

Quick Facts (as of 01/20/2012)

FEIN/TAX ID: 45-4323340

FOUNDED: 2007 (incorporated 2011)

TAX EXEMPT 501(c)(3) STATUS? Yes

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE? Yes

BEST KNOWN FOR:

- 1) "Prisoner Reentry Orientation" Class
- 2) Helping Registered Sex Offenders in OKC

# Hope for the Hopeless



A Ministry of Jesus to the Outcasts of Oklahoma City

## Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

We are Christian ministry focused on helping "the poorest of the poor" in Oklahoma City. We made up of a team of dedicated volunteers and offer an ever-expanding suite of services to help redeem lives and battle systemic poverty.

### WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

To leverage our God-given abilities and resources to lift up the poorest of the poor, to restore dignity and hope, and to break the cycle of poverty with Christian education and Kingdom principles.

### WHO ARE OUR CUSTOMERS?

We primarily serve ex-felons and registered sex offenders in the greater Oklahoma City metro area. Some of our services are also accessed by those in VLI (very low income) who are not in either of those to categories.

### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

1. **"Prisoner Reentry Orientation" Class** – a free, weekly class that is held every Monday morning at 10:30 at our church, Faith Fellowship Church. More information can be found at [www.proclass.h4hweb.org](http://www.proclass.h4hweb.org).
2. **"Self-Employment for Ex-Felons" Seminar** – starting in the first quarter of 2012, we will teach this seminar at a different church in the OKC Metro area each month. There is a \$25 fee for the all-day class, which includes lunch, with some scholarships also available. See our website for details.
3. **"FRAT House" Sober Living** – FRAT stands for "Felon Reentry Assistance Team" and is our sober living housing project. We provide a Christian environment for sober living men in small houses containing 4 to 5 men each. The fee is \$100 per week and includes rent, utilities, furnishings, and basic groceries. Each house is self-governed and each resident must pay as they go. No "shelter" services are provided.
4. **Bus Passes** for the Oklahoma System Metro Transit system are provided on a first-come, first-served basis each month. The way to access these is at the PRO Class described above, on Monday mornings at Faith Fellowship Church.
5. **Bicycles for Reentry:** We provide used bicycles for free to ex-felons in reentry who have attended the PRO Class.
6. **Mentoring of RSO's in Reentry:** We provide mentoring and ministry for registered sex offenders who are in reentry from prison in OKC. We provide employment coaching, spiritual support, and Christian discipleship. At this time, we don't provide housing, but we are working on it.
7. **Mission of St. Jude:** We are partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of St. Anthony in Oklahoma City to create an inner city mission called *The Mission of St. Jude*. St. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes and homeless people. This mission will be both an urban Episcopal church and a shelter for the outcasts of society. Please pray for this to launch in 2012. The church is a separate entity from H4H but will work very closely with our housing and employment ministries. Case management and social services will be available on-site for shelter residents.

### HOW ARE WE STRUCTURED?

We are a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. We function as an independent faith-based Christian ministry.

### HOW DO WE COLLABORATE?

We work with or are a part of various organizations and coalitions including the Coalition for the Needy, the Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry, the Homeless Alliance, OKC Compassion, Jesus House, and others.

### WHO IS ON THE BOARD?

A detailed list of our Board of Directors is available on our website.

#### HOW WERE WE STARTED?

*Hope for the Hopeless* was birthed out of the prayer ministry of Steve Gordon and Tom Daniels. As we met each morning to pray for our City and for the poor, God began to open doors of ministry and opportunity for us. We formed H4H in November of 2007 with a heart to help men coming from prison to Oklahoma City get the spiritual support they need to become the leaders God has created and called them to be. We have focused primarily on registered sex offenders who are sincere Christians, since they tend to be labeled as outcasts by the Church at large. Generally, we have helped ex-felons of all sorts, eventually resulting in our weekly *Prisoner Reentry Orientation* class, which has been successful beyond our wildest dreams.

#### HOW ARE WE FUNDED?

We are funded by the donations of our supporters.

#### ***Media Inquiries***

Need more information for an upcoming article or wish to schedule an interview? Contact our board chairman, Steve Gordon, at [steve@h4hweb.org](mailto:steve@h4hweb.org) or call him at (405) 615-6648.