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Hope's Bright Promise

For months, Amy Hallford watched her husband struggle with tremendous pain during his battle with cancer. Though a bone marrow transplant in 1992 saved his life, Randy continued to need heavy doses of pain medications. That's when Amy's troubles really began.

"Randy was sick a lot, so I quit work to take care of him," she recalls. "We both took his prescription pills and also sold them for income. After that, I cooked meth to sell, but my addiction got so bad, I used it all."

In time, Amy lost her family's trust, her self-respect— and nearly her life. "In October 2003, I was shot over drugs. I stayed in ICU for two days, and then went to jail. The bullet is still in my belly as a reminder."

Finally, the legal system had enough of the couple's bad behavior. Randy went to jail, where he remains today and Amy was ordered to The Foundry for treatment.

During her first week at The Foundry, Amy cried with frustration. "I didn't want to be here. I didn't understand what was

going on and I missed my family and my husband."

Her first encounter with a The Foundry didn't make her feel much better. "I thought, 'What is this woman going to do for me? She probably hasn't smoked anything in her life!'" laughs Amy. "But my counselor has played a major role in my growing. Once I was going to leave—fixing to go out the door, but she grabbed hold of me and prayed with me."

During the second phase of the program, Amy's heart began to change. "I found God's love here. Forgiveness and peace came over me," she remembers. "I didn't know much about forgiveness before."

Her family also forgave Amy and invited her to celebrate Christmas with them in December.

As Amy looks back to the woman she was when she first walked through The Foundry's doors, she admits, "I've learned how to act like a woman instead of a user. I can't believe how I acted then. I didn't brush my hair or put shoes on my feet because I was looking for pills."

"Every decision I made back then was a drug decision," Amy concludes. "Now I know there is hope for me. I can have a bright future without dope."





Where lives are reshaped
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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.



Let's Do It!

March 1, the *Western Star* reported on The Foundry's can-do attitude that sparked applause from 300 Bessemer residents attending a meeting promoting community revitalization. "Let's do it," said Rev. Bill Heintz to the eager crowd. The Foundry has already committed its 100-plus residents to pick up trash and otherwise beautify Bessemer. Your prayers and gifts are reshaping lives and communities!



From the
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

During my years at The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center, I've come to understand that hope is truly a gift from God. It is the bridge that connects us to happier times ahead or an encounter with someone we've missed or the moment we finally feel well again.

Many of the men, women and children who come to The Foundry have seen the promise of hope extinguished time and again. Another marital failure, another job loss, another drug binge—as each disappointment occurs, hope erodes, and hopelessness eventually sets in.

At The Foundry, people without hope can find the bright promise of hope again as their lives are reshaped by the hands of God. Men and women in our recovery program find their hearts are uplifted as they see hope renewed and their futures restored!

It is such a privilege to be part of this process. Each day I am thankful again that God brought me to this ministry and allows me to see lives restored daily. As a partner of The Foundry, you are helping bring hope's bright promise to the homeless and addicted, too. Thanks so much for contributing to the futures of the precious people we serve.

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!*

Why You Can Give Confidently

Here are three great reasons why you can give confidently to The Foundry:

We are a member in good standing of the Association of Gospel Rescue Mission (www.agrm.org), an organization that sets the standard for more than 300 member missions across the United States and in other countries.

We submit to an independent

audit each year. A copy of our audit is available upon request.

We will never sell, rent or give away our mailing list. Your personal information is safe with us!

To learn more about The Foundry's stewardship practices, contact Director of Development Leslie Freeman, (205) 428-8449, ext. 16 or lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org.

You Helped Provide
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 in 2005.

Nights of lodging	XXXX	People receiving free clothing	XX
Meals provided	XXXX	Food boxes distributed	XX
Recovery program graduates	X	Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance	XX

Did you know your gifts to The Foundry allow us to minister to the low-income community and to prevent homelessness? On this page, we tell you more about *Adopt-A-Block* and practical ways you can get involved. Thanks!

Adopt-A-Block Brings the Promise of Hope



An Eggstra Special Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday, families on limited incomes in the community surrounding The Foundry can bring their little ones for an eggstra special Easter egg hunt! Up to 75 children will join us April 16 after our church celebration of Christ's resurrection to hunt for Easter eggs filled with candy

Can you help? Donate plastic eggs, candy and baskets before April 10. You may also wish to donate new, inexpensive children's books that tell the Easter story. To learn more, call Mandi Burba, (205) 428-8449, ext. 13.

