

Ensuring a Welcome for the FUTURE

Every dollar you give to The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center provides the food, shelter, Christian guidance and education we pass on to homeless and addicted men and women, and to families in the community who so desperately need our help.



Leslie Freeman

But what about those who will need us in the future? Will we be there for them, too?

Please make 2007 the year you help ensure The Foundry's future through your planned gift. Visit www.thefoundryonline.org and click on How You Can Help then Planned Gifts to read about ways you can benefit this ministry through planned giving. Or, contact me at (205) 428-8449, ext. 16, or lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org to discuss your giving options. Thanks—God bless you and yours in 2007.

The Foundry Studios

Are you a small business with a limited budget that wants to see your product on TV? Are you a soon-to-be bride looking for a professional videographer who can really capture your wedding?

The Foundry Studios is our newest enterprise—one that provides an income for our general fund while supplying a valuable service to the community. "We provide professional quality turnkey media production, ranging from 30-second commercials to high definition big screen production, to recording someone's most special day," says Stacy Cobb, the studio's director. Stacy says the studio's objective is to provide clients with more than they should expect, then hand them a final invoice that won't take their breath away.

Services include wedding videos, photo archiving to DVD, 8mm reel transfer to DVD, Web site design, High Definition TV commercials and promotional video production. See samples at www.thefoundryonline.org then call Stacy at (205) 620-2782 or e-mail stacy@thefoundrystudios.com.



The Foundry Auto Sales and Service

You'll find well-trained mechanics to fix your car's knocks and drips OR a dependable pre-owned car at a reasonable price at The Foundry Auto Sales and Service, 1402 4th Avenue in Bessemer. We're open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

You'll also find a great tax write-off when you donate a car, truck, motorcycle or boat—even plane—to The Foundry. Just go to www.thefoundryonline.org and click on Donate Your Car to make your donation or call (205) 425-3290 to learn more about The Foundry Auto Sales and Service.

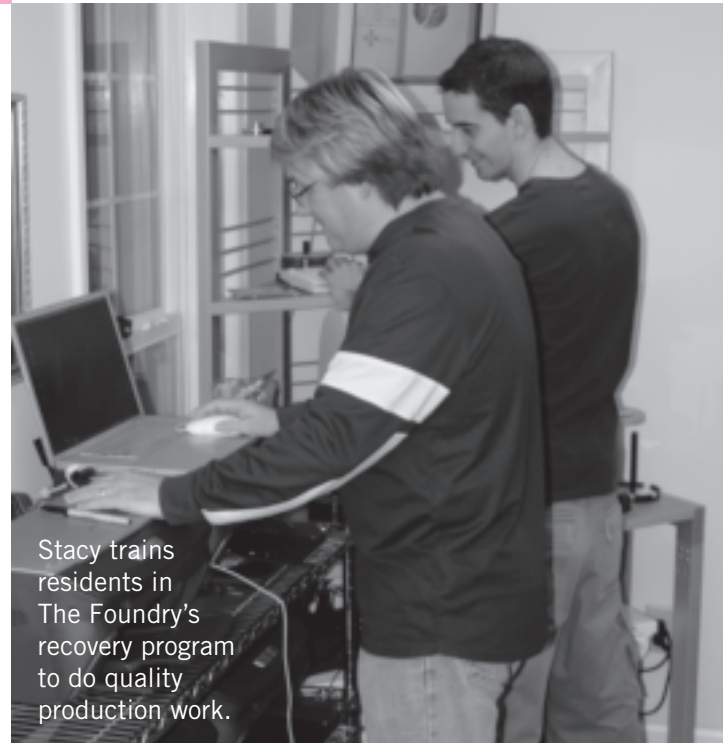
Where DO I FIND?

The Foundry SuperThrift Outlet Furniture Manufacturing and Upholstery Shop

727 Bessemer Super Highway
Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-9 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.



Stacy trains residents in The Foundry's recovery program to do quality production work.



The SPARK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOUNDRY RESCUE MISSION AND RECOVERY CENTER

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Welcome, Pardon, Cleanse, Relieve

Randy was just 17 when he began his 15-year stint in prison. He got out in 1998, but says, "I ended up squandering my inheritance like the Prodigal Son."

At first, Randy, right, tried to get jobs counseling kids to stay off the road he'd taken so early in life. "It would have made that 15 years worth it, but my record got in the way, so in time I gave up."

In 2000, Randy got shot in the leg and soon he was addicted to prescription painkillers. "I shrugged off people who said I had a problem, but I was in a prison in myself," he admits today.

