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Reshaping Lives

Where lives are reshaped by the hands of God

SUMMER 2017

**There Is No Off-Season...
for HUNGER...
HOMELESSNESS...
or HEARTBREAK.**

"I'm grateful to The Foundry for helping me change my life. For sharing God's Word with me... encouraging me... nurturing me... not casting me out. For showing me consistency and unconditional love."

- John

On Page 3, read John's testimony of transformation from a life of addiction to servant leadership – a story made possible through your gifts and prayers.

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Director's LETTER



Chief Executive Officer Micah Andrews encourages residents to celebrate their happiness and spread their joy to others.

Dear Friend,

One of the most fulfilling aspects of ministry is when we witness firsthand the rebirth of happiness in someone's life. It usually begins in small ways – their shoulders quit slumping... there's a spring in their step... the smiles return to their faces. Their conversations are no longer about themselves, but rather about others and what is happening around them.

***Are any of you happy?
You should sing praises.***

—James 5:13 (NLT)

For some in our care, the source of happiness can be simply a good meal, or even a warm, dry place to sleep. For others, just having people engaged in their lives again who genuinely care about them, including friends like you, reminds them they truly matter. For all, of course, the foundation for their joy is the love of Christ, which fills their hearts and gives them hope.

Happiness is contagious. Whether in worship services, classes or work training, we encourage our residents, staff and volunteers to laugh, sing and share praises for the good that is happening in their lives, and to spread their joy to those who may need to be lifted up. I invite you to share your praises with us too as part of this healing process.

As you're reminded of the happiness in your own life, please know your partnership is a source of the happiness in mine. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

With gratitude,

Micah Andrews

Chief Executive Officer

2017 Leadership Breakfast Recap... ***Thank You for Your Support!***



The Foundry Ministries and Changed Lives Christian Center extends our gratitude and appreciation to the nearly 700 friends and sponsors who made our **Eighth Annual Leadership Breakfast** on May 17 a success. More than \$300,000 was raised in support of our organizations' long-term residential and transitional programs for those overcoming addiction and homelessness and ex-inmates re-entering society, as well as our services to help neighbors who struggle with life's necessities.



"These fine organizations and those who support them are to be commended for their dedication to helping people overcome challenges and rebuild their lives so they can return to their families and become productive members of their communities. I was honored to be part of this powerful event."

– Nick Saban

Finally Fulfilling GOD'S CALL

For more than 20 years, John felt God calling him to serve in the ministry. He had given the Lord his heart as a teenager, but because of his destructive habits and poor choices, he didn't believe his life was worthy.

"God was always part of my life... I always believed in Him," John says. "But I always felt guilt and shame."

Abused and neglected as a child, he began using drugs to cope with the turmoil he felt inside. As he grew older, addiction took control, causing him to behave in ways that filled his life with anger and regret. Through it all, however, he never stopped hearing God's voice. "He continued to be in my heart and in my mind," John shares.

Finally John landed in jail, where he began to pray for God's guidance. When he was released, his pastor referred him to The Foundry's Recovery Program. Here, he says, through the staff's love and leadership, "I began to grasp what God was trying to do in my life."

After graduation, John entered our transitional living program at our Changed Lives Christian Center in Birmingham, where he embraced his first opportunity to serve the Lord. His role as a dorm leader, assisting and encouraging other residents, was preparing him for things to come. While in the city he began to notice the plight of homeless youth and finally knew his true calling. He joined an organization that helps young people get off the streets and find stable jobs and housing.

Today John is excited to be following the path he knows God has

laid out for him and feels blessed by opportunities to be a godly role model for young people who are struggling as he did to build meaningful and productive lives. "I just try to be the example," he says. "Sometimes we're the only Bible somebody will ever read."

Coaching for Job Success

Residents entering the final phase of our Recovery Program now benefit from the knowledge and expertise of seasoned professionals as they seek employment. Associates from local businesses volunteer in our Resource Center to assist soon-to-be graduates with job searches, resume writing, budget and time management and other critical competencies. Additional volunteers are needed, so if you or others in your company would like to help dedicated men and women achieve this critical first step toward independent living, contact Erin Bentley at (205) 432-1089 for more details.

Your gifts allow us to offer safe shelter, nutritious food and life-changing guidance for people like John, regardless of the season. God bless your continued support.

GIVE LIVE

Join Our 97-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

There is no off-season for hunger... homelessness... or heartbreak.

Right now, right here in our community, there are people who are wondering where they'll sleep tonight... when they'll eat their next meal... or how they'll overcome their desperate circumstances. But because friends like you love your neighbors and show your compassion through your gifts to The Foundry Ministries, they have hope!

**Give online, anytime, at
foundryministries.com!**

Throughout the 97 days of summer – from Memorial Day through Labor Day – we're relying on your financial support to provide safe beds, nutritious meals and faith-based recovery to homeless and struggling individuals and families. Our utility expenses for June, July and August combined are expected to run as high as \$129,000. This is the goal of our **97-Day Summer Campaign** – and we need your help to meet it.

In addition to your regular gift today, please prayerfully consider making special donations again this month and also in August. Your generosity will ensure we can continue to meet essential needs and provide life-changing guidance this summer and all year round.

New Thrift Store opens in Pelham...

**Please help
stock our
shelves!**

To offer greater convenience for our shoppers and provide more opportunities for our residents to learn marketable

skills, The Foundry is excited to announce a fourth Thrift Store location in Pelham. The new store will be located at 3592 Highway 31 South and you can find more information on our website. We need your help to stock the shelves! Gently used clothing, electronics, furniture and household goods are the items needed most. Visit foundryministries.com for a list of our orange drop box locations, or schedule a pickup of furniture and other large donations by calling (205) 424-2400.

Be Inspired. Be Encouraged. Be Equipped!

Readers of "The YES Journey" will come to know Pastor Bill and Michele Heintz in a new light as Pastor Bill and Michele share how the hand of God shaped, sustained and moved

behind the scenes to bring the vision of The Foundry Ministries to life. Through captivating stories and deep spiritual insights about perseverance, leadership and the joys and heartbreak of taking the road less traveled, the book encourages all who read it in their own personal pursuits of God's promises. The book is a heartwarming gift to yourself or for those who may need inspiration in their own lives.

Order "The YES Journey" online at Amazon.com.

Proceeds from book sales benefit The Foundry's Rescue, Recovery and Re-Entry programs.



Reshaping Lives: January - April 2017

42,780

Nights of lodging

7

People
receiving
clothing

218,672

Hours of employment
training and education

129,629

Meals served

67

Program graduates

Hours of counseling,
classes and chapel

53,107



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OUR MISSION

To restore hope and rebuild the lives of the addict, the ex-inmate and the destitute through Christ-centered recovery, re-entry and rescue.

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