

Boulware Mission

BOULWARE NEWSLETTER

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*Giving is not your chance to
bless someone else, but God's
chance to bless you.*

In Support of Education

Aside from providing the necessities of nutritious food and safe shelter, Boulware Mission goes above and beyond by making learning available to her residents.

Beginning with the most fundamental of training opportunities, Case Managers work with their clients to see that they receive the education that they need to better themselves.

First and foremost, anyone who comes to the Mission without a High School Diploma is encouraged to attend GED tutoring, which is offered on-site.

Miss Kathy Williams, a retired school teacher, has been volunteering her services to Boul-

ware and other non-profit organizations for more than 7 years. Miss Williams has tutored countless individuals and has graduated 25 students during their stay at the Mission; many others have gone on to graduate after leaving.

Since July of this year, 21 residents have taken advantage of GED tutoring. Earlier this month, residents and staff recognized Boulware's newest GED graduate, Teri Rexing.

In addition to GED tutoring, residents are encouraged to seek out higher education. Each semester, Boulware has residents enroll in local college classes. Staff are there to



Boulware's newest GED graduate, Teri.

encourage them and assist in the enrollment process.

In addition to traditional education, residents are provided with several learning programs aimed at giving them the tools they need to improve their lives.

Financial Literacy classes are taught to provide residents with the knowledge to make sound financial decisions,

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including deciphering between wants and needs, working with a banking institution, and living within a budget. One-on-one sessions are also available for individual financial counseling.

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Open House

You are cordially invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday, December 12th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at our facility, located at 609 Wing Avenue in Owensboro.

As our guest, you will have the opportunity to meet our staff,

learn about our programs, and tour our facility. We are excited for you to see the newly renovated areas!

Special refreshments, including finger foods and homemade candy (made by clients on Boulware's traditional

Candy Day) will be served. And clients will be sharing personal testimonies of how your support has changed their lives.

Boulware's volunteers (individual and group volunteers) are asked to stop by at

5:00 p.m. for a reception with staff and Board Members. We truly could not do what we do without each and every volunteer!

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special occasion!



Sale of Hall Street Property

731 Hall Street has become a landmark property in the Owensboro community as the original location of the Boulware Mission. Her walls have sheltered thousands of homeless and needy individuals over the years as many have called the building home.

In February of last year, in an effort to streamline expenses and programing, Boulware's staff and residents moved out of the building and into the Mission's Wing Avenue property.

It has proven to be the right move for the Mission as the Wing Avenue property offers ample space for everything the Mission offers and even has room to grow.

After the move, the Hall Street building did not sit vacant as Lighthouse Recovery Services expressed interest in renting the facility. After a year of renting, Lighthouse has entered into a contract to purchase the property.

Please see the following letter from Boulware's Board President concerning the sale:

The sale of Boulware Mission's Hall Street building to Lighthouse Recovery Services was announced November 10th, 2012. All of the Mission's operations and clients were consolidated to Wing Avenue in February 2011.



Hall Street Property

The consolidation has gone well and met all expectations. Lighthouse Recovery began renting the Hall Street building in the spring of 2011 and it has been at capacity of 35 since.

Boulware Mission's board of directors determined in strategic planning exercises this year the best utilization of the Mission's resources would be achieved by focusing on the Wing Avenue campus. If Hall Street were to be sold, the board also preferred the purchaser provide services to those in need. The dialog with Lighthouse Recovery began in July of this year.

Following the expansion at Wing Avenue made possible with the Impact 100 grant

award in 2011, approximately 30% of the available space or over 7,500 square feet remain without electricity and heating. Our long range goals are to increase our client capacity up to the level of 90 now authorized from the current capacity of 78 and to renovate the entire complex.

Boulware Mission's roots began at Hall Street and we are profusely proud of the legacy and the memories. Boulware Mission is much more than a building.

We are dedicated to serving our clients in their recovery process. This move allows us to more effectively utilize the resources you have entrusted to us in that effort.

Thank you for your past and prayerfully continued support.

Blessings to you,

Alan Englehart
Boulware Board President

The next phase of the Impact project involves returning the chapel to a meeting/fellowship space and renovating the new GED classroom and sitting area for male clients. This phase should be complete early next year.

Impact 100 Renovation

We are pleased to announce that renovation to the upstairs living quarters and bathroom, financed by the 2011 Impact 100-Owensboro grant, is now complete!

Male residents were able to

move into their new living quarters in October and are extremely happy with the results!

We are excited to share the newly renovated space during our Open House next month!

Education Continued

Another popular educational program is the Job Skills class. This class teaches residents how to search for a job, fill out an application, interview, and retain a job. All Boulware residents take this course prior to beginning job search.

Nutrition and healthy living sessions are offered, teaching residents nutritious eating, food preparation, exercise, and meditation. Many homeless individuals have detrimental diets and come from unsanitary living conditions when they arrive at the Mission. This program shows

clients a new way of living that they will take with them when they leave.

Last but not least, Boulware offers both a licensed drug and alcohol treatment program and continuing education for residents who suffer from addiction. This part of our program is essential to starting a new life in recovery.



A class in progress.

Boulware's aim is giving clients the skills they need to succeed in life and we recognize that this cannot be done without education.

All instruction is done by (volunteer) professionals in the field being taught in order to give residents the best possible information.

Classes cited here are just a sampling; others are offered as dictated by client populations.

Goodwill Toward Men

Each year seems to pass more quickly than the last, especially this year when the Mission has undergone so much change.

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will be celebrating Christmas, a time when we will be reminded that miracles can happen.

Many of the men and women who come to Boulware Mission are looking for a miracle and we do what we can to provide it. Boulware offers a caring, compassionate "Home for New Beginnings" to our community's most needy individuals.

Our programs transform the lives of those less fortunate, through shelter, education, rehabilitation, and treatment; and empowers them to

achieve healthy, independent living.

As you begin to think about the miracles in your life, we hope you'll remember the Mission and the people we serve.

As the end of the year approaches, many people are considering charitable giving for tax purposes.

As you consider your options, please continue to remember the Mission.

Your gift this season would allow us to provide small miracles to those calling Boulware Mission home.

To make a donation, simply use the enclosed donation envelope or visit our website for online giving.



Making a donation in someone's name is easy and makes a nice gift. We will send an acknowledgment that the gift has been made in their honor and would be happy to include your personal message.

For more information about giving, please contact the Mission at: 270-683-8267 or Email us at: mail@boulwaremission.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and God Bless!



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