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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



February is the shortest month of the year, but also one of the most special. It's when we are encouraged to express our love to the special people in our lives.

One of our university students, **Chaunicie Ehrlich**, recently reminded me that this would be a great time of year to emphasize our love for God. In her words, *"What is more beautiful than that? This is how we know what love is: that one would lay down his life for his friends. Jesus laid down his life for all mankind; what greater love is there?"* I like her perspective. Sounds a lot like **Jesus**. When you don't think you have a valentine, remember you have God! Thanks for that reminder, **Chaunicie**.

I want to thank everyone who has been spreading the word and helping with our online fund raising campaign. So far, we have exceeded \$17,000.00 in gifts and pledges to assist with the operating fund of *Eagle Recovery Center*. This increase in donations is helping relieve a lot of financial stress from our administration and enabling us to focus more attention on the healing of mind, body and spirit of those who are currently residents of this ministry. We have less than \$8,000.00 to go in order to reach our goal of \$25,000.00. Would you

continue to help and spread the word? Your donations help to save lives. We currently have eleven women benefiting from your generosity. The link for the online giving is www.gofundme.com/eaglerecovery.

Our **University Student group** is continuing to grow and bless the rest of the *Boulevard church*. Our singing worship is better than ever, they are helping to mentor our teens, they are involved in helping to teach English to some of our Spanish-speaking members, they are helping with our technology and media needs, and they are simply a great encouragement to the rest of the body. Special thanks goes to the **Oakcrest church of Christ** and an **anonymous individual donor** for providing additional funding to help cover a part-time salary for Logan Glover to work as our *Youth and University Outreach minister*. They are not just the future of the church; they are the church NOW.

Last month, **Logan**, along with **Ivan** and **Diana Gonzalez** and several of the university students, took a group of teens to *Winterfest 2015* in the Dallas, TX area. This was their first trip as a group and



they all came back with renewed commitment in their walk with Jesus.

The *New Hope church of Christ* has done it again! The **Herb Gilkey Go Group** and the **College Group** came to *Eagle Recovery Center* last Sunday and brought with them some fantastic food and fellowship. Thank you for your great encouragement!

I'm afraid it's not all good news this month. We are saddened at the death of a friend and ardent supporter of *Eagle*, **Mark Hamblin**. **Mark** was the husband of **Benita**, who is a board member and very active mentor for our *Eagle* residents. This is a picture of **Mark** and **Benita** with a grandson during happier times.

Mark was one of those people behind the scenes always thinking of ways he might be able to help someone else. In the past four years, he has donated his time, money and energy on many occasions which helped both *Boulevard* and *Eagle*. Please keep his widow, **Benita**, and their two sons and families in your prayers over the next several months as they adjust to life without **Mark**. **Benita** has suggested that if you would like to honor **Mark**, make a donation to *Eagle* in his name. A selfless family tradition!

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.

Did You Know?

- Oklahoma has almost twice the number of female offenders per 100,000 population than the national average.
- 65% of these women have young children from whom they are separated.
- 67% of these women were themselves neglected, abused physically or sexually as children.
- As adults, 71% are victims of domestic violence; 44% are victims of rape.
- When released from prison, they are given \$50 and usually have large fines to repay, making the success rate of staying out of trouble very low.
- 22 million people (male and female) over the age of 12 struggle with drug and/or alcohol abuse.
- 1 of every 2 people in the US are related to or know someone in recovery.

Donate online at <http://www.gofundme.com/eaglerecovery>

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:

1301 N. Drexel Boulevard • Oklahoma City, OK 73107

www.eaglerecoverycenter.org

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 Donna at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

www.boulevardchurch.org

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