



# THE CONSCIENCE



## Bartlett House, Inc.

### Special points of interest:

- Is your group or organization interested in Volunteering? If so, Please contact the Bartlett House at :
- 304-292-0101.

### Inside this issue:

<i>From the Directors Desk</i>	2
<i>Huggietown T-shirts</i>	2
<i>Funding and Support</i>	2
<i>A Rebirth Into Society</i>	3
<i>Wish List</i>	4
<i>Thanks to Donors</i>	5
<i>Employees</i>	6
<i>Board of Directors</i>	6
<i>Administration</i>	6

Jamie Andrew had a hard life from the near start. At the age of three she was raped by her father and then put in a foster home, where she was then molested at five for a year. When she was adopted at six she was physically and mentally abused until she was four-teen. After an attempt on her own life she was locked up in a mental hospital until legal adult hood and has since then been homeless.

Homelessness is a difficult experience but easy to describe. It's depressing, hard, dirty, and you feel helpless and pressured by society to be something that your mental, physical, or overall condition is preventing. After getting out of the hospital and bearing the burden of this hardship, her loneliness leads her to meet the father of her first child. He left her, and not being able to properly care for her baby boy whom she named Isaiah, she gave him up for a better future to a Christian family of doctors.

This past of tragedy which illustrates some of the darkest fringes of society has hope, however. Having no family or high school diploma but another baby boy to care for, she came to the Bartlett House. There she

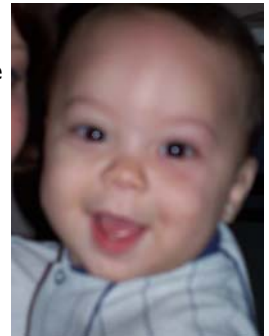
### Breaking The Cycle By: Jamie Andrew

received help for her mental troubles of post traumatic stress disorder and bi-polar disorder along with medical help for her baby, Camron.

The Bartlett House also gave the two clothes, diapers, and transportation for Jamie to study and earn her GED, which is still in progress. Inside its walls she escaped the discrimination and weather conditions to make friends, connections to charity organizations, and a list of goals she's confident enough to accomplish.

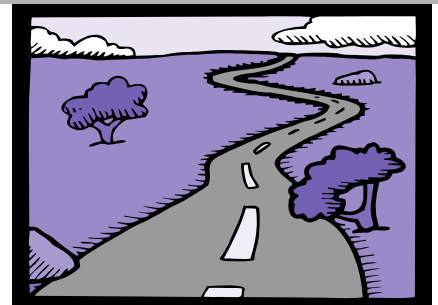
Before Andrew was in the Bartlett House she was in the streets struggling and sleeping under bridges. Now she's going through a schedule of waking up, caring for Camron, testing for her GED, going to meetings for Welfare or WIC and doctor appointments. She's working toward getting married to her boyfriend and getting a job to support her unborn child. If it's a boy she'll name it after his father, Alex, but if it's a girl she's naming her Hope.

Jamie's 7month old baby—>  
Camron



### Upcoming Events

- October 31st** - Halloween
- November 24th** - Thanksgiving Dinner



It's that time of year again for the United Way's Annual Campaign. This year, the United Way of Monongalia and Preston County's goal is \$1,425,000. Bartlett House, Inc. employees and clients sincerely appreciate the financial support that our community provides to us directly. Additionally, we acknowledge that without the support of our local United Way, we would not be able to provide the number of services and programs that we pride ourselves on. With that being said, I encourage our loyal donors to also consider giving to the United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties via their Community Care Option which supports all 28 member agencies. While Bartlett House depends heavily on the direct donations that we receive from our thousands of individual donors each year, we also have sincere gratitude for the United Way for their on-going support of our agency. Please consider contributing to the United Way in addition to Bartlett House. Every

dollar makes a difference and goes a long way to support the numerous agencies within our community who provide such valuable resources to our community.

