

@Boulevard



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and Eagle Recovery Center



A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



It is another new year, and we are excited about the blessings we know are ahead because we know God will continue to provide them. Many of you have let God use you to bless us this past year.

And I know you don't do it to be recognized, but we want to express our sincere gratitude.

Those of you who continue to send financial blessings our way help relieve the stresses which come from operating a ministry. You are our valued partners.

Many of you went the extra mile in blessing our ladies of Eagle at Christmas time and you will never know just how special you made each of them feel. The **Cornerstone Church of Midwest City** and their **BLING** group hosted a fundraiser (**Pristine**) and, under the leadership of **Shannon Brown**, raised \$950 for Eagle which was used to buy a TV for the living room and throw a Christmas party for our ladies including gift cards for all. This gift will keep on giving for a long time! **Judy** and **Gary Roach** joined forces with several others who put together Christmas stockings for all our ladies which were overwhelmingly full and beautiful. Here is a list of their helpers of whom I am aware (my apologies if anyone is omitted, but God knows who you are): **Tom & Fran Howell**, **Tamara & Herb Gilkey**, **Richard & April Ford**, **Ken & Myrna Johnson**, **Don & Linda Rainwater**, **Glen & Carolyn Ricks**, **Lisa Ross**, **Barbara Tucker**, **Jerry & Ruth Ann Wakefield**, **Bill & Jeannie Ketcher**, **George Ann Owen**, **Jack & Ann Livesay**, **Jack & Lawanna Cooper**, **Leroy & Jo Frances Wood**, **Gil & Jeanan Hill**, **Hank**

& **Pat Henderson**, **Mark & Mary Carr**, **Jerry & Rowena Ogden** and **Janna Preston**. That's a long list! Thank you so much for your kindnesses.

As a congregation, *Boulevard* adopted a refugee family of eight this year and bought them gifts according to their needs. Our *Eagle ladies* participated in that as a way of "paying forward" so many of your kindnesses. They also spent a little time at a nursing home cheering up an elderly member, **Ken Bonner**, and several of them adopted a table at the *City Rescue Mission* on Christmas Day and spent part of the day serving others. We are so proud of their desire to be of service.

For those who are our prayer partners, keep up the good work. We especially need you. Happy New Year!

—Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



In the Spotlight



Meet Christina Bird. Christina has completed the Eagle Recovery Center program and has recently started a new managerial job.

@Boulevard: What was going on in your life before you came to Eagle and the Boulevard church?

Christina: I was court-ordered to sober-living, had just gotten out of treatment and was pretty much lost. I knew I needed a job, wanted to stay clean and needed somewhere to call home. I didn't really know much about Eagle or the Boulevard church, but I knew I was finally ready to get my life together. I was

tired of going to jail and of letting my kids and family down, so I was willing to try anything. Little did I know it was going to drastically change my life.

@Boulevard: How has *Eagle/Boulevard* made a positive difference for you?

Christina: Shortly after coming to *Eagle* I regained employment and my life started to change. I had God back in my life, started going back to AA meetings, church twice a week and was provided free counseling by **Lisa McWhirter**. Because I had a new job, I was able to pay my program fees, buy any personal items I needed and it felt great being able to cover my own expenses. I had so much love and support from the Eagle girls and began to have a new family I never even knew I wanted. My life was filled with so much peace and joy and my recovery became my number one priority. Even though I didn't have the best understanding of God, I realized that He must be at the center of my successful recovery. This has been reinforced by individual and group Bible studies with Jeff. My life has completely changed and I have made it past my first year of sobriety!

@Boulevard: What would you like to say to those who support Eagle/Boulevard through prayers, service and finances?

Christina: I would like to thank everyone involved in *Eagle* and *Boulevard*. You have done so much for me and my family and I will be forever grateful. You have no idea how many hearts you have touched by just being who you are. I am so glad this is where my heavenly Father sent me and I thank Him for people like you. God bless you all!

Editor's Note: Christina now has a new career, a car, an apartment, her family and Jesus Christ!

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.

Bringing some Christmas Cheer to Brother Ken in the Nursing Home



Our Table at City Rescue Mission

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

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)
- **NEEDED:** additional sofa, love-seat or sectional for the living room

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

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