

# Hold on to Your Hats!

Individuals and representatives of foundations, organizations and businesses who helped raise more than half our \$3 million capital campaign goal attended our **Hard Hat Event**, Sunday, September 9, and toured our newly renovated Worship Center and Women's Center, funded by the campaign.

"Guests also toured the four-story building that will accommodate 52 women in recovery," says Leslie Freeman, director of public relations. "We wanted to show those who'd given specifically to the Foundation Project Capital Campaign what their contributions have accomplished so far and how their future gifts would be used."

Also invited were attendees of our first-ever Hearts of Hope Benefit Tea, an annual spring event that helped open the doors of our Women's Center in July! "The Foundry receives no government funding," explains Leslie, "so the sacrificial gifts of the women who attended the tea and who gave to the campaign were crucial."

To assist The Foundry in reaching our \$3 million campaign goal, please contact Leslie Freeman at (205) 425-7737, ext. 16 or [lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org). You may also visit our Web site at [www.thefoundryonline.org](http://www.thefoundryonline.org).



## Where DO I FIND?

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Donate a car before the year ends! You'll receive a great tax deduction (minimum \$500), and you don't have the hassle of selling it yourself! You'll also have the satisfaction of knowing you've benefited the ministry of The Foundry and our residents and community clients. To get started, call (205) 426-9000.

*Cut out for great savings!*



# 25% OFF

your purchase of **ALL CLOTHING** at  
**The Foundry SuperThrift Outlet!**

Bring in this coupon any time between November 1 and December 1 to receive a **25 percent discount** off your entire purchase of clothing items! (This offer excludes any other discounts and sales promotions.)

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Closed Sunday

Drop off your new and gently used donations during operating hours or call for a pick up. Thanks!



# SPARK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOUNDRY RESCUE MISSION AND RECOVERY CENTER

Holidays 2007

## Christmas, Birth of Hope

*Robin* reaches over impulsively to give her 4-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, a hug. It's Sunday morning and Robin, Hannah and her mother stand side by side as they sing together during church at The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center's Worship Center. "Thank you, God, for restoring my family," Robin prays quietly.

Just five months earlier, a friend brought Robin, 44, to The Foundry. Struggling with a four-year addiction to drugs and estranged from her two adult children, Robin needed more than just a place to rehabilitate—she needed a refuge from years of abuse and rejection.

"After my husband and I divorced in 1994, me and my children just slowly went down. My mother said it was like I jumped off a cliff and she couldn't catch me," recalls Robin, who admits her husband was physically and emotionally abusive. "After that, I got involved with a man who was no good and used drugs, then I started using drugs, too."

At The Foundry, Robin gave her heart to Jesus and began to grow in confidence as she realized God had always been with her and would be her strength now. "It was like God was welcoming me home," she says today. "My family was afraid I wouldn't stay, but His hands were on my shoulders and I knew this was where I belonged."

Robin yearned to restore her relationship with her daughter and be a support to her. Soon her daughter agreed to attend church with Robin at our Worship Center. Each Sunday, Robin, her daughter and Hannah sat together, enjoying the singing and listening to God's Word. In time, Robin's daughter rededicated her life to Christ.

"I could never have imagined what God's done in just five months!" Robin says gleefully. "He has delivered me and my family! He has poured out His blessings on my children."

This Christmas, Robin looks forward to spending time with her family as they celebrate Christ's birth together. "I want to be a whole and good mother to my children and grandchildren," she says. "Knowing Christ is the Lord of my life, Christmas will be more meaningful."

*At Christmas, The Foundry will extend gifts of hope to our residents as we celebrate God's Gift of Hope, Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing your love and generosity with the homeless and addicted during this holy season.*



from the  
*Executive Director*



*Pastor Bill and Michele Heintz wish you a season filled with the joy of the Lord.*

As The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center plans for the holidays, we talk about who will decorate the dining hall Christmas tree ... if we can include ham in the holiday menu ... how many gifts we'll need for residents in our recovery programs.

