next meal would come from. Then God sent a "guardian angel" her way.

"I still don't even know his name, but he'd come into the club and just talk to me. He'd tell me I shouldn't be in a place like that," Amanda recalls. "He never asked me to go home with him, but a few times he gave me money."

One night her new friend mentioned The Foundry, but Amanda didn't give his suggestion a second thought. "I'd tried to get clean 15 times and it had never worked," she says.

But just days later, Amanda suddenly realized her addiction could really kill her. She asked her "angel" for The Foundry's number then headed for her parent's home to make the call that would change her life. "If I hadn't gotten out when I did, I don't know if I'd be alive today," she stresses.

The welcome mat was out at The Foundry! "The other girls there and the staff introduced themselves and were giving me hugs. I'd never had affection from females like that. It was awesome and made me feel extra special. It made it easy for me to come in," she says.

For the first time in her life, Amanda let God into her life and heart. Her self-hatred and fears began to dissipate as she learned about her addiction and who she was *with* God and *without* the drugs.

Today Amanda says she is blessed and grateful for the opportunities she knows are ahead. "It hurts sometimes to learn things about yourself," she admits tearfully. "But I'm finding out I'm a special person and God made me for a reason. I can smile at myself when I look in the mirror."





Where lives are reshaped  
by the hands of God.

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### OUR VISION

To be the leader in Christ-centered  
recovery, permanently transforming lives.

### OUR MISSION

To restore hope and rebuild the lives of  
the homeless and addicted through  
Christ-centered recovery.



## Did you know?

The SuperThrift Outlet provides training for our residents and income for The Foundry's operating expenses. And all because you donate so many wonderful items for resale! This fall, please remember us with donations of large and small appliances, clothing, jewelry and furniture. Read about deducting the value of your gifts on page 4.

**You Helped  
Provide**



**May-  
July 2005**

Because you gave, The Foundry provided the following services to homeless and addicted men and women, and to families in the low-income community.

<b>Nights of lodging</b>	<b>12,420</b>	People receiving free clothing	<b>38</b>
<b>Meals provided</b>	<b>37,260</b>	Food boxes distributed	<b>68</b>
<b>Recovery program graduates</b>	<b>5</b>	Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance	<b>101</b>



## From the Executive Director

### Dear Friends,

We're really cooking around here—and not just in the kitchen! Currently, 135 men and women are growing in their Christian walk as residents in our addiction recovery program. Another 22 once-homeless and hopeless individuals have completed the program thus far in 2005 and are living independent, productive lives!

But let's get back to where the real cooking goes on. At The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center, our cooks work tirelessly to provide more than 375 meals for hungry folks each day. In 2004 alone, we served more than 125,000 meals!

This November, we'll provide a Thanksgiving feast for our residents and the homeless and poor in our Outreach Center dining hall and through our distribution of groceries to deserving low-income neighbors in Bessemer.

We believe food says to a tired, hungry person, "You are welcome in our house." It brings comfort and relief to someone who has wondered for days or even weeks where the next meal will come from.

That's why we make sure our kitchen meets stringent health codes and provides wholesome and good tasting meals for the hungry folks we serve.

When you contribute food or cash to purchase food and other supplies that help us care for the homeless, we use your gifts with wisdom and care. If you'd like to see our Outreach Center kitchen in action, please call for a tour and let us show you around.

Thanks for your confidence in The Foundry. With your continued support, we'll keep the welcome mat out and the table set 365 days a year!

*In His Service,*

*Bill Heintz*  
Rev. Bill Heintz

**P.S.** Want to learn more about The Foundry firsthand? Call (205) 428-8449 and ask for a tour!

# We Welcome You!

As fall approaches, we are filled with gratitude for our many partners in ministry. We welcome you to share a time of celebration and thanksgiving at The Foundry's **Sixth Annual Hope Awards Banquet**. Here's what you need to know.

## Sixth Annual Hope Awards Banquet

A benefit for The Foundry and Re-Entry Ministries  
**Thursday, October 20, 2005**  
HealthSouth Conference Center  
Highway 280 in Birmingham

Reception 6 p.m.  
Dinner and program 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies  
Fran Curry, NBC 13

Honorary Chairman  
John Paul Mussleman, MD  
Radiology Associates of Birmingham



### Keynote Speaker: Jeremiah Castille

Jeremiah Castille is executive director of Jeremiah Castille Ministries, founded in 2001 to reach inner-city youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through sports, mentoring and tutoring. A former defensive back at the University of Alabama, Castille helped lead his team to two Cotton Bowls, the Liberty Bowl and one Sugar Bowl, including the 1979 national championship!

From 1983-1988, Castille played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Denver Broncos. In 2004, he was the recipient of the Paul "Bear" Bryant Alumni Award.

