



OUR MISSION to provide men and women with Christ centered solutions to drug and alcohol addiction. We are committed to helping individuals become spiritually alive, mentally sound and physically well through faith and obedience

...whom the Son sets free, is free indeed. — John 8:36



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Terrye Peeler

I want to personally thank everyone who attended our 12th Annual Celebration Banquet on August 29th. YOU helped make this banquet our best one yet with the largest attendance ever and we raised over \$62,000, which is \$14,000 more than last year's banquet. Neil's Catering delivered a delicious meal that people kept raving about. Lisa Ellis and the home school group of kids did awesome, as always, serving the meals. Those kids are wonderful!!!! Our guest speaker Brady Weldon, was amazing and right on point with the message to the audience that was quite humorous, while still letting everyone at the banquet know that we all need to come together to help Paducah Lifeline and Ladies Living Free with their plans of expansion for new buildings at each location. Why do we need new buildings? The ones we have are in BAD shape and we can build larger facilities to hold more people so we don't have to turn away so many every intake. This community is such a giving region. I'm proud to live here and I'm proud to work with such an amazing group of men and woman who give 110% always. They love helping other's and thrive on seeing the chains of addiction fall off those who go through our program. The program works if given a chance to work. I'm excited about what this next year will bring as we go forward. If you want to know how you can be involved or would like more information on the building campaign project, please contact me at 270-994-5089.



Pastor & Ms. Kevin Gaunce

It's such a blessing to have church's get on board with us and stay so involved. The feedback we get back from the clients is amazing. We love how they come out and play games and love on our clients. We appreciate all the interaction they have with both sides of this ministry. Everyone can communicate but not everyone can connect

and this church definitely connects with our clients! Here are a few words from Pastor Kevin Gaunce of Grace Fellowship: We are just so incredibly grateful for the privilege of getting to spend time with the Lifeline guys and the LLF girls. It really is a highlight of the month to be with them and also to have them at church. We consider them dear friends to us. We felt our calling as a church about a year and a half ago from the Lord was to draw up along side some good ministries and join the really good work God is doing through them. We are so encouraged with what God is doing with Lifeline / LLF Ministries and it is a sincere joy for us to be a small part of this great work. We are blessed so much by our time with these dear guys and gals.

PADUCAH LIFELINE DIRECTOR | Darrell Orazine



How do you become an addict? It is not as crazy or as easy as you might think. One might start by being molested as a child or abused physically. You could possibly start by being overweight as a youth. There are any number of things like these that can lower your self-esteem, and cause a person to have a life that is less than it should be because a traumatizing event or events that have happened when they were young. Another possibility is to be diagnosed with A.D.H.D., A.D.D, Bipolar, or other behavioral issues that would cause an individual to be prescribed drugs, that, even though is a prescription, is still mild alerting drugs. An almost assured way to become an addict is to have the misfortune to be born into a family of heavy drinkers, alcoholics, or drug addicts where you not only are likely to have all or most of the these issues already mentioned wrong with you but are raised in a setting that causes you to think this type of behavior is normal. It is a common misconception that most addicts are weak people that have experimented with stuff better left alone and have gotten caught up in it, or bad people hanging out with worse people and getting introduced to bad ways. The truth is that almost all addicts have deep underlying issues that have them looking for something to make the hurt go away and to feel better. I have listed just a few early problems that most addicts struggle with. Others have been from medical treatments, surgeries and many things that cause long term treatments with pain medication, etc. The families of these people are victims. The relationships in the whole family is strained to the breaking point. Which causes more dysfunctional men and women that are candidates for the next generation of addicts. I chose to address this topic because I have learned that most addicts are victims too. They have been introduced to the bad before they have had a chance to be introduced to the good. Our goals at Lifeline, are to get them off of drugs and alcohol and to stay off. To show them there is a better way to live, and to let them know that their past does not define their future and who they are.

LADIES LIVING FREE DIRECTOR | Lori Fort

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify our Father Who is in Heaven” Matthew 5:16

2.8 Million people served from 147 different organizations to the tune of \$1.4 Million!! That’s what the Kentucky Colonel Good Works Program did for our Kentucky communities in 2015 and we’re happy to report that Ladies Living Free is included in those statistics. Since 2011, the Kentucky Colonels have helped us with:

- * paving our parking lot and driveway
- * purchasing a new commercial stove
- * purchasing 10 computers for our clients’ vocational computer lab
- * repairing a portion of our roof
- * replacing windows
- * repairing and painting decking
- * constructing 1 full bath / constructing 1 half bath
- * adding one shower to an existing client bathroom
- * providing urgent dental care for 10 clients



There are so many people within our community and from many communities and states that donate to this ministry. We are so privileged to witness the transformation that takes place in our clients because of the many donations and grants we receive. It’s also a privilege to be one of the 147 organizations deemed worthy of receiving assistance from the Kentucky Colonels.

