

Boulware Mission

BOULWARE NEWSLETTER

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Why Should YOU Support Boulware Mission?

The holidays are approaching and every charity is looking for support—Boulware Mission is no different. The next couple of months are critical to the mission's operating budget as much of our income is received during this time of year. So, why should you support Boulware Mission? Well, we think we have a couple of good reasons—

It's personal—this is your opportunity to help real people who are in need. People just like you who, because of a set of circumstances, have found themselves homeless.

Boulware Mission serves over 300 homeless individuals each year. Each person's individual situation is equally important and each person needs your help as he/she works to better his or her life.



Your money stays local—Boulware Mission serves Owensboro and the GRADD area (Green River Area Development District). When you give to Boulware Mission,

your money stays right here. We do not pay fees to a parent organization or send money off somewhere.

Every penny donated to Boulware Mission goes to pay the operational expenses of providing food, shelter, case management, treatment, and programming to our clients.

We're small and mighty—Boulware Mission is a local organization, established in 1921 by 4 school teachers. Our organization is not run by highly paid executives, instead it is run by a small, dedicated staff of people and an equally

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Who Are Boulware Clients?

What do you think of when you think of a homeless person? Do you have an image in your head? Hold on to it for a minute.

You may not have realized that the girl who serves you at your favorite restaurant... or that the student you see walking to class... or that the guy you pass waiting at the bus stop each morning... they are all homeless. Well, they *could* be homeless. You see,

homelessness does not discriminate...it can happen to anyone under the right circumstances.

Each of those examples represent real people; people you might come across in your daily life who are homeless and living in our community. You wouldn't know it if you saw them on the street, because they look just like you and me.

On any given day, anywhere

from 50-60 people call Boulware Mission home. They come from a wide variety of backgrounds but they all share one common thread... due to some combination of events, they have become homeless.

Here are some of our residents' stories:

Joe is a retired elementary school gym teacher. He spent most of his adult life molding our children. Because of an

illness, he burned through his savings and lost his home. He is now trying to find a job in order to get back on his feet.

Will is a retired navy veteran who served this country for years. He ended up in the mission after his marriage broke up and his divorce left him without a home. Residing at the mission he has been able to save some money and is now in the process of moving into his own apartment.

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You're Presence is Requested
Boulware Mission Open House
Thursday, December 18, 2014
2:00-6:00 p.m.
609 Wing Ave., Owensboro



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Thank You

Most often, when people first come to Boulware, they need help with overcoming the unhealthy lifestyle patterns that contribute to making them homeless. Boulware offers a comprehensive continuum of services to help guide clients from 'where they are' into healthy, productive and independent lives. The Mission's success is treating the whole person...body, mind, and spirit.

Boulware Mission provides a caring, compassionate "home for new beginnings" and hope for those who are without the basic necessities and skills for independent living.

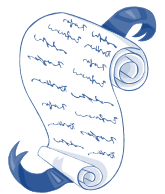
The doors of Boulware Mission are kept open through the generosity of individuals and groups in our community like you.

You are an important part of Boulware Mission as we work together to enhance people's lives and work towards our mission of ending homelessness, one person at a time, through education, treatment, and services.

Thank you for everything you do to help make our programs a success! Without your support, we could not carry on!

Boulware Mission Wish List:

- Body Wash
- Cough Drops
- Deodorant
- Dry Erase Markers
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Fels Naptha
- Gloves
- Hats
- Ibuprofen
- Kleenex
- Lysol Spray
- Shampoo
- Sharpies
- Shaving Cream
- Stamps
- Zippered Pillow Covers
- \$10 Gift Cards (for client Christmas Presents)



For a complete list of Mission needs, please visit our website: www.boulwaremission.org

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dedicated Board of Directors who want to serve this community by helping it's most needy citizens.

Every little bit helps—it doesn't take much to make an impact. Boulware's annual operating budget is just over \$500,000—that covers utility bills, food, materials, and staff. Broken down, it costs the mission about \$25 per person, per day to operate.

That is not much, when you consider the impact the mission makes. What a small price to pay to change peoples' lives!

Options—we will work with you however you plan to donate to the mission. We are always in need of money, but in-kind gifts are needed as well. And, we are greatly appreciative of any and everything we receive.

It's easy—to make a monetary donation, simply enclose your check or credit card information in the enclosed donation envelope and mail to the mission. Prefer to make a donation online? We offer online giving through our website: www.boulwaremission.org.

Donations are also accepted on-site; just bring them to 609 Wing Avenue, in Owensboro.

However you decide to give back this season, we hope you'll consider Boulware Mission as we work towards fulfilling our mission of ending homelessness, one person at a time!



Thank you for your support of our local United Way!

Boulware Mission is one of 22 local agencies supported by the United Way of the Ohio Valley.

Boulware Clients Cont'd.

Shelly has a dual-diagnosis. She suffers from both drug addiction and mental illness. Her children are grown and she is on her own for the first time in her life. Boulware Mission is giving her the support she needs to recover from the issues that have plagued her and to re-write her future.

Nicholas grew up in the foster care system. He aged-out of foster care a few months ago when he turned 18-years-old and had absolutely nowhere to turn. Boulware accepted him. Nicholas had dropped out of school and had never held a job in his life. He's also never really had anyone that he could call family.

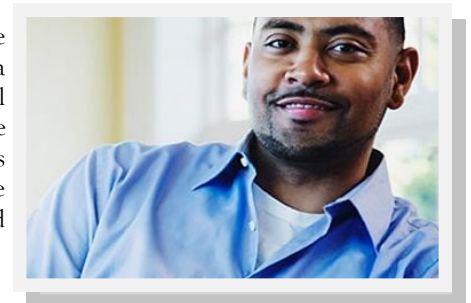
Since arriving at Boulware, he has become employed at a reputable company and is working on earning his GED.

John came to Boulware after he lost everything he owned in an apartment fire. He was disabled, alone, had nothing to his name and was extremely depressed...he was basically just existing. After becoming accustomed to life in the mission, that began to change. He has been able to get his health under control and has recently been approved for disability benefits. He looks forward to getting his life back and to being able to move out on his own after the first of the year.

This list could literally go on and on. Each person who comes to Boulware for help has a unique story and different needs. We try to be the support they need and to equip them with the tools they need to make it on their own again.

Do you still have that image in your head? Would Joe, Will, Shelly, Nicholas, or John fit that image? Would you?

The point of this article was to answer a question we get asked all the time... Who do we serve at Boulware? As you can see, we serve people just like you and me.



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