A former director of the University of Alabama's FCA

chapter, today Castille serves as the team's chaplain and was recently inducted into the SEC Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, Jean, have six children: Tim, Simeon, Leah, Rachel, Caleb and Danielle.

## Sixth Annual Hope Awards Banquet Honorees

**Hope Award for Education Service**  
Curtis Coleman, Head Football Coach  
Huffman High School

**Hope Award for Personal Achievement**  
Kevin Derryberry, Christian Songwriter and Recording Artist

**Hope Award for Business Service**  
M. James Gorrie, President  
Brasfield & Gorrie

**Hope Award for Civic Service**  
Victor Hanson, III, Publisher  
The Birmingham News

**Hope Award for Religious Service**  
Rev. Tim Kallam, Senior Pastor  
Mountain Brook Community Church

**Hope Award for Leadership**  
Kermit Kendrick, Attorney  
Burr & Forman  
Former University of Alabama and  
All-American football player

**Hope Award for Community Service**  
Rev. Gates Shaw, Rector  
Christ Church, Fairfield

## Sponsorship Levels

\$10,000	Platinum Table
\$5,000	Gold Table
\$2,500	Silver Table
\$1,250	Bronze Table

### To reserve your table or seat:

Contact Development Director  
Leslie Freeman at (205) 428-8449 or  
[lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org) for  
sponsorship information or to  
reserve your seats.

*We respectfully request no children under 15 attend. A freewill offering will be taken during the event. Each seat is tax-deductible minus \$40; The Foundry will provide receipts for each contribution.*

## With Your Support, We're Growing!



Just two of the many folks your gifts help at The Foundry.

Right now, 135 men and women are working determinedly through The Foundry's Christ-centered recovery program. And hundreds more are on our waiting list!

Your partnership during the banquet and throughout the year provides shelter, food, and life-changing addiction recovery programs for hundreds of hurting individuals from all over the state! They come to us with life dominating sins and shameful pasts ... and they become the powerful, productive people God intended.

Recently, The Foundry purchased the First Baptist Church building, in Bessemer, to house



our new Women's and Children's Center. The new facility will provide relief services and recovery programs for up to 84 single women and around 25 mothers and up to 50 children! Please pray for us as we embark on this new Foundry adventure.

To learn more, contact Leslie Freeman, development director, (205) 428-8449 or  
[lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org).



# Holiday Giving

Dear Friends,

As we approach the holidays, many of The Foundry's friends will shop for food, toys, clothing and other items to donate to our gift and food distributions. So let's discuss how "tangible personal property" (TPP) is treated by the IRS.

Tax laws permit a donor to deduct the fair market value of TPP if the gift is related to the charity's activities. For example, this holiday season, The Foundry will use the food and gifts you donate for special meals, food boxes and gift distributions for the homeless and poor. Since these items will be used by men, women and children who rely on the Mission for their most basic needs, you may deduct the fair market value of your gifts. However, it is the donor's responsibility to

assign a value to these gifts; The Foundry cannot do so.

Recent changes in the tax laws regarding deductions for gifts of vehicles are a bit confusing, but shouldn't deter you from donating your car, truck or even boat to The Foundry. You just need to be informed before giving!

Do you have questions about making a TPP gift to The Foundry? Call me at (205) 428-8449 to learn more about the best way for you—and The Foundry—to get the most value out of your donation.



Leslie Freeman  
Development Director

## Where Do I Find ...?

### **The Foundry SuperThrift Outlet Furniture Manufacturing and Upholstery Shop**

727 Bessemer Super Highway  
Monday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.  
(except Thursday)  
Thursday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Call (205) 424-2400 to schedule a pick up.

### **Auto Sales and Service**

1402 4th Avenue North  
(205) 425-3290  
To donate your car or truck, call  
(205) 426-9000. Thanks!



**It's been a whole year and you still haven't shopped at our SuperThrift Outlet? Head there for great deals on clothing, household items and furniture. See our gorgeous selection of restored furniture and new living room sets—handcrafted by residents at The Foundry.**

## Summer Celebrations

Saturday, August 11, The Foundry combined our *Back 2 School Bash* and the SuperThrift Outlet's first anniversary *Sale-A-Bration* into one colossal event for adults and kids alike.

More than 1,500 kids and adults heard music by Christian artists such as Josh Hilliker, Instructions to Timothy and The Foundry Worship Band. Other activities included: free food, giveaways and a carnival while WDJC broadcast live! We thank everyone who made this wonderful day a success!

A resident in our recovery program conjures up some fun with a "Magic Man."



Woodstock? Nah! It's The Foundry's first block party to get better acquainted with folks in the neighborhoods we serve through Adopt-A-Block. July 3, with the support of Tom Bruner's Feed My Sheep Ministries and The Foundry Worship Band and Choir, we put out the welcome mat for more than 400 people, including our residents, their families and families participating in Adopt-A-Block.