Mother's Day Manicures

Friday, May 12, 7-9 p.m., we're inviting low-income moms to The Foundry to enjoy a bit of pampering. "We want to show our love for these women in a tangible

way," says Mandi Burba, the event's coordinator.

Are you an experienced pamperer? Then volunteer to help. Or donate new manicure supplies such as: polish, nail files, lotion, orange sticks, scissors and buffers. Call Mandi Burba, (205) 428-8449, ext. 13, to learn more.

FOR KIDS! Teach your children compassion. Help them create Mother's Day cards or decorate cookies for our moms at The Foundry and in the community. Drop them off no later than May 10, please.

Help Fill Our Pantry Shelves

Each year through *Adopt-A-Block*, The Foundry reaches out to hundreds of families whose paychecks can't stretch to meet rent, utilities and groceries. In January alone, 84 families requested

to us food boxes. Sadly, there are times we simply can't meet the needs.

With your partnership, you can help prevent homelessness by contributing items from the list below to fill our pantry shelves. Or, if

you don't have time to shop, you may wish to earmark your check *Adopt-A-Block*. To learn more, call Mandi Burba, call (205) 428-8449 ext. 13.

Tuna, Spam, other canned meat
Canned beef stew
Canned and dry beans
Canned fruit and veggies
Canned soup
Peanut butter
Processed cheese
Canned and powdered milk
Coffee
Powdered fruit drinks
Fruit juice
Hot and cold cereals
Pancake mix and Bisquick
Pasta, rice and grits
Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce
Boxed potato mixes
Toilet paper
Disposable diapers
Baby wipes
Similac and Isomil
Laundry soap
Washcloths, bath and dish towels

Volunteer to hold a food drive and collect the items above. Call Mandi for a food drive kit!

No matter how great or small your gift to The Foundry will make a difference in someone's life. To learn more about our ministry and how you can become personally involved, call Leslie Freeman at (205) 428-8449, ext. 16. We need you!



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
Don't forget! Donate your car, truck,
boat or other vehicles by calling
(205) 426-9000.



Planning a Legacy Gift for The Foundry

Jennifer Lane* died last November, but she continues to provide shelter and recovery programs for the men and women who come to The Foundry for help. How?

For 10 years, Jennifer was a loyal partner in ministry. Each year, she remembered the least, the last and the lost with a gift to The Foundry. A year before her death, she decided to add a bequest to The Foundry in her will. It used language like this:

"I [your name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center, Bessemer, Alabama, [percent or amount of estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

The impact of Jennifer's legacy gift will impact The Foundry for years to come. And you can do the same when you ask your attorney to add the paragraph above.

In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Please prayerfully consider making a legacy gift to The Foundry. You'll touch lives for eternity!

If you have already planned a legacy gift for The Foundry, please



let us know so we can thank you. For more information about including The Foundry in your estate plan, contact me, Leslie Freeman, at (205) 428-8449. I look

forward to hearing from you. Thanks and God bless you.

**not her real name*

Welcome Dr. John Fischer



Rev. Bill Heintz welcomes Dr. Fischer

In January, The Foundry realized a long-time dream when we opened our new clinic for our residents and their families, and for needy families in the community. Dr. John Fischer will provide exams, help clients maintain medication regimens, diagnose illnesses, and provide prescriptions and referrals.

The Foundry is looking for volunteer nurses, doctors and other support staff to help at the clinic, and welcomes donations of over-the-counter medications, cash contributions to cover prescription drugs and other medical supplies. Call Dr. Fischer at (205) 428-8449, ext. 33 to learn more.

Spend \$50
get
\$25
OFF

at The Foundry SuperThrift OUTLET

Bring in this coupon to get \$25 off your purchase of \$50 of clothing, household items and other goods.

Excluding new furniture and new mattresses. Not good with any other discounts or promotions. Coupon good for one time only and must be presented at time of purchase.

Drop off your new and gently used donations:
Monday–Saturday
9 a.m.–5 p.m. or
call 424-2400 to
schedule a pickup.

Good through April 30, 2006.

