

## Residential Program For Men Coming Soon!



Many of our friends and supporters were present at our 2019 Gala when Stability First leaders announced our intention to expand our programming for men. on Friday, May 7th we took a big step toward achieving that goal. We purchased a building that will soon transform into our Foundations House for men! This purchase was made possible because of an estate gift from our long-time supporter and friend, Mary Faucett. We praise God for her vision and generosity, and we thank Him for leading us to this property.

The 3100 square foot building on West Morgan Street in Martinsville also has a large attached garage that we plan to extend to create a large dorm space. It will require extensive renovation to create the dorm, restrooms and showers, a large kitchen and dining area, plus classroom and other common areas. An array of contractors have looked over the building to assure us that it can be converted into the space we envision for our ministry. That same team is now working together to put together a detailed plan. We are also putting together a plan to reach out to our supporters and friends to assist us in providing the financial resources that will be needed to transform the building into ideal living and ministry space. While very preliminary, leaders estimate that an additional \$400,000 will be required to convert the building into ideal living and ministry space. Stability First Executive Director, Rick Miller, is optimistic that the facility will open its doors before the end of 2021.

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# Rally in the Valley is Back!



2020 was a tough year for everyone. Many of the events we know and love were either cancelled, went on without fans, or were held digitally. Our annual Rally in the Valley 5K run / walk, car show and motorcycle ride were no different. While the race went on virtually, the experience of running through downtown Martinsville flanked by classic cars was put on hold. 2021 will be different.

That's right, Rally in the Valley is back in person for 2021. All the festivities you know and love will be back again, just like in 2019, but hopefully with better weather. We'll have the classic cars, the motorcycle ride, the 5k, and entertainment throughout the day like Zumba, and live music. We'll also have food vendors serving up some good ol' fashion barbecue.

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## Former Resident Becomes New Staff Member



**Brandi helps a current Magdalene House Resident**

Stability First has had many stories of success in our four years of helping women through the Magdalene House. We have helped women gain jobs, helped mothers regain custody of their children, and help them find stability in their lives. And now, Stability First is proud to share another success story. Brandi Woods-King, one of our former resident's is coming back to be a House Manager.

Brandi has been through a lot before getting to where she is today. She grew up in poverty, and with a father who suffered from drug and alcohol addiction. "He abused my mom, a lot. When we got older he got clean, and got saved and stopped abusing my mom. We had a good relationship later, but it was rough."

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## The Benefits of Our Centerstone Partnership



**Centerstone counselor, JaCosta, meets outside with some Magdalene House Residents**

It's no secret that our state has a homelessness problem. In 2020 alone, 4,037 people experienced homelessness on any given day of the week in Indiana according to the IHDA Point in Time count. Of those 4,037 homeless people, 26% reported having a substance abuse problem, 34% reported having a serious mental illness, 15% were fleeing from domestic violence, and 18% had a previous felony conviction.

One of the biggest challenges facing us at Stability First is finding a way to allow residents of the Magdalene House to overcome these addictions, insecurities, and traumas. Our in-house DETOUR program works closely with residents on substance abuse recovery goals. But sometimes extra support and an outside perspective is needed.

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