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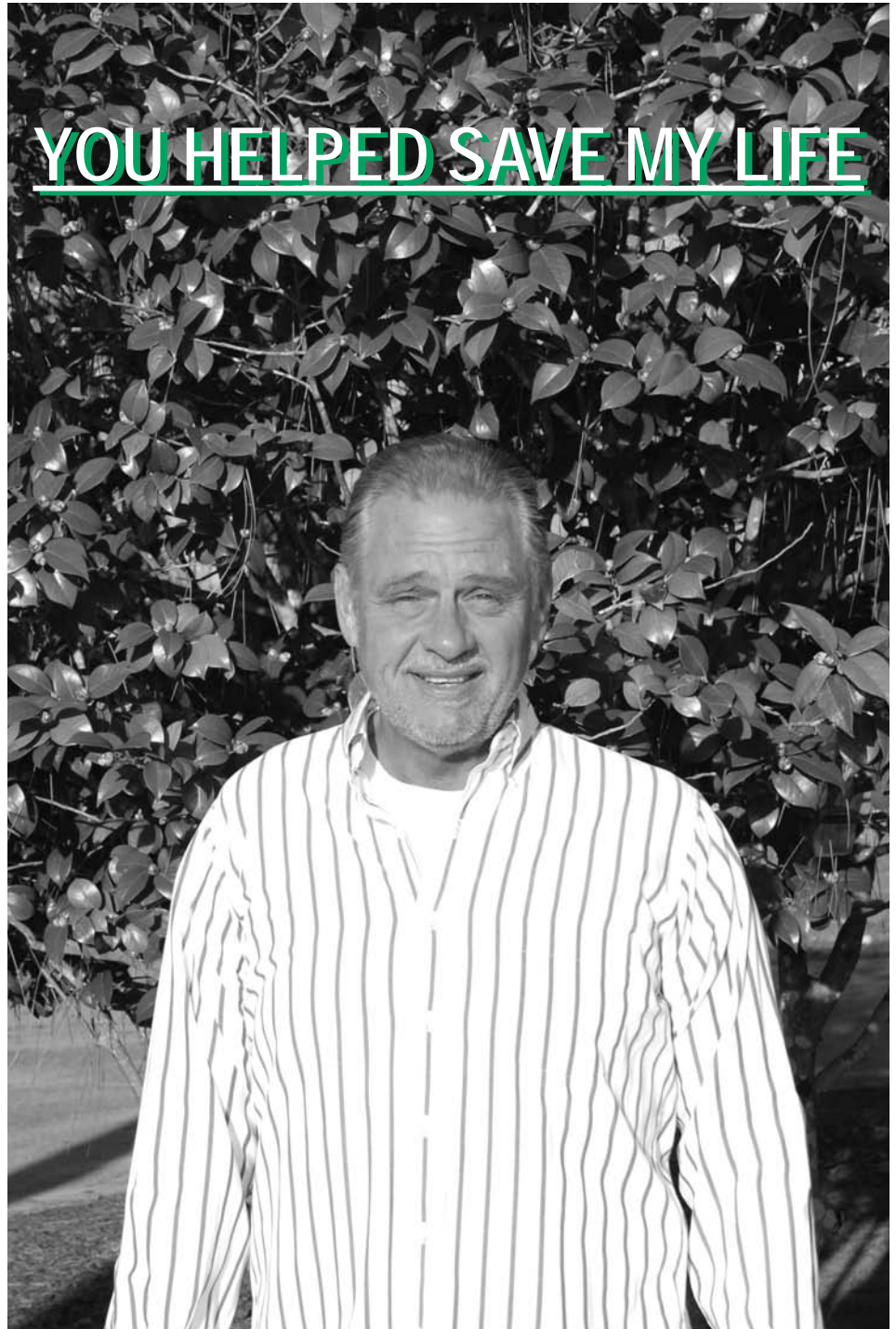
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News from Home

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Billy Barton
Executive Director

*Your Gift - - -
Opens the Door*

for men and women needing help.

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful to those of you who recognize that it's not about receiving - - - it's about giving. Many men and women have better lives today because of praying, giving friends like you. Many families have been restored and will spend a blessed Christmas together this year. Your support has opened the door for hundreds to find healing, hope, and best of all a relationship with Jesus Christ.