These conversations often turn to what the season really means and how we will convey that meaning to those we serve. More than anything else, we want our residents to know that Christmas is a celebration of God's Gift of Hope, Jesus Christ.

Jesus' birth, more than 2,000 years ago, is the reason we can tell a woman in our recovery program, "With God's help you can make it this time." It's the reason a man can say, "I'm going to be a real father to my children from now on." It's the reason we feel compelled to spread His Good News to every man, woman and child who enters our doors.

Christmastime is in the air at The Foundry Rescue Mission! Your partnership blesses us all year around, but during the holidays we say an extra prayer for you, thanking God for your faithfulness. May you and yours celebrate His Gift of Hope, too.

Christmas Blessings,

*Bill Heintz*  
Rev. Bill Heintz

## You Helped Provide

Nights of lodging	50,787
Meals served	164,025
Recovery program graduates	37
Counseling sessions	4,500
People receiving free clothing	114
Food boxes distributed	567
Residents receiving medical, dental, optical, prescription assistance	380

## Holiday Blessings from Our Staff!



*From our staff to your home, may God grant you a joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas filled with His blessings and love.*



*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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MISSIONS**

# Christmastime is in the Air...

On this page, you'll learn of our holiday activities and how you can partner with us to bring a season of meaning to our residents, their families and our community. To learn more, call (205) 425-7737.

## Holiday Food Needs

At Thanksgiving, we distribute food boxes containing everything needed for a traditional turkey dinner, along with a Bible or devotional, to low-income families in and around Bessemer. We also serve up plentiful holiday dinners for our residents at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We're grateful for your donations of the items below delivered to The Foundry Community Outreach Center by November 16th:



Commercial and family sizes appreciated!

- Turkeys and hams
- Stuffing mix (not croutons, please)
- Canned yams and cranberries
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- 1-lb. bags brown sugar
- 4-lb. bags granulated sugar
- Marshmallows
- Boxes instant potatoes
- Packaged gravy mix
- 3-lb. bags apples
- Cake mixes and frosting
- New NIV Bibles and devotionals (spiritual food!)

## Gift of Hope

Provide Christmas gifts for our residents' children and children in our community. Here's a list of what we need most. Please make sure gifts are new, unwrapped and delivered to The Foundry Women's Center by December 7th. For details, contact Michele Heintz, (205) 425-7737, ext. 11 or [mheintz@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:mheintz@thefoundryonline.org). Thanks!

- Toys for infants and toddlers
- Dolls (all cultures)
- Basketballs, footballs
- Board games
- Makeup sets
- Purses
- Wiffle Ball and Nerf sets
- Backpacks filled with school supplies

Christmastime is in the air,

Reverence deeply known.

And, in each life and everywhere,

Hope is shared and joy is shown.

## Cash 'n' Cards

When you give cash donations or gifts cards from the following stores, you allow us to make bulk purchases of gifts and food, and shop for other urgent needs, while stretching our general fund dollars. To make giving easier than ever, you can visit [www.thefoundryonline.com](http://www.thefoundryonline.com) to give online!

- Wal-Mart
- Target
- OfficeMax
- Sam's Club
- Kmart
- Lowe's
- Home Depot

## Adopt-a-Table

Sunday, December 2, at 5 p.m., our residents will gather for our **Adopt-a-Table Christmas Dinner and Talent Show**—a very special tradition!

What makes it so special? You do! Call Leslie Freeman at (205) 425-7737, ext. 16 or e-mail [lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:lfreeman@thefoundryonline.org) to adopt a table with decorations, gifts and food. This is a great project for families, coworkers and other small groups. We know you will be blessed.

## Open Doors—a New Volunteer Opportunity

*"I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut." Rev. 3:8*

We are delighted to introduce Open Doors, our new program providing volunteers to assist our Women's Center recovery program graduates as they walk back through the door into independent living.

Open Doors volunteers help graduates find a new home, a new church and set them on a path to a new Christ-filled journey! Learn more about this opportunity by calling Stacey Weston, (203) 425-7737, ext. 17 or e-mailing [sweston@thefoundryonline.org](mailto:sweston@thefoundryonline.org).