We are excited to announce that Bartlett House was awarded \$57,075 in Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) tax credits. We have designated these credits to our Capital Fund which will be used to assist us in defraying costs associated with the construction of a new shelter. Tax credits may be issued on eligible donations of \$500 or more that are received between July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Bartlett House will issue a tax credit up to 50% of the received donation. We will issue tax credits on all eligible donations until we exhaust all of the credits. Please feel free to call me directly with any questions.

"You cannot discover new oceans until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore

-Unknown

## Huggietown T-shirts

Are you ready for some...basketball? You can show Mountaineers Men's coach Bob Huggins we are.

Huggins resigned after spending one year as head coach at Kansas State. When Huggins announced his intentions to come to Morgantown and coach the WVU Mountaineers, K-Rock radio station in Kansas decided to ask all fans to turn in their Huggieville T-Shirts to send to the Bartlett House. The Bartlett House received 60 shirts, which were then sold to the general public for \$10 each. The response was overwhelming

and within a couple of weeks, all the shirts were sold.

Since we are Morgan – Town, we designed our own T-shirts, in gold with blue lettering.

Huggietown T-shirts are available at the Bartlett House for \$13.50 each, in sizes large and extra-large. 2-x, small and medium sizes will be available upon request.

Contact us at 292-0101.



## Funding and Support

This agency is funded in part under agreements with The West Virginia Dept of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families, Office of Social Services. Additional funding is provided by United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties, Private contributions, West Virginia Emergency Shelter Grants Program, Monongalia County Commission, Commu-

nity Development Block Grant, Private Foundations and the support of the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political belief, sexual orientation, and marital or family status."

"We must address the root causes of homelessness such as substance abuse and mental illness"

- Sen. John Edwards

I do not want to write this story because it's a grim one, and requires that I recount things about which I prefer not to think. I will write this, however, because there are people and institutions that should be written about and acknowledged, if even in this small forum.

At the age of 45 I had been married for 18 years, I had two young children, the standard-issue minivan and pickup truck were parked in the driveway of my suburban house, and I had developed a successful career. These things were all beyond my wildest dreams as a young man, but I had achieved them and I was content, motivated and proud.

At age 46 my industry took a nosedive and I became unemployed. At age 47 I was devastated by the loss of my wife and children. (Human beings are neither designed nor equipped to weather loss of this magnitude without help from others). At age 48 I took a job in Omaha for which I was overqualified, but which paid well. I was deep into depression and alcohol, and I was promptly fired from that job. In Omaha I sought out treatment for alcoholism and depression. By the grace of God I found a detox center and a crisis unit staffed by caring, wonderful people who helped me to the extent that they could, and gave me a glimmer of hope.

I was alone, confused and in complete despair. I blindly headed east toward more familiar territory. I stopped in Mor-

gantown because I was out of gasoline and had \$38 dollars in my wallet. My assets and safety nets were all gone, and it was the end of the line for me.

I do not clearly remember what transpired next. I'm not a particularly religious man, but I believe that divine intervention occurred on my behalf. Late one night a couple of men on the CB radio pointed me in the direction of the Bartlett House (I think maybe with the help of the State Police). These men had no reason to expend any time or effort on my account, but they did both. I have no idea who they are – just a couple of boys with base-stations up in the hills. Perhaps someday I'll have the opportunity to get on the CB radio and thank them and tell them what an impact their efforts had on one man.

The following morning I called the Bartlett House. The director, Keri DeMasi, happened to answer the telephone and stayed on with me for the twenty or thirty minutes that it took for me to find the place. I thought that this was the end, the icing on the cake, fin, fini, exit stage left – I was on the skids. I was officially the dregs of society and this was my reward. I was officially homeless, and approaching a homeless shelter. I was sure that inside I would find James Cagney in a dark corner with a .38 revolver, looking all shifty-eyed. If I dared fall asleep, I would surely be whacked over the head with a liquor bottle, and my shoes and wallet stolen. (Continued on next page)

*“People who are homeless are not social in adequates. They are people without homes.”*

*~Sheila McKechnie*

Inside I was met by Keri et al, and taken away to the residential shelter where I was issued sheets, a pillow, a towel and a bedroom. Much to my relief I found no blood on the floor or walls. I was told to report for case management the following Tuesday. Tuesday came and I was still alive. I was also amazed that this place – a homeless shelter – had case management! I met with a Case Manager who took my vital statistics, then helped me create a plan to get out of this mess I was in.

