



## COOPERATIVE DOWNTOWN MINISTRIES 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

**"The mission of The Firehouse Shelter  
is to provide the homeless men in the Birmingham area  
a nurturing and caring environment  
while empowering each individual to reach his full potential."**

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### **PARTNER CONGREGATIONS**

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All Saints Episcopal Church	Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills
Bluff Park United Methodist Church	Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church
Brookwood Baptist Church	New Pilgrim Baptist Church
Canterbury United Methodist Church	Pilgrim Church United Church of Christ
Cathedral Church of the Advent	St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Discovery United Methodist Church	St. Paul's Cathedral
First Baptist Church (Birmingham)	Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church (Birmingham)	South Highlands Presbyterian Church
Gardendale Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church	Trinity United Methodist Church
Gardendale Presbyterian Church	Unitarian Universalist Church
Holy Trinity Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral	Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church
16th Street Baptist Church	

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# The Firehouse Shelter

Rescuing Hope...Saving Lives

Dear Friends,

I am proud to present the 2014 Annual report to the community. The Firehouse Shelter is a key component to the homeless continuum in Birmingham, Alabama, and remains dedicated to serving the chronic homeless adult men in our community. From our inception in 1983, we have taken a holistic approach to helping our guests achieve success in their lives – focusing on mental, physical and spiritual growth as a catalyst to regaining hope and stability. We believe each guest is an individual, and we work to gain and sustain a relationship with each person that is based on respect, love, and compassion. The Firehouse is well known throughout the community as a safe haven – a place that accepts those who suffer from a gamut of challenges including substance abuse, mental illness, and sometimes a lifetime of neglect and poverty. Our ultimate goal is to end the cyclical trap of homelessness, but we do so much more... we offer hope to the hopeless.

On behalf of the Firehouse Shelter Board and staff, we extend our sincerest thanks to each and every person who has donated their time, money, and prayers to our agency. This report clearly shows the volume of lives we touch every day, and we could not do it without people like you. As always, we encourage people that live and work within our community to visit us, ask questions, and become involved on a more intimate level with our agency, the work we are doing and will continue to do in the future.

Kindest Regards,  
Anne Darden Wright



## 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors

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## 2014 Firehouse Emergency Shelter Fast Facts

- The Firehouse Shelter is open 365 days a year, and houses up to 70 men per night
- Over 3,100 men, women, and children were served
- 13,328 articles of clothing were handed out through the clothes closet
- 92,424 meals were served at the Emergency Shelter
- 1,739 people utilized the Day Shelter
- 1,376 people were helped by Shelter Case Management
- 83 people were served via Project H.E.L.P. (Legal Assistance Program)
- 378 men attended SUCCEED, a day program aimed at improving job readiness and life skills

## STOP Street Outreach Program

*"In 2014, I am most proud of the work my program has done in the community. We have reached out and made connections with not only the street homeless, but also with local businesses. We provide an alternative to getting the police involved and help the men, women, and children get the help they need quickly and efficiently."*

— Anne Darden Wright

### 2014 STOP FACTS

#### ■ STOP HELPED...

**392** unduplicated men, women, and children receive services such as case management, food, transportation and clothing.

#### ■ STOP TRANSPORTED...

**92** people to the Boutwell Auditorium warming station during freezing weather.

#### ■ STOP SPENT...

over **3,000** hours on the streets providing services to those living on the streets of our city.



Erik reunited with his wife and five children after his helpful stay at the Firehouse Shelter!

## THE PHOENIX PROJECT

Permanent Supportive Housing is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD). The Firehouse has **62** permanent housing beds located in Centerpoint, Alabama. In 2014, **34** men graduated the program and **14** men saw an increase in income. All men have access to case management, substance abuse specialists, Bible studies, and support groups.

### NASHAMAH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Nashamah is a **59** bed program that focuses on addiction recovery, job/education acquirement, and family reunification. Nashamah saw **55** men obtain permanent housing and **63** men gain income in 2014.

### SAFE HAVEN

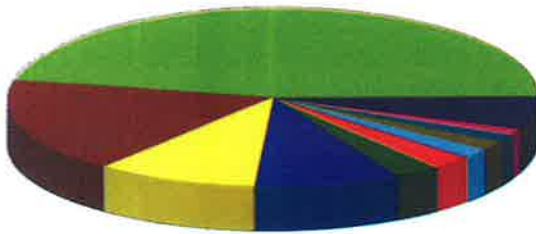
The only Safe Haven for men in the state of Alabama, Safe Haven provides **24** beds for guests with documented serious mental illness. In 2014, **17** men obtained permanent housing in the community!

