



SAFE House

Substance Abuse Free Environment

Canaan Development Foundation, 217.367.2158

SAFE House Support

by Rev B.J. Tatum, President, Canaan Development Foundation

Can you believe that it has been 15 years since the inception of the SAFE House twelve-month residential program? Operation of this **Substance Abuse Free Environment** ministry began February 7, 1994. We are excited over what God has done. During this 15-year period, 77 residents have graduated. These individuals have been changed and are now meaningful, contributing members of society. This is the major accomplishment of the SAFE House concept.

We extol Rev. Vincent Carter who served faithfully as Director of the SAFE House ministry from February 2003 to June 2008 when he underwent major surgery and was in critical condition for a while. Although he made some improvement, he suffered a relapse and his family relocated him to a facility in Chicago. We ask your continued prayers for Rev. Carter.

We applaud Brother Thomas Green who has served as interim Director during Rev. Carter's illness. Brother John Lenoir was hired to assist him.

The SAFE House ministry is successfully providing a spiritual and social remedy in our community but the financial battle is unrelenting! The ministry experienced a serious **decline in charitable giving** – down from \$104,934 in 2007 to \$72,481 in 2008. Your gifts help enable the ministry to restore and rehabilitate lives from the ravages of drug and alcohol addiction.

The monthly SAFE House overhead and operating expenses are over \$10,000. When sufficient income is not received, this places a heavy financial burden on Canaan Baptist Church. Rev. Carter was placed on paid medical leave in June of 2008 and benevolently carried through December 31, 2008. His monthly health benefit insurance premium is \$860 and was paid through February 28, 2009.

The two major fundraisers are the Annual Benefit Concert in February and the Gospel/Jazz Fest in August. **Mark your calendar for the 12th Annual SAFE House Benefit Concert February 22, 2009, 4:00 P.M., at First United Methodist Church in Champaign.**

Many of us have personally been challenged by the current economic climate. Since we continue to operate with no reserve to meet crises, your financial gifts are **critical**. Our support comes from individuals and local church donations.

Giving starts in the heart, moves into the brain, and reaches out with an open hand! We welcome your continued tax-deductible contributions to help us eradicate one area of sin in our community.

"Whatever you [do] for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you [do] it for me"(Matthew 25:40. NIV).

Donate to the SAFE House

Thank you for your generosity! Your contributions help keep the SAFE House going strong. The SAFE House is part of a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.
All donations are tax-deductible.

1. In Person/By Mail:

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at 404 W. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801. Please make all checks payable to SAFE House.

2. Online:

Donations can be made online with a credit card by visiting <http://www.canaansafehouse.org/donate.html> and using the Pay Pal "Donate" button.

Special Interest Articles:

- Winter Concert Preview
- A Message from SAFE House Board of Directors President

Individual Highlights:

- SAFE House Graduate
- Residents Volunteer in Outreach Ministry
- Thoughts from Our Most Recent Graduate

Upcoming Events:

- SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert, Sunday, February 22, 2009 (4:00 - 6:00 pm), First United Methodist Church, 210 W. Church, Champaign
- 12th Annual Gospel Jazz Fest: Sunday, August 23, 2009 (3:00 - 7:00 pm) at Hessel Park in Champaign.



winterfest 2009

a benefit concert for the **SAFE HOUSE**



substance
abuse
free
environment 

sunday, february 22, 2009

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

champaign first united methodist church

210 west church street, champaign, IL

featuring

university of illinois black chorus
first united methodist chancel ringers
canaan missionary church mass choir
safe house men's chorus
ray wiggs - organist

**free will
donations
are welcome!**

www.canaansafehouse.org

SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert

We are honored to present the University of Illinois Black Chorus, directed by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis, as our headlining event at the SAFE House Winter Benefit Concert this year.

The Chorus was founded in 1968 and has presented with such prominent talents as Take 6, Bobby Jones, Michael McCay, The Winans, and other artists of national and international acclaim.

The Black Chorus performs music ranging from the Negro spiritual, anthems and formal music to traditional and contemporary gospel, jazz, and rhythm and blues.



U of I Black Chorus, Directed by Dr. Ollie Watts Davis



SAFE House Men with Brother Green at the 2008 Christmas Party

Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Men's SAFE House. Corporate or individual sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please call 217-367-2158.