By 2004, Randy had seen several friends die from popping pills, but he didn't deal with his addiction until he landed in jail again. "That was a wake up call," he says. "I was in the same drug dorm as before and, sitting there, I realized I'd thrown my life away."

Randy had seen commercials for The Foundry on television, so when a friend gave him our address in jail, he took notice. "Then my drug counselor gave me an application for a rehab and it was The Foundry!" he smiles.

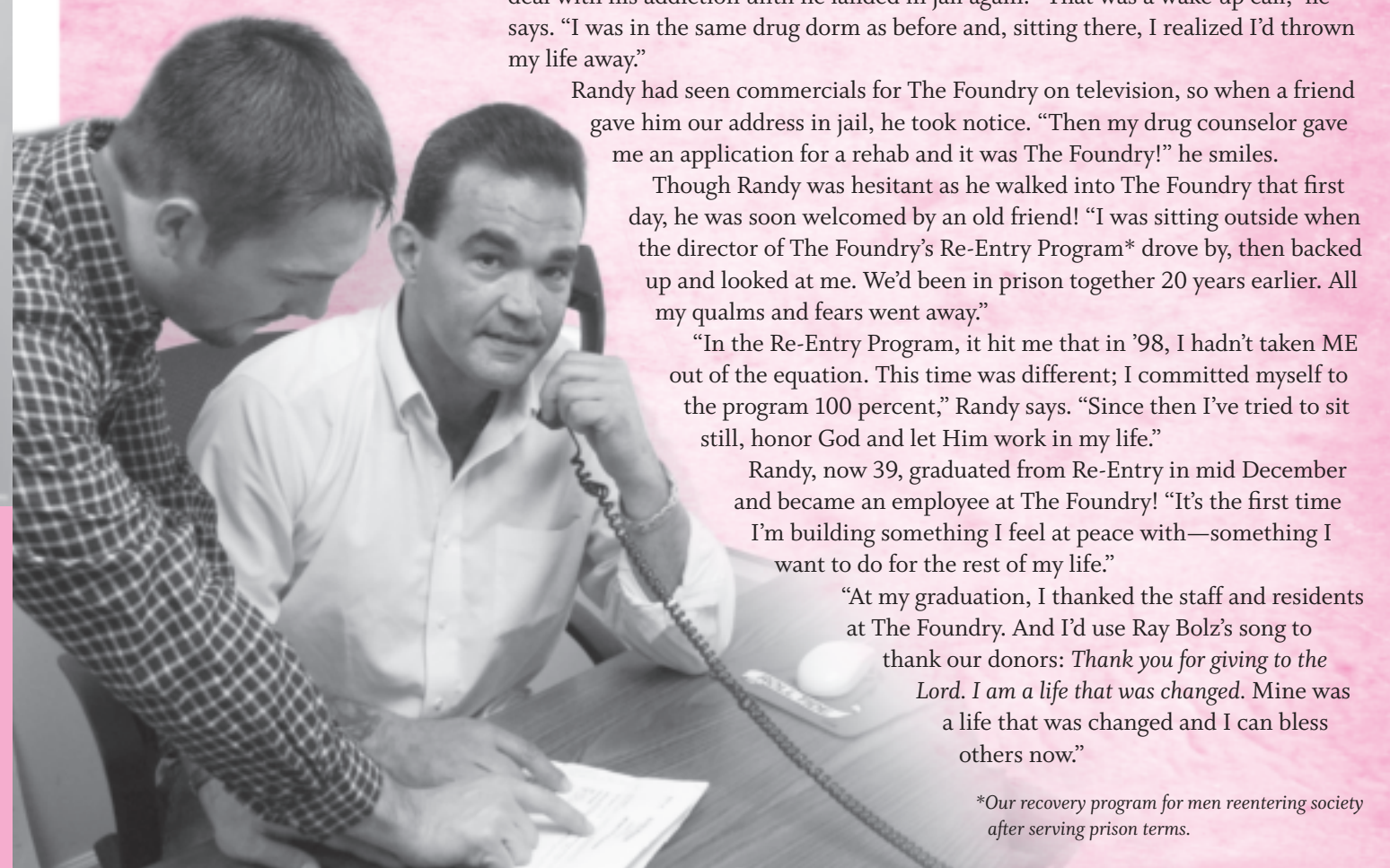
Though Randy was hesitant as he walked into The Foundry that first day, he was soon welcomed by an old friend! "I was sitting outside when the director of The Foundry's Re-Entry Program* drove by, then backed up and looked at me. We'd been in prison together 20 years earlier. All my qualms and fears went away."