God Bless You!

Your Donations Make a Difference

Just look at what you have achieved in the first 11 months of 2007.

- 632 Men and Women entered into the Home of Grace
- 63 participated in Adult Education Program
- 35 earned their GED
- 185 Professions of Faith
- Over \$356,000 awarded in Financial Aid Scholarships

Twas the Night Before Christmas and I was in Rehab

Dear Home of Grace,

I t's been four years now and I can hardly believe it myself. When I first came to the Home, it was right before Christmas and to tell the truth I wasn't exactly happy to be there. But in spite of a broken spirit, the weight of a judge looking over my back and the overwhelming burden of depression that had set in, Jericho Road was exactly where I needed to be.

I remember waking up on Christmas morning at the Home, knowing that I wouldn't get to see my family that lived over six hours away. I moped around feeling sorry for myself, recounting every thing I had done to end up in rehab in Vanleave, Mississippi. As I rounded the corner of a building, I saw the Chapel.

Walking in partly out of boredom, partly out of curiosity, I ran into someone who would change my life forever. I remember thinking back that

it was a chance encounter; I look back and know that it was a divine appointment. A young man, with a smile on his face, recognized the expression I held, and simply suggested, "You need Jesus."

I t was in that moment where I realized that I was never meant to carry all these burdens; and it was moments later that I knelt down to give my life to the Lord. When I think of Christmas, this is the memory that comes to mind. I t's been four years now, clean and sober. But most of all, it has been four years with the Lord.

Thank you Home of Grace for being there, and being available for God. I t is because of you that I now have my life.

John
Birmingham, AL

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It is your donation that changes lives every day.



STEVE - It was in the fall that Steve found himself in his first Rehab. With \$100 in his pocket and a stack of burdens on his back, at age 52 Steve had been in bondage to drugs for over 30 years.

Returning back to his hometown, Steve's wife asked that he not return home. "She was unsure and cautious. I understood that." To top it off, the next few months did not go well at all. "I found myself back in the chains of bondage and much worse than before. And at this point, I had lost not only my family and profession, but I also lost my will to live."

Thanking God for the seeds already planted in his soul, Steve once again turned to the Home of Grace. "Thanks to their decision to accept me back, I firmly believe I'm not only alive today physically, but I'm alive in Jesus Christ with a purpose and zeal to share what a turnaround there has been in my heart."

"It is almost beyond explanation. I know there are many in this world standing just where I was. But thanks to the Home of Grace providing a path to Jesus Christ, I know not only who I am but who I am in Christ and am anxious to share that message."

"I'm proud to say I've been able to pay back a little of what I owe the Home of Grace. But I'll never be able to pay back for the spiritual growth. I guess I'll leave that to the Lord."

"I want to thank everyone who donates to the Home of Grace, so that others like me, can have a joyous new life in Christ."

SUZANNE - "Timing means everything when a broken person reaches out for help. But by the grace of God, I received a scholarship to the Home of Grace that saved my life," Suzanne says.

When Suzanne came to the Home of Grace, she had hit rock-bottom and had exhausted every resource. Living in addiction for 25 years, by age 40 Suzanne had tried six other secular treatment centers. After losing custody of her son, Suzanne lost her will to try. "I lived for years in overwhelming guilt and shame for what I had done to my family, plunging me deeper into drugs. I had been selfish my whole life, hurting those who loved me and refusing to be loved," she says. Suzanne had not spoken with her family for over 15 years. Today, as she nurtures her relationship with the Lord, He is slowing rebuilding her relationship with her family.

"Paying back the scholarship is very important to me. Knowing that I'm helping to give someone else the same opportunity that was given to me is such a blessing," she says.

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MEN'S ALUMNI NIGHT -

2nd Saturday of each month at the Men's Home in Vancleave. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. Service begins at 6:00 p.m. For information call 228-826-5283 or alumni@homeofgrace.org

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2nd Saturday of each month at the Women's Home in Gautier. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. Service begins at 6:00 p.m. For information call 228-497-1312 or alumni@homeofgrace.org

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