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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



Merry Christmas to you and yours! Hopefully you will receive this newsletter prior to the holiday, but if not, that's okay because the sentiment should be an everyday event anyway,

right? It is our prayer that the "good news of a great joy for all the people" will be especially profound for you and all with whom you come in contact.

Several of you have made the holiday extra special for our residents at *Eagle* again. Food drives, random gifts and goodies have been dropped off by several anonymous and cheerful Santa helpers. Thank you so much! Another group of anonymous helpers pooled financial resources and donated enough money to give each resident at *Eagle* a fee-free week so they would have some extra money to spend on their loved ones at Christmas-time. How thoughtful is that? We are so blessed by you. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to express our gratitude.

We are excited to announce a new addition to our staff at *Eagle*. **Donna Stevens-Leonard** has joined us as our resident *Facility Supervisor Minister* and will live full time at our campus on Reno Avenue. She has already proven to be an amazing asset. **Donna** recently sold her successful Insurance Agency, which has been an iconic landmark



in Del City for several years (D. Jean Stevens Agency). She employed mostly women and brings with her a professional edge with which she will be able to mentor our residents at *Eagle*. **Donna** is also a deeply spiritual person with a firm commitment to Jesus Christ. This is a winning combination for our ministry at *Eagle*. Please be prayerful for her as she begins this new work with us.

On the back of this Newsletter you will find our Profit and Loss Statement for *Eagle* for the year of 2013. You will see that we are operating with a Loss of over **\$127,000**. That's pretty staggering to realize and admit. Many of you make generous donations of time and financial resources. But as you can see, we need so much more help. Donations and fees paid by our residents cover roughly one third of the expense involved in keeping this ministry viable. It is only through the selfless sacrifice of **Jim and Lisa McWhirter** that we are able to manage with this deficit. Would you please keep us in mind for a year-end donation? Perhaps you could share our ministry and needs with your friends, church or organization. We are on a rescue mission. The need is staggering. Thank you for your consideration.

— Jeff Gardner, Boulevard minister



In the Spotlight



Meet **Misty Biggers**. *Misty* has been with us for about six months and recently graduated from Drug Court which is a huge accomplishment. She has three children with whom she

has reconnected and she is a shining example of what God can do in helping someone recover from addiction. We are so proud of **Misty**!

@Boulevard: What was the turning point in your life which started your recovery journey?

Misty: I knew if I didn't change my life I could never be the mother that my kids needed.

@Boulevard: Talk about your children and how your successful life of sobriety is affecting them.

Misty: I used to lock myself in the bedroom to do drugs, but now that I've been clean, my children spend all their time with me. They trust me and feel safe again.

@Boulevard: You just graduated from Drug Court. Congratulation! Explain for our readers what that is and how it helps.

Misty: Drug Court is an 18-month (plus) program from the County. You are required to drug test (randomly) twice a week and make regular court appearances to report and be accountable for your progress. If it wasn't for Drug Court I would be in prison or dead. I would not be the person I am today without this program.

@Boulevard: List some positives you have found at *Eagle* and *Boulevard* which have helped you be successful.

Misty: I have learned to be responsible and accountable for my actions. Some of the women here have helped me a lot. I have learned the true meaning of friendship.

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About Us

Boulevard church of Christ is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in reaching people with messed up lives. We believe Jesus is the great Healer physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. And we all need to be healed of something.

Eagle Recovery Center is a Christ-centered, structured, sober-living group home for the purpose of empowering women to successfully re-enter society and live victoriously over drugs and alcohol or any other destructive habit. All residents are valued members of the Boulevard church family.

@Boulevard: Describe your relationship with God/Christ before and after recovery.

Misty: I have always known God, but I never really had a relationship with Him until I started my recovery. Now that I have a relationship with God, I know He has been there every step of the way.

@Boulevard: What would you like to say to the people who make Eagle/Boulevard possible?

Misty: I don't know where I would be without all of you. I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you ALL!

Eagle Christian Ministries Profit & Loss for 2013

Income:		Office Admin	\$ 4,068.40
Donations	\$ 8,553.70	(telephone, Internet, supplies, postage)	
Program Fees	\$ 50,753.63	Building & Grounds	\$ 4,369.86
Total Income	\$ 59,307.33	Ministry	\$ 2,302.02
Expense:		Bank Charges	\$ 110.00
Transportation	\$ 24,599.04	Miscellaneous	\$ 123.65
Utilities	\$ 25,275.57	Total Expense	\$187,068.54
Building Rent	\$126,220.00	Net Income/Loss	-\$127,761.21

Yes, I would like to partner with the Boulevard church and Eagle Recovery Center to help bring Christ to and heal those who are struggling to overcome addiction by making a donation of...

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ or Other \$ _____ (donation enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to **Boulevard church of Christ** and send to:

Other Ways to Help:

- Female or Husband/Wife teams to help with transportation for a day
- Donate good clothing suitable for work
- Godly women to develop mentoring relationships with an Eagle resident
- Grounds keeping assistance (mowing, limb cutting and removal, painting and repair)

Please contact Lora or Jeff at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

www.eaglerecoverycenter.org

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