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and Eagle Recovery Center*



A Monthly Newsletter

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## Jots from Jeff



This is the twelfth issue of our monthly newsletter. It is hard to believe that an entire year has gone by since we began communicating to you through this medium. Our hope is that it has been informative and helpful in giving you a glimpse into this ministry and the lives which are being transformed through it. Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

There is no absolute length of time that someone must stay at *Eagle* to be considered successful. Some have stayed for as little as three months and continue to be very successful in their recovery. Others have stayed a year or longer, serving as positive role models for those who are newer in recovery. Our ultimate goal is to assist all residents in developing the tools and skills necessary to be able to become self-supporting and reconnect with children and other family relationships, while at the same time, equipping them spiritually to help sustain their recovery for a lifetime.

We recently established a new recognition for *Eagle* residents who have either completed a year in the program or who have completed significant time in the program and, since leaving, have continued to excel in their recovery and spiritual life, serving as role models for others to follow. We call it the *Board of*

*Senior Mentors* and we had a special service and unveiling of this *Board* on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Recognized and honored first on this *Board* is **Lisa McWhirter**, founder of our women's ministry. Then we added **Lora Williams**, our volunteer director, followed by **Benita Hamblin**, our main volunteer mentor



since the ministry's inception. From 2012, we added **Katherine Burch**, **Misty Colley**, **Sylvia Frias** and **Robin Frey Dunavant**. From 2013, we added **Rachelle Goodwin** and **Lisa Green**, both having just completed a year at *Eagle*. Each of these women was awarded a framed certificate and presented with roses. **Katherine**, **Misty**, **Rachelle** and **Lisa** all shared a few words of encouragement and testimony about their time at *Eagle* and God's role in their recovery. We concluded by presenting all *Eagle* residents in attendance with a rose and had a special time of prayer. It was a beautiful and uplifting time together for the whole church.



## In the Spotlight

Meet **Lee Ann Henderson**. **Lee Ann** has been at *Eagle* for almost one year, and has fulfilled a very important role for most of that time. She has been our resident volunteer driver who has assisted in transportation for our ladies to and from work and other appointments as needed, from way before daylight until long after dark.



**@Boulevard:** When did you realize you had an addiction and what made you decide to overcome it?

**Lee Ann:** I realized how bad my addiction was when I pled into Drug Court. I was in jail and was not in control of my life. I lost all of the respect and trust of my family and friends.

**@Boulevard:** How have you grown spiritually since coming to *Eagle/Boulevard*?

**Lee Ann:** Before I came to *Eagle*, I was very angry at God because of certain circumstances in my life. And now I have a relationship with God and I can see the good things God does in my life every day.

**@Boulevard:** As our resident volunteer driver/helper, you get to spend extra time with the other residents. Has this made any impact on you, and to what extent?

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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.*

**Lee Ann:** I get to know each girl personally. I see each one's joy and sometimes fear. I see them laugh, I see them cry. And it helps me knowing I am there for them, and makes me stronger in my recovery.

**@Boulevard:** When you leave *Eagle*, what have you learned while here that you will take with you?

**Lee Ann:** I've learned about joy and strength, and how it's not always about me. I've learned a lot about loving one another and how to put someone else's needs above yourself. Above all, I've

learned that, no matter what, God is with me every second of every day.

**@Boulevard:** How would you go about helping someone into recovery?

**Lee Ann:** First of all, I would reassure them it is going to be okay and let them know I am not there to judge them. I would listen to them and support them anyway I can. And then show them sobriety can be achieved if they really want it.

**@Boulevard:** Many people support *Boulevard / Eagle* through prayers, service

and gifts. What would you like to say to them?

**Lee Ann:** I would like to say thank you for being a part of my life. I don't know where I would be without *Eagle Recovery Center*. Your support means everything to a drug addict who had nothing, not even hope, and you helped me turn it around and gave me everything. Thank you, again.

**Editor's note:** *Lee Ann has been a reliable helper at Eagle and Boulevard and was recently recognized as a VIP in the Drug Court system, and that was big deal. Congratulations, Lee Ann!*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### Assembly Times

Sunday — 9:30 am  
Wednesday — 7:00 pm

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