



# IMPACT REPORT

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*Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.*

- 1 Timothy 4:15



## The Foundry Ministries

Since 1971, The Foundry Ministries has provided hope for Birmingham's men, women and children in need.

Originally established under the name, Bessemer Rescue Mission, The Foundry has positively impacted thousands of individuals throughout our long history. We are a Christ-centered, non-denominational 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and rely heavily on the generosity of individuals, businesses, churches, foundations, and a variety of civic and social organizations in our community.

Our Mission is to restore hope and rebuild lives. We serve as a safe haven for the addict to experience the love of Christ, find freedom, and discover purpose.



## Letter from Micah

So much happened at The Foundry in 2021-2022. So much happened in our world during this same time. Addiction is everywhere. In our families, at our workplaces, in our churches and for some even in our families. The opioid crisis in our country is overwhelming. According to the CDC, more than 107,000 people died of a drug overdose, with 75% of those deaths involving an opioid last year alone. The Foundry exists to change this... one person at a time. The men and women we serve walk in our doors feeling ashamed, heartbroken, scared and usually alone. Addiction has taken everything from them and their hope for freedom has slipped away. The Foundry exists to change this.

The idea of continuously improving is central to who we are and a core value at The Foundry. Our philosophy is that God deserves our best and so do those in our care. This principle not only applies to us as a ministry but also to the individual participant as they just want to get better. Our team spent much of this past year rebuilding and revising the “how” of our Christ-centered approach to recovery. We are partnering with industry leaders and with innovative technology to bring the very best we can to the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and the sons and the daughters who walk on to one of our campuses. Our mission has not changed. Our purpose is as clear today as it was when we started more than fifty years ago. We exist to restore hope to the addict through Jesus Christ. It does not end there but a foundational relationship is the only place to begin a journey of true freedom. So many are trapped and feel hopeless, and The Foundry exists to change this.

We could not do what we do without you. As a partner with The Foundry, every dollar you give and every minute you share makes an eternal difference. On behalf of the hundreds of men and women who were forever changed this past year, thank you. You exist to change this...



## Amber's Story

My name is Amber Collins. I was in addiction for over 20 years. My first memories of pain and fear started at three years old when I was molested in Sunday School. My mother was also verbally and physically abused. The enemy came after me in church because I am a threat to him.

I was given alcohol at the age of nine and marijuana at thirteen. As a teen, I continued to be sexually assaulted, emotionally, and physically abused. The older I got, the more I hated myself and used substances to feel normal. The self-loathing grew more and more.

Other kids used to say that when we are drunk, that is who we really are. This stuck with me and created a stronghold. Intoxicated, I was a horrible person who did horrible things, and I carried this mentality for many years. This was a sick cycle.

I lost my family and went through a separation from my children. I had nothing and cried out to God for His help.

I heard that drums symbolize war and tambourines freedom/victory. I started asking God to provide a drum and tambourine while I was in addiction. Well, he did!

One day, while using drugs, someone brought me a bongo drum and a 1960s tambourine. I started to declare war and victory. A few days later, someone put a preacher on tv, and my spirit was fed.

I continued to praise my way to the Foundry Women's Center. Death had been coming for me. The Foundry helped me dig up roots and replace them with seeds of faith, healing, life, forgiveness, and discipleship. His word says to walk in His power and authority because he came to set the captives free. Just because I was not behind bars in jail didn't mean I wasn't in my own prison.

For the Lord to trust me and use me in ministry is jaw-dropping. If it wasn't for The Foundry planting seeds, feeding my spirit, and giving me a chance at life, I wouldn't be here today. I have never had this kind of love, and I fight daily to protect it.



# Impact in Numbers



81  
Total Program  
Graduates



7,377  
Hours of Case  
Management



11,345  
Hours of  
Counseling



98,377  
Hours of  
Education



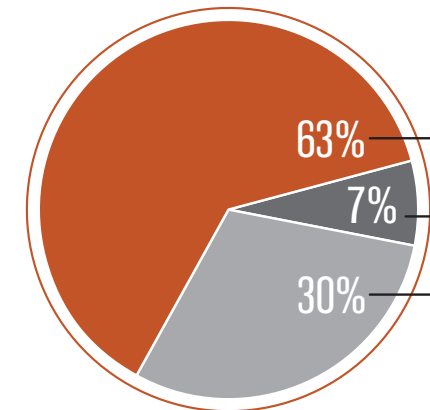
382,825  
Hours of Workforce  
Development Training



76,763  
Nights of  
Shelter

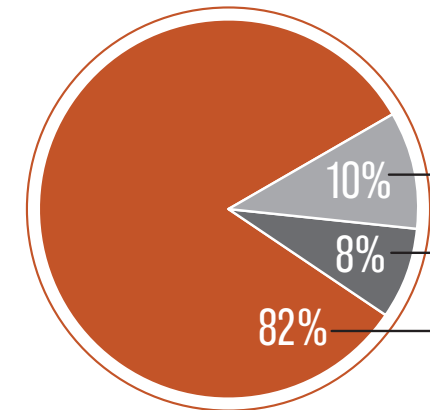


231,421  
Total Meals  
Served



## Revenue

Enterprises: \$5,338,888 (63%)  
 Programs: \$ 612,962 (7%)  
 Development: \$2,545,581 (30%)  
 Total: \$ 8,497,433



## Expenses

Fundraising: \$ 818,266 (10%)  
 Administrative: \$ 621,497 (8%)  
 Programs: \$ 6,391,166 (82%)  
 Total: \$7,830,929



## Volunteer Highlight: Tommy Schrock

What difference can you make? You would be surprised. Being an influential force in someone's life is simple as being there, ears active and heart open. The men and women needing your influence are on our campuses right now.