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Firehouse also offers **20** low income housing beds, a mentoring project, and a pet food program for homeless with companion animals? The Firehouse strives to be the most innovative and comprehensive homeless agency for men in the Birmingham area!

# 2014 Financial Statement

Expense Summary  
January through December 2014

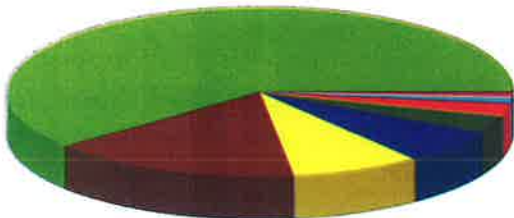


6000 - Payroll and Related	46,569.32	46.56%
6122 - Lease Payments-Apartments	17,620.00	
6125 - Utilities	9,870.00	
6121 - Maintenance and Repairs	8,980.00	
6500 - Insurance	2,900.00	
6200 - Professional Fees/Contracts	2,450.00	
6800 - Equipment Expense	1,880.00	
6130 - Program Supplies	1,820.00	
6801 - Vehicle Expenses	1,470.00	
6400 - Fundraising Expenses	1,190.00	
Other	5,260.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,618,163.32</b>	

## TOTAL EXPENSES

OPERATING	\$ 1,483,811.32
MANAGEMENT	\$ 115,059.00
FUNDRAISING	\$ 19,293.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,618,163.32</b>

Income Summary  
January through December 2014



4100 - Grant Income	61,239.87	61.23%
4000 - Unrestricted Contributions	16,190.00	
4170 - Occupancy Fees	8,360.00	
4200 - Fundraising	6,600.00	
4001 - Restricted Contributions	3,510.00	
4910 - Rent Income - CDM Apartments	2,490.00	
4911 - Rent Income - Office/Shelter	1,190.00	
4912 - Utilities Income	0,280.00	
4999 - Miscellaneous Income	0,140.00	
4900 - Interest Income	0,010.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,892,945.87</b>	

## TOTAL INCOME

GRANTS	\$ 1,159,051.32
DONATIONS	\$ 372,944.31
FUNDRAISING	\$ 124,852.33
PROGRAMS	\$ 210,798.57
OTHER	\$ 2,800.34
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,892,945.87</b>

## 2014 FIREHOUSE SHELTER FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS (\$1,000+ Level)

Gene Addor-Estate	Alabama Power	All Saints Episcopal
Jimmy Ard	John Arenberg	BABC
Lee Bains Jr	Michael Beard	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Bluff Park UMC	Joel Branum	Brookwood Baptist Church
Serge/Sarah Brazolotto	Brookwood Medical Center	Cynthia Brown
Ellis Bynum	Canterbury UMC	Pat Carroll
Cathedral of St Paul's	Cathedral Church of the Advent	CEMEX
C.S.G., Inc	Church of the Highlands	City of Birmingham
City Center Management	The Community Foundation	Scott Crumpton
Marcell Dareus	Dunn Construction	Dunn French Foundation
ENERGEN	Faith Chapel Christian	C.M. Fiedler
Lester & Amy Gable	Gardendale Mt Vernon UMC	Mike & Susan Goodrich Foundation
Charles Green	Joe Lee Griffin Foundation	Zeiger Charitable Foundation
GCG	Holy Trinity Holy Catholic Greek Orthodox	O.M. Hughes Jr
Independent Presbyterian Church	JROK Corporation	William Jackson
Dolly King	Kevin Kynerd	Lehigh Hanson, Inc.
Long Lewis Ford	Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills	Terrence McCarthy
Mac McKean	Medical Properties Trust	National Cement Co.
Violet Norris	Pilgrim Church UCC	Joe Piper
Presbytery of Shepherds & Lapsley	Protective Life Corporation	Protective Life Foundation
Ready Mix USA	Regions Bank	Danny Rodgers
Susan Rohrer	St Elias Maronite Church	Shades Valley Presbyterian
Fred Scott Shelley	Shook & Fletcher Insulation	Sirote & Permutt
Southminster Presbyterian Church	The Church at Cahaba Bend	Thompson Foundation
Trinity UMC	Tutwiler Properties Ltd	U.S. Dept. of H.U.D.
Vulcan Materials	Wade Sand & Gravel	Susan Mott Webb Foundation
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Foundation	Laurie Hubbell Wood
Anne Yuengert	Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society	