THANK YOU to the Kentucky Colonels and all of our valuable donors. **-Lori Fort**

Testimony | Keisha Hopkins



My life before Ladies Living Free was one of brokenness, addiction and wandering. There was no spiritual upbringing at all, so I felt like I had no foundation. I was always on shaky ground and afraid of my own pain. Sexual trauma was the identity that shamed me my entire life beginning at 4 years old. What I have learned in the last 6 years is that my story is similar to oh so many others. Because of the pain of the shame I used drugs and alcohol to cope and to hide. My life became a desperate and sad existence as I gave myself away over & over again. I was taught very young that my body was an object to be used for a man's pleasure. So that was the life I lived in search of love and acceptance. Many times I thought to myself how much easier it would be to just go to sleep and not wake up. I imagined many ways I could end my life. The darkness was just too heavy. When I finally released the "secret" that had kept me hidden, at 26 years old I began to heal. At Ladies Living Free, women of faith surrounded me. When I had no hope, they hoped for me. When I had no faith, they had faith for me. They prayed for me, my family and my future. I learned about Jesus and how outrageous & radical & colorful His love is for me. This love doesn't make sense but it changed me, set me free from myself and from the fear of other people's rejection. With no healthy reality of who or what a Father is, I was a lost daughter. I ran to my heavenly Father broken, but I am now complete. My marriage almost ended but grace empowered forgiveness to be extended. My husband and I are happily dancing through this adventure together because God keeps His promises. What He promised is what He gave. Restoration, Healing, Power, Love. Ladies Living Free poured the concrete in my foundation and I am grateful. He drowned my fear in perfect love. I get to share my story and connect with other women and walk with them in their own healing journey from sexual brokenness to complete freedom. I also get to empower the younger generation of teens to see their value and chase their dreams. Vulnerability is powerful. It is the essence of human experience. We were created by God to be in connection with other people. This is my "why" in everything I do. This is where God's character, His goodness & love, are demonstrated through me. It's why we are alive. We get to demonstrate what our Father is really like. *"Owning our story can be hard but not as nearly as hard as spending our life running from it. Embrace our vulnerabilities is risky but not as dangerous as giving up on love and belonging and joy— the experiences that make us the most vulnerable. Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of light"* Brene Brown

Testimony | Dustin Stephens



This was my third DUI in less than five years and the day I believe the Lord began his great work in me. I can't to this day remember what that piece of scripture said on the wall at the end of my concrete cot, but I'll never forget that moment. The start, the beginning, thy will being done. My name is Dustin Wayne Stephens. I am 27 years young and a graduate of Paducah Lifeline Ministries. I live in the transitional house at Lifeline and have the pleasure of giving back to others everyday what the good Lord has given me every day. Freedom through Christ Jesus....

I was born on September 3, 1988 in Glasgow Kentucky. I have four brothers and four sisters, a million cousins, and a million nieces and nephews spread out all across the bluegrass state. My parents would drink and fight, my brothers and sisters would argue and isolate. Police would be called, weeks of unhealthy silence and stone throwing was a big part of my life. My parents divorced when I was 5 so me and my mother moved from Glasgow to Franklin to be closer to her family. She started her new job and met my stepfather Wayne. The next few years would prove to be the hardest years of my life. My father continued to drink heavily until he lost his battle with the bottle on May 30th of 2000. My mother experimented with methamphetamines before her sister's death but after aunt Cathy and my father Ronnie went to be with the Lord her dabbling with the devil turned into a full blown addiction with a full tank of gas. I barely graduated high school, I was drinking, partying and experimenting with every drug I happened upon by age 18. I'd be a fool to give the devil one tiny bit of credit by glorifying his stronghold on my past, but yes this was my weakest moment. My mother volunteers at Ladies Living Free and one of my older brothers came through Lifeline a while back and as I sat in jail for my third DUI I knew the judge would approve of my enrollment. So I did... Straight from jail I reported to lifeline. I had no friends in Paducah I had no healthy fear of the Lord and an addiction, like my mother before, with a full tank of gas. But the lord had other plans. I've seen chains broken, families mended, children getting their daddy's back, baptisms, truly repented hearts receive salvation, careers restored, long lasting friendships made, some of the toughest men humble themselves before the lord and cry like babies. I have a front row seat to watch the transformation from day one and it is amazing. Today I've accumulated over a year of sobriety, I have been promoted at my job, I am a member of Oscar Baptist Church, I regularly attend Celebrate Recovery, I tell others about god's love and try to be a testament to his glory. In closing I would just like to say that I cannot wait to be with the Father and Son in Heaven. The first question I'll ask is, "God... What verse of scripture was on that jailhouse wall"?! God Bless Numbers 6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.



BBQ on the River was September 20th—24th. Every year Paducah Lifeline men help behind the scenes. Our men moved 92,000 pounds of meat this year. Hard work, 24/7 around the clock man hours were performed but all in all it's always a continuation of building long lasting relationships. Its' neat to be able to see the men in a different setting. Employees and clients enjoy the time together.



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