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The SPARK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOUNDRY RESCUE MISSION AND RECOVERY CENTER

Spring 2007

The Day I Would Live or Die

It was a scene out of an action film. The car careened around the corner and screeched to a stop.

As she jerked open the passenger door, the driver yelled, "Get in!" The woman on the sidewalk leapt into the car and within seconds, the vehicle disappeared into the traffic.

"I knew I had to get to The Foundry or die," Yolanda says of that defining day three years ago. "I was with a man who was an addict, waiting for his monthly check. When he saw the mailman, he handed me a quarter and said, 'Call the dope man.' I went to the phone booth and called my daughter instead. I wanted her to call The Foundry. I couldn't stand to take another drug or have another man touch me."

"When my boyfriend asked if I made the call, I said, 'Yes, I made the call.' Minutes later, my daughter pulled around the corner on two wheels! I got in the car and have not looked back."

Yolanda had been in The Foundry's recovery program twice, but both times dropped out as she tired of the Christian emphasis. Now, she wondered, what if this is real? What if I surrender and He really gives me life? What do I have to lose? Let me try Jesus!

Once back at The Foundry, Yolanda threw herself into recovery activities and her new relationship with Christ. The Foundry's staff and her mentor became her close friends and counselors. "My problems were their problems. I found genuine concern, not plastic.

My mentor was like an angel. When I first met her, I felt unworthy and embarrassed. But her eyes were full of hope and life for me."

Today, Yolanda serves as The Foundry's women's ministry assistant. Each day, she helps women in recovery locate permanent housing through the Jefferson County Housing Authority's Shelter Care program. "When you complete The Foundry's program, you need help chopping down obstacles to your success. With God's help—and He is a BIG God—we can help women get a place of their own."

Yolanda and her daughter have purchased a home together and are rebuilding their once strained relationship. "It's awesome and it's all about Jesus," Yolanda smiles. "I came to Him completely broken.

But from the time I accepted Him as Lord and Savior, everything I touch turns to gold."

Yolanda, right, prays with a client.

Easter Glee

When you combine the joyous story of the resurrection with a little chocolate, lots of kids show up! Easter Sunday, almost 40 little ones gathered to hear the Easter story of Christ's resurrection and to hunt for hidden candy, all coordinated by our Children's Ministry. Thanks to all who helped make this special day possible ... and thank YOU, Jesus!



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The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center depends on your financial gifts, prayers and volunteer energy to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the most vulnerable population of our state. Have you given recently? Taken a tour? Scheduled a speaker? Visited our Web site? We believe this is "the year of the Lord's favor" at The Foundry. Please join us!

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Men and women find forgiveness and healing at the altar in our new Worship Center. Here, Bill Heintz prays with a client during a recent worship service.

The Year of the Lord's Favor!

Better is one day in your courts! Psalm 84:10

Sunday, February 11, The Foundry staff, board, residents and volunteers dedicated our new 500-seat Worship Center, during a celebratory service.

"God is moving profoundly in our services," reports Pastor Bill Heintz. If you haven't already done so, call Leslie Freeman at (205) 428-8449 for a tour of the Worship Center or come to our Sunday morning or Thursday evening services. Learn more at www.thefoundryonline.org.



The former First Baptist Church of Bessemer now houses The Foundry Worship Center and will provide shelter for up to 50 female residents in our recovery program in 2008.



Attendees at a recent worship service pray for one another.

He must increase, but I must decrease. —John 3:30

Dear Friends

If you've read the cover story in this issue of *The Spark*, you know Yolanda is a very enthusiastic and diligent member of our women's ministry team.

But after interviewing Yolanda for this story, she and her daughter LaShonda asked if we'd pass on a little more about their family to our readers and donors. They felt it would be important information for you to have, and I agree.

Too often, addiction seems to define the lives of The Foundry's clients. But many—like Yolanda—lived very much like you and me before they succumbed to alcohol or drug abuse.

Yolanda was married for 19 years to an airline pilot. "We had a good life and we were a good family until I destroyed it all with drugs," she admits. Her husband raised LaShonda as Yolanda disappeared into the drug culture. As a young adult, LaShonda, now an employee at *The Birmingham News*, even took out a restraining order against her mother. "I sabotaged every relationship she had," Yolanda says today.

Look around you—in your church, your workplace, your neighborhood, your own home—and you will find "nice families" undergoing tremendous pain because someone they care about has a substance abuse problem. "It's not just folks under bridges," Yolanda asked me to remind you. "It hits lives in every area."