Thoughts From A Recent Graduate

By Roscoe Brown, July 2008 SAFE House Graduate

Drugs will make you formulate any kind of scenario to keep you stuck. There is freedom that comes with the love of God and with a program such as the Men's SAFE House. The best thing about it is that we were shown love. One of the things we didn't get out on the streets...one of the voids we were trying to fill. The love of God came thru the directors there and the people at the church and that helped us in the SAFE House.

When I was at Pastor Tatum's house, he asked me about how I got to

this point in my life. He listened to my story and showed genuine love and concern instead of pointing fingers. I thought even away from Church he showed me God's love that inspired the vision he had for SAFE House.

Something happened to a resident's Mother while I was there. I didn't grow up with my parents but I have always wondered what it would be like. I saw the anguish that he went thru and I couldn't help but to care for him. Actually, everybody in the house rallied around him. A short time later, another guy's brother died and the

whole entire SAFE House went to the funeral in Chicago with him. It's not at that point that you start to think about what's happening, it's later on when you're by yourself when you realize that something is happening. There's some kind of change taking place because that's not how I would've reacted before.

In your madness you try to put on the air that you don't care. But the atmosphere at the SAFE

House brings out the real you, it brings out what God has inside of you, and those feelings start to come forth. It was new, different and refreshing.

If you've not grown up with Love, then when Love is there you don't know how to gauge it and you don't know how to be receptive to it. SAFE House helped me get a grasp on love; To understand that I'm capable of being loved, giving love and walking in love.

A Message from the President, Board of Directors

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For more information,

Visit us at:

<http://www.CanaanSafeHouse.org>



"I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me."

(Matthew 36)

As you read the articles in this newsletter and review the annual budget you will see that the Men's SAFE House is indeed a community ministry sponsored by Canaan Missionary Church. There is NO government subsidy. Fewer than 5% of the residents and graduates have been or are members of Canaan. The 77 graduates live all over the United States. Donations are made by Churches and members from many denominations.

This is a difficult ministry. When residents come to SAFE House, most have tried everything else and have lost all hope. Their families are distraught. They have few friends and

very little, if any money.

My passion for this ministry arises from Pastor Tatum's vision and seeing the day by day progress of men transforming their lives. Through Bible Study, Devotions, attending Canaan's 'damaged love receptor's' classes, working at Canaan and various outreach ministries, the Holy Spirit helps retrain the way they believe and think. Graduates of the 12 month program learn the Biblical truth that God can save 'a wretch like me.' It is a joy to be a part of this struggle.

Last year Canaan bore an ever greater part of the financial costs, diverting precious resources from other ministries. As President I accept responsibility for not getting the message and promise of SAFE House to the larger community and to give more of you an opportunity to help in this vital work. With these newsletters and updated WEBSITE we are attempting to be more transparent and enlarge our appeal. We pray that the Holy Spirit will encourage you to support us in 2009 to keep the doors of deliverance open.

SAFEHOUSE 2008 BUDGET

INCOME

Brought Forward	2,082.33
Contributions (Direct Public Support)	72,481.19
Canaan Baptist Church Subsidy (Bills)	41,885.65
TOTAL INCOME	116,449.17

EXPENSES

Payroll	59,000.00	Payroll Taxes	14,580.27
Mortgage	7,860.00	Health Insurance	10,377.00
Groceries	5,049.07	Utilities	10,010.56
Transportation	3,792.23	Education	6,172.00
Office Supplies	285.00	Maintenance	2,212.15
Medical	537.72	Miscellaneous	4,149.19
TOTAL EXPENSES		124,025.19	

BALANCE

(-7,576.02)

Residents Volunteer In Outreach Ministry

By Paula Barrickman, Addictions Counselor

Current studies confirm that any successful recovery program should include the component of serving others. When we focus on the needs of others God provides healing for our own needs. For the last 12 years as coordinator for the Vineyard Food Pantry, I've been especially blessed to work with the first substance abuse ministry in this community to utilize that proven component: SAFEHOUSE.

Many of you may not realize that every Friday one group of SAFE HOUSE residents unload food donated by local groceries and obtained from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and stock the pantry. Another group of residents also participates in gathering bread from other stores and distribute it to various other pantries and ministries. Their outreach touches the lives of our volunteers, clients who come to our pantry for food,

and families who get the bread from other agencies. Their service helps feed hundreds of families throughout our twin city community and East Central Illinois. Their example of service has also impacted other recovery programs in our community, and encouraged them to include a component of service as well. When you invest in the SAFEHOUSE, you not only impact the residents, but all the people they serve.