Over the next several weeks I discovered that these Bartlett House people were professional, kind, concerned, consistent and effective. My experience here has been diametrically opposed to that of my expectations. The attitude and approach of the staff tends to negate much of the impact of being homeless (which is profound). This paradigm for doing business necessarily comes from the top down.

Honestly, when I arrived at the Bartlett House I was cooked. I had little interest in staying alive. I was grieving, sick and lost. It was through the kindness of strangers that I found my way back to health and hope. I have never experienced such steady-handed, altruistic yet professional behavior as I have at the Bartlett House, Valley Health Center and HealthRight. The kindness and focus of the people who work in these places, and the generosity of those who fund them, literally saved my life. I suspect Morgantown is unique in many ways.

I have lived in the Bartlett House for several months now. I recently accepted a job, in my field, with a large government employer a couple of towns away (I am waiting for the red tape to clear). During this waiting period, I was hired part-time by the Bartlett House to upgrade their computer systems and network. This has been a great opportunity to brush up on my skills, ease back into the working world, and to put away a little money. I have also found employment with Mountaineer Temps thanks to the newly developed working relationship between Mountaineer Temps and the Bartlett House.

I'm looking forward to again becoming a producer, and to leaving this life as a consumer. This time around, however, I'll do it with a broader view of my social impact, or potential social impact, which I will endeavor to make positive. I am now glad that I'm alive, and I'm looking forward to starting life anew, even at age 50. This is a *direct* result of the efforts of the people of the Bartlett House, and of the Morgantown Community to whom I will forever be grateful.

## Wish List

### FOOD

- Perishable and non-perishable food items, especially meats, chicken, pasta sauce, green peppers, and onions
- Tang and other powdered beverages.
- Coffee, Sugar, and Creamer

### PAPER PRODUCTS

- Disposable cups, plates, bowls, napkins, and plastic ware.

### TOILETRIES

- Deodorant, razors, toothpaste
- Bath Towels
- Paper Towels and Toilet Paper

### FURNITURE/ APPLIANCES

- Ice Machine
- Refrigerator
- Freezer

Donations are greatly appreciated and are accepted at all times. For further information please feel free to contact the Bartlett House at 292-0101.

