

NEW Beginnings

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What Does Boulware Mission Really Do?

It is no secret that homelessness is about more than affordable housing or jobs. Physical health issues, addictions, low educational achievements, family disintegration, poor coping and problem solving skills, and lack of necessary life skills are among some of the issues that contribute to hopelessness and lowered life expectations for the homeless. Boulware Mission fosters positive change in the lives of homeless men, women and children by providing shelter, education, rehabilitation, and substance abuse treatment, empowering them to achieve healthy and independent lives. Our ultimate goal is to alleviate the core issues that often cause homelessness.

How do we do this?
When individuals come to

Boulware, they are assessed and assigned a case manager who works with them to identify the reasons behind their homelessness. Once identified, the case manager develops an indi-

vidual service plan that addresses their reasons for homelessness.

Boulware Mission offers a myriad of programs to our clients; including, but by no means limited to, those designed to address: physical health; mental health; effects of addiction on the family; boredom; legal issues; spiritual health; emotional health; forgiveness; anger management; financial literacy; parenting; coping skills; understanding the brain and addiction; life skills; education/training; job skills; relapse prevention; compulsive behaviors; exercise and meditation; criminal thinking; no-touch savings; and housing. We also offer DUI classes and Marijuana Dependence classes to the public; the 'Alcohol and Other Drug Entity' Treatment program is licensed under the KY Cabinet

for Health and Family Services.

Length of stay is individualized, but on average, our clients remain at Boulware for 140 days, allowing ample time to rebuild their lives.



Case manager Rick Huff and former client Martin Chase; Martin was the first client to ever earn his GED while at Boulware.

Cindy's Story

Cindy first came to Boulware Mission in 2007 after being court ordered for substance abuse treatment. Upon completion of the treatment program, she was incarcerated for two and a half years, but she was committed to starting her life over. After her release in July of 2010, Cindy came back to Boulware for the support that she needed to get back on her feet. Because of her time here, Cindy has realized that her drug and alcohol use was merely a symptom of deeper problems she had. Due to the safe environment that Boulware Mission offers, she feels that she has learned to better control herself, her way of thinking, and her



emotions. Cindy said that prior to coming to the Mission, she knew how to survive on the street, but that Boulware has taught her how to live again. Today, Cindy has a steady job in her chosen field; she has had her beautician license reinstated (a task that took a lot of hard work due to the felony charge she held); and, she has re-established healthy relationships with her three daughters. Cindy is currently looking for a permanent home, and will be leaving Boulware Mission soon. She looks forward to continuing her relationship with Boulware through the aftercare program. After all, she says, "they call it aftercare, but that's not really what it is, it is just care."

Our Needs

At the request of some of our friends, we have decided to list some of our needs...the Boulware Mission has many, but on a day-to-day basis, we need the same supplies you use in your own home. Some of our constant needs include:

Ground Beef	Eggs	Paper Napkins	Cleaning Supplies
Milk	Fresh Veggies	Bleach	Air Fresheners
Coffee/Tea	Fresh Fruits	Laundry Detergent	Postage Stamps
Sugar	Paper Towels	Fabric Softener	

We are always in need of money to pay utility bills, taxes, insurance, materials, etc. We deeply appreciate all of our generous donations!



Please! Donate Today!

- Mail a check to:
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- Donate through memorials or honorariums

Questions?

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Feinstein \$1 Million Challenge

For 13 years, the Alan Feinstein Foundation has been giving away \$1 million each year to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. This year, Boulware Mission will be participating in the "14th Annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger". Any food donations, money, or pledges we receive during March 1st - April 30th will get Feinstein money added to it - and the more of a donation we get, the more of the Feinstein \$1 million we'll get - all thanks to you, our supporters! Please bring any donations to 609 Wing Avenue in Owensboro. Past challenges have raised over \$1 billion for over 2000 agencies and houses of worship nationwide; your donation toward this campaign makes you a partner in the most successful ongoing effort ever to fight hunger.



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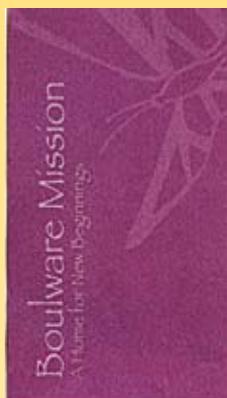
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Boulware Mission Welcomes New Director of Development and Board Member

We are happy to announce the addition of our new Director of Development, **Leigha Taylor**, who joined us in January. After graduating from Murray State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she served for 11 years as Senior District Executive for the Shawnee Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America. She brings a rich background in cultivating relationships and fundraising, which strengthens our Mission's goals for the future. She is married to Sam Taylor and has one daughter, Kiersten. Leigha hopes to reinforce our relationships and better educate the community about Boulware's services. Leigha can be reached by phone at (270) 683-8267 or by email at: ltaylor@boulwaremission.org.



Leigha Taylor

We are also happy to introduce **Wanda Cecil**, the newest member of our Executive Board. Wanda is a lifelong resident of Owensboro. She is the Office Manager for Kentucky Mirror and Plate Glass, where she has been employed for 34 years. Wanda is the former Treasurer and Annual Day Fundraiser Chairperson for the Friends of the Children for the Mary Kendall Home where she served for 16 years. She said, "I am looking forward to helping in any way that I can to make Boulware grow and be all that it can be. It truly has a special place in my heart." Wanda is married to Bernie Cecil; she has two sons, John Austin and Wayne Cecil, and five wonderful grandchildren.



Wanda Cecil

Note from the CEO

We have completed the move to Wing Avenue! During the week of February 7-14 all clients, staff and administrative offices were moved to the newly renovated Wing Avenue facility. The consolidation of the two facilities has proven to be both challenging and expensive. But, this move opens the door for a much more efficient organization that will provide overall improved services to the area's homeless population. Boulware Mission now has a total bed capacity for 78 individuals. This includes room for 62 men and 16 women/children.



Donna Mason

Homeless individuals come to us with the odds stacked against them. They wear an assortment of labels: drug addict, alcoholic, bum, high school drop-out, dead beat parent, etc., but these labels do not have to continue! Successful lifestyle changes

require a long term relationship with someone that can be trusted. The Boulware staff provides that relationship while they assist the individual in working on the issues that have contributed to their current state of homelessness. Only then will the likelihood of a long term self-sufficiency lifestyle be achieved. Clients who complete the Boulware program receive the chance to achieve sobriety, complete their GED, pay down or pay off debts, improve their overall health, learn practical life skills, and practice basic money management.

That "Home for New Beginnings" is what Boulware Mission is all about. The 1921 vision did not die when we left the Hall Street facility. It is alive and well today at 609 Wing Avenue.

"I knew I didn't want to die... I just didn't know how to live."

— a former Boulware Client