Tommy Schrock, a four-year volunteer at The Foundry, knows how powerful volunteering can be.

"You have a front-row seat to see the life-transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men through the ministry of the Word. It is one of the greatest joys of my life."

We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. His instruments for creating change in the world.

"Jesus has given us both a command and a passion for making disciples. The Foundry is the perfect place to live that out."

Our Life-Change Programs are more than curriculum and procedures. It's the moment you encounter your Savior. For a participant, their encounter with Jesus could be His reflection in you.

Whether it's a letter of encouragement, words over a meal, or weekly mentorship, volunteering at The Foundry is an opportunity to be the change we want to see in the world. A chance to exercise your faith.

"My greatest moment at The Foundry? Seeing dozens of men come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior."

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2



Our new Life-Change Programs need your support. We have launched a new initiative to help you do just that. Join The Change.

The Change is a group of our most dependable supporters. People who care about access to faith-based recovery and are willing to not just give once, but consistently, every month.

Learn more at [foundryministries.com/thechange](https://foundryministries.com/thechange)



## life change programs

When the pandemic hit, we knew there was a great opportunity to rethink our process. So, we got to work and asked ourselves two difficult questions. How can we increase the quality of our program? How do we make it even more accessible?

So we had to rethink EVERYTHING from workforce development to counseling, so that as many people as possible could come to our programs and transform their lives.

To continue to address this critical need in our communities, we totally revamped our Life-Change Programs. These five individual programs, three core residential programs, and two transitional housing programs are the new core of The Foundry Mission.

Our 9-month residential program will become a 6-month residential program, significantly increasing our yearly capacity, allowing those unable to commit for a full year to attend. Also, we are launching Grow and Give weeks. Participants will go to their serve assignment one week and classes the next. Think working a part-time job in college.

We have partnered with **Unbound Grace** to match our pre-graduates with community mentors and with **Unstatus Your Quo** to connect participant's with career coaches. Beginning this year, **Hope Inspired Ministries** will be administering their award winning curriculum here on campus.

The changes were implemented at our Bessemer recovery programs in September, and will continue at The Farm in early 2023.

We are beyond excited. Without your unwavering support, none of this would be possible.





## VOMO

We are relaunching volunteering with our Life-Change Programs. That's why The Foundry has just signed up for a brand new volunteering platform called VOMO that is going to help us serve better, both inside and outside of our walls. As you well know, The Foundry is dedicated to impacting our programs.

Think of this new platform as our Volunteering Hub for making an impact. It has mobile apps (both Android and Apple) that help make serving as a team or individually easy and fun. In just three clicks, you will see serving opportunities inside our organization as well as other nonprofits we partner with and value.

Volunteers are part of The Change! Inside your profile, you can track your impact. Starting in 2023, we will be setting goals to hit monthly and yearly serving milestones!



Create your VOMO account with this direct link



## Volunteer Opportunities

### MEALTIME SPEAKER



We want to hear from you! We are looking for individuals to serve as meal-time speakers to our participants. This is a great 20-minute opportunity to encourage and inspire our participants by sharing life experiences, whether they are personal, professional, or spiritual.

### AT HOME PROJECTS



Letters of Encouragement is a great project to do at home. Your positive words can provide comfort, encouragement, and inspiration to men and women striving to change their lives.

### GROUP PROJECTS



Get together as a group and do a Donation Drive! Love and support the men and women in our Recovery Programs by collecting critical, essential items they need on a daily basis.

### MENTOR



One of the most impactful service opportunities at The Foundry is our mentorship program. Serve as a stable figure in someone's recovery journey by lifting up, supporting, and praying with someone as they seek a life change.

[www.foundryministries.com/serve](http://www.foundryministries.com/serve)



## Volunteer Highlight: Betsy Kopecky

I have been volunteering at The Foundry for 21 years.

I love being a small part of showing the hope and mercy of the Lord to the women at The Foundry. The Lord has sent me a 'gift of encouragement' many times, and if I can be a bringer of encouragement to the women, it is all worth it.

Sometimes the women will tell me how much the teaching of Psalm 23 has comforted them, and they have shared it with their children. Wow!

Often, I run into those women who are now working or doing other things. Many will tell me they remember that teaching. They have not forgotten our need for our Shepherd...Jesus! God's Word is powerful!

Volunteering has strengthened me in more ways than I can say. As I teach His Word, it strengthens my heart as I speak it. I know that the Lord calls us 'to go' to those in hard places, and going is healing for us as well. I don't remember all the different women's names that I have taught or mentored, but I believe I will see many of them one day in Heaven. What joy!!

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