"In the Re-Entry Program, it hit me that in '98, I hadn't taken ME out of the equation. This time was different; I committed myself to the program 100 percent," Randy says. "Since then I've tried to sit still, honor God and let Him work in my life."

Randy, now 39, graduated from Re-Entry in mid December and became an employee at The Foundry! "It's the first time I'm building something I feel at peace with—something I want to do for the rest of my life."

"At my graduation, I thanked the staff and residents at The Foundry. And I'd use Ray Bolz's song to thank our donors: *Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Mine was a life that was changed and I can bless others now.*"

*Our recovery program for men reentering society after serving prison terms.





Bill Heintz shares an encouraging word with a resident in our recovery program.

You Helped Provide

Because you gave, The Foundry provided these services to homeless and addicted men and women and to the low-income community in 2006! Thanks so much.

Nights of lodging	72,800
Meals served	208,000
Recovery program graduates	75
People receiving free clothing	896
Food boxes distributed	277
Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance	1,920

Dear Friends

My staff and I have a vision for 2007 that is awesome—but not beyond what our God can do! I'm printing it for you here, so you can be a partner in prayer as we pursue the goals to which I believe God is calling us.

- Relocating to the newly renovated 500-seat chapel where we can reach even greater numbers with Spirit-led worship and teaching!
- Increased community outreach allowing our residents to "give back" to our Bessemer neighbors.
- Additional housing that allows us to serve up to 50 hurting women—an increase of 30 percent!
- The renovation of our old chapel into housing for men, adding at least 40 beds.
- An "aftercare" facility housing up to 50 men transitioning back into the community after completing our program.
- The expansion of Re-Entry, our program for men leaving the prison system and reentering society.
- The continued renovation of the former First Baptist Church of Bessemer to house The Foundry Women's Center.

We are declaring 2007 to be **The Year of the Lord's Favor** at The Foundry. Pray with us and for us in our endeavors. And as God leads you, please give financially so we can bring Christ's welcome, pardon, cleansing and relief to more homeless and addicted men and women than ever.

Blessings in 2007,

Bill Heintz
Rev. Bill Heintz

As Christmas approached, several residents in our recovery program volunteered to wrap up the season by decorating doors at nearby Meadowood Retirement Community in Bessemer. The holiday cheer they produced is evident on this woman's face!



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.

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A Warm Holiday Welcome



Adopt-A-Block Christmas Party

More than 60 children from the Bessemer community attended our Adopt-A-Block Christmas Party where they enjoyed fun and food, and opened beautiful gifts donated by you! Volunteers from Valleydale Church, pictured below, coordinated our program, presented the Gospel, and provided craft materials and other supplies for our Children's Ministry.



During the holidays, The Foundry welcomed our residents, their families and our low-income neighbors to celebrations that warmed their hearts! Thank you for your generosity, compassion and prayers at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Residents at The Foundry enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, made possible by your gifts and served by our staff.

Mentor's Christmas Dinner

Women in The Foundry's recovery program prepared a colorful Christmas dinner for our mentor volunteers to say "thanks" for each one's love and support. This year, we established a new annual award to recognize a mentor who has excelled in her service to our residents. The Kimberly's Cross Award was established in memory of Kimberly McClendon; our recipient this year was Kimberly's mother, long-time mentor Beverly McClendon, pictured here.



To learn more about mentoring, contact Tawana at (205) 428-8449, ext. 31 or tpendley@thefoundryonline.org.



Adopt-A-Table Resident Christmas Party

More than 180 residents filled our dining room to enjoy a Christmas feast and open presents. The gifts, meal and uniquely decorated tables were sponsored by a variety of volunteer groups. Following dinner, residents participated in our annual talent show—the men's program took first prize for their skit!

Hearts of Hope Tea

Wednesday, May 2, The Foundry will host our first annual **Hearts of Hope Tea** at the Vestavia Country Club. "This event brings together women in our community who have a heart for homeless and addicted women and want to help fund The Foundry Women's Center," says Director of Development Leslie Freeman.

Keynote speaker will be C. Leslie Charles, coauthor of *Bless Your Stress: It Means You're Still Alive*. Charles asks, "Are you one of the hurried, the worried, the busy, the bugged, the dashing, the gnashing, the itchy, the twitchy, the bustling, the hustling?" Her talk will enlighten, amuse, stimulate, educate and activate you!

To host a table for **Hearts of Hope**, contact Leslie Freeman, (205) 428-8449 or lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org.