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## Jots from Jeff



The Thanksgiving holiday is just around the corner and this is one of my favorite times of the year. The beautiful Fall colors have been breathtaking and the change in the weather, for me, has been refreshing. We have so much for which to be thankful at *Boulevard* and *Eagle*. First on the list is **you** who read this newsletter and are faithful in prayer, in gifts and service for the work of Jesus we are trying to do. Without your partnership this would be nearly impossible.

We are thankful for our residents at *Eagle* who continue to grow and experience victories in their lives because of this ministry and their dedication and hard work. Last month we had **Lee Ann Henderson** in the spotlight. Since that issue, two great milestones have been reached by her: 1) She finished a year at *Eagle* and was inducted into the *Eagle Board of Senior Mentors*; 2) She completed the Oklahoma County Drug Court program, which is a rigorous 18 month program of rehabilitation to help those in addiction rebuild life on a firm foundation. We are so proud of **Lee Ann!** She has reconnected with her children and grandchildren and is ready to move out on her own. Keep her in your prayers as she embarks on the next leg of her journey. **Lee Ann** was a major helper in providing transportation for our *Eagle*

residents. She leaves a big void of service at *Eagle*. Thank you, **Lee Ann**, for your service!

We are also thankful for those who had the vision to establish the *Boulevard church*. On October 24, 2013, we celebrated our 3rd anniversary and reflected on all that **God** has done through this ministry in that time period. There are too many people to list by name, but **God** knows who you are. Thank you for being willing to step out on faith and stay the course to maintain a church which is a safe place to worship, serve and heal. The nature of the work we are doing creates a church membership which constantly changes. We have seen about 27 people born again of the water and Spirit. We have enjoyed seeing dozens more reconnect with **God**, recommitting to living for Him. We have enjoyed unity in diversity, which is the miracle that happens when a church stays focused on the cross of **Jesus Christ**. We have enjoyed bilingual worship experiences along with diverse pot luck meals. We have pooled resources to help the needy. We have hosted community events with no strings attached, showing the unconditional love of **Christ** to our neighbors. We have cried when we had to bury beloved members. We have laughed together in sweet fellowship. We have been challenged. We have been changed. And we are still changing. And for all of that, we are filled with thanksgiving to our **God and Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Comforter, Holy Spirit.**

—Jeff Gardner



## In the Spotlight

*This month we are pleased to introduce you to **Julia Moreland**.*

***Julia** has been with us for several months and has become very focused on her recovery, showing great promise for her future. She has a sweet spirit we believe God will*

*continue to use for His glory.*

**@Boulevard:** What were the main obstacles you had to confront when starting your journey of recovery?

**Julia:** I realized I had two options: 1) Continue down the same road I was on; 2) Change my life. I had to really want to make that change, and not just talk about it. I had to decide whether or not I was ready to make that commitment. I had to confront and eliminate unhealthy relationships. And I had to quit blaming others for my addiction and take responsibility for it.

**@Boulevard:** What are some positives which are helping you stay focused?

**Julia:** *Eagle*, family support, structured daily routine, real friends, personal goals for a normal life, school, working on my spiritual focus, time at church, in Bible study and with **God**.

**@Boulevard:** Please tell us about your school and what your plans are when you graduate.

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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.*

**Julia:** I attend Duncan Brothers School of Hair Design. I am halfway done and will graduate in March. I have always had a passion to do hair. I plan to find a salon either on the north side of Oklahoma City or Norman to begin a successful career in my profession. During my addiction, I never imagined I would be this passionate about a career.

**@Boulevard:** How have *Eagle / Boulevard* helped your recovery journey?

**Julia:** They have helped me so much. I finally found myself, and without their help I don't know where I would be today. It is truly a place to heal and grow.

No one judges you or where you have been. My *Eagle* sisters mean the world to me. We are all going through similar trials, and that helps. And **Lora** never gave up on me.

**@Boulevard:** How important is a spiritual life to recovery, and in what ways do you see yourself growing?

**Julia:** **God** is the most important thing in recovery. My spiritual life is such an important part of me now. Without Him in my life I don't know where I would be. Praying often is key. Belief in **God** empowers me to believe in myself again, because I know He is the source of my

strength. I also enjoy attending church and joining in Bible study.

**@Boulevard:** *Eagle / Boulevard* could not exist without many generous partners. What would you like to say to them.

**Julia:** I appreciate all of the things that people do for *Eagle* and *Boulevard*. If it wasn't for them, our success would not be possible. We are so blessed in many ways. Thank you so much!

Lee Ann Henderson's Award from Drug Court



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)

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

[www.eaglerecoverycenter.org](http://www.eaglerecoverycenter.org)

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