The Foundry is here to help you, your loved one, friend or coworker if that "live or die day" comes as it did for Yolanda. Please pray for us as we continue to bring His healing and hope to homeless and addicted men and women.

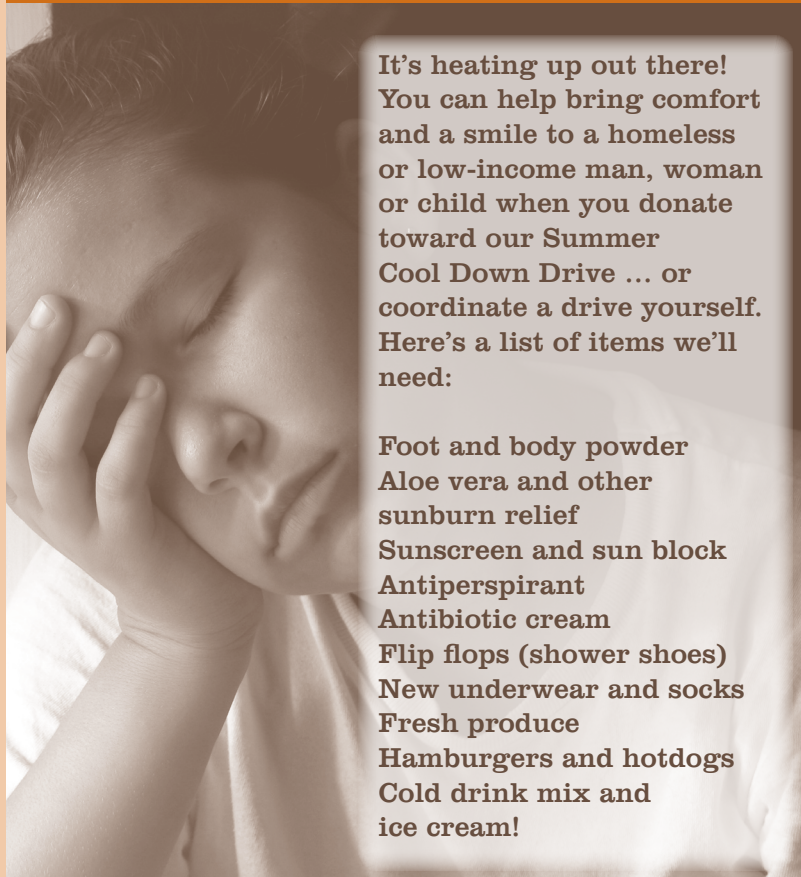
In His Service,

Bill Heintz
Rev. Bill Heintz

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 January–March 2007.

Nights of lodging	15,750
Meals served	42,250
Recovery program graduates	25
Counseling hours	2,040
People receiving free clothing	165
Food boxes distributed	38
Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance	994



It's heating up out there! You can help bring comfort and a smile to a homeless or low-income man, woman or child when you donate toward our Summer Cool Down Drive ... or coordinate a drive yourself. Here's a list of items we'll need:

- Foot and body powder
- Aloe vera and other sunburn relief
- Sunscreen and sun block
- Antiperspirant
- Antibiotic cream
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- New underwear and socks
- Fresh produce
- Hamburgers and hotdogs
- Cold drink mix and ice cream!



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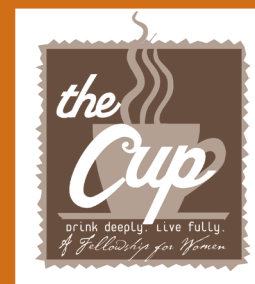
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Our Vision
To be the leader in Christ-centered recovery, permanently transforming lives.

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



Watch for details about The Cup coming soon! The new gathering place will provide women in our program and

the community a place to relax in a conversational, "coffee shop" atmosphere. The Cup will be equipped with wireless internet and will provide the perfect spot to surf the net, read a book or gather with friends. Coffee and snacks will be offered for a small donation and The Cup will be home to a monthly fellowship for women as well as other meetings and small gatherings. "It will be a place for fellowship and refreshing," says Women's Center Director, Michele Heintz.



We're Lookin' for a Few Good Volunteers

Immediate volunteer opportunities are available for our monthly Meltdown event and The Foundry Children's Ministry. Form a street team to distribute fliers and posters; individuals can provide security and hospitality, help usher and more. Call Stacey Weston at (205) 428-8449, ext. 27 to learn more about our volunteer needs. Thanks!