**Thank You to all who contributed to the Feinstein Fundraiser. We Raised \$21,266**

**Donors**

Albright United Meth Church	Frost, Alice & James	Patton Building Services, Inc
Alpha Phi/DG	Gardner, Ruth	Pietrowski, Cara
Alpha Phi/KKG	Giant Eagle	Pilon, Robert & Diane
Altman, Frank	Girl Scouts #4527	Prichard, Albert
AMA & AMWA	Goshen Baptist	Randolph, Mr. & Mrs, Kenneth
Appraisal Associates	GPC/TX	Rexroad, Joseph
Atkins, Margaret	Hartley, Charles & Mabel	Romine, William & Bertha
B. Bell & A. Underwood	Hartzell, Craig W	Rotary Club of Westover
Bajura, Richard & Rita	Hartzell, Tina M	Saul, Kent & Bonnie
Barger, Ruth Jo	Hastings, Dewey & Mary	Scott's Run
Barko, Robert & Rose	Hazeltine, Robert	Shaw, Christine
Bell, Michael	Hileman, Stanley & Pat	Southern States Co-op 2
Bennett, Larry	Hill, John	Spa Roma
Bible Way Church	Horton, Ronnie & Beryl	Special Olympics
Blaney, Melvina	Hunter, Judy	Spencer, Vivian
Blue Knights	Iammarino, Richard & Therese	St Francis de Sales Catholic Church
Bob Evans	Jackson, Jodie	Stone, Marlena
Bossart, Gail	Joann L King Charitable Fund	Stone, Thelma
Brooks, Terry L	Johnson, Robert	Stone, Ward
Brown, Daniel & Beth	Kemp, Emory & Janet	Student Association of Public Adm
Brown, Tim	Keylogic System, Inc	Summit Hall
Carr, Kim	Kincaid, Roy	Suncrest Pharmacy
Castellan, S.B	Kuzniar, Joseph & Linda	Tallaksen, Robert & Tina
Caston, Greg	Larew, Carl & Lalah	Taylor, Charlotte
Chase, Anne	Levy, Marcus	Taylor, Joyce
Cheat Lake United Meth. Church	Lilley, George	The N. Bruce & Anne S. Chase Trust
Chico's	Linkous, Clifford & Susan	Thorn, Julia & James
Citizens Bank of Morgantown	Little Doanda	Trinity Church
Coon, Larry	Lohmann, Roger	UMC Men
Corbitt, Janet	Mayo, Jaime	United Meth. Church
CSC	Meals on Wheels	Van Voorhis, W C & H L
Davis, Betty	Mennonite Foundation	Vehse, Edith
Deci, Diane	MHS Band	Wedgewood Prac.
Document Solutions	Miemi, Cecelia	Wesley Meth. Church
Douglas, Jessie	Millstone, Muriel Z	Westover Fire Dept
Durham, Harvey	Morgan, Mary Jane	Wilcox, Don & Kaye
Easton Elementary	Morgantown Church of Bretheren	Williams, Frank & Judith
Ellis, Miranda	Morgantown Faith Center	Williamson, Nate
Farley, Maryanne	Morgantown Veterinary Car	Wilson, Audrey & J. Fred
Ferguson, Henry	Mt Hermon Baptist Missionary	Winarski, Ronald
Fieldcrest Hall	Mt People's Co-op	Wratchford, Jacqueline
First Baptist Church	Mum Council	WVSMA MSS Morgantown Chapter
Flowers, Edwin & Eleanor	Network for God	WVU Dining Services
Forks of Cheat	Obenauf, Pat	WVU Law School
Fred L. Jenkins Funeral Home	Panera	Zepp, Paul
Friday Guy	Papa Johns	Zuchowski, Patrick
	Patterson, Lucille	



**Bartlett House, Inc.**

1110 University Avenue  
P. O. Box 315  
Morgantown, WV 26507

304-292-0101  
304-292-0031 fax



Providing Homeless Services Since 1985

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
MORGANTOWN, WV  
PERMIT NO. 395

**We are on the Web !!**  
[www.bartlettthouse.org](http://www.bartlettthouse.org)

**Board of Directors**

- Al Prichard,**  
President
- Eric Beard,**  
Vice President
- Paul Thobois,**  
Treasurer
- Melissa Gigenbach**  
Secretary
- Mike Sharley**
- Lalah Larew**
- Marty French**
- Jacqueline Dooley**
- Jennifer Ham**
- Sondra Nicolas**
- Jerry Hoytt**
- Lauren DeWitt**
- Deanna Hoard**

**Bryon Hennessey**

**Administration**

- Keri DeMasi,**  
Executive Director
- Scotty Marshall**  
Service Coordinator
- Marvin Beckman,**  
Office Manager
- Patti Davidson**  
Program Coordinator
- Randy Tichnell**  
Resource Manager
- Randall Brown**  
Case Manager
- April Finchim**  
Case Manager
- Krista Kelly**  
Dayroom Attendant

**Shelter Assistants**

- Rick Balbuena**
- Shanna Clark**
- Brian Hayhurst**
- Brian Hoxter**
- Michelle Higgs**
- Lisa Nedrow**
- Samantha Peterie**
- Kristina Sandi**
- Rose Walton**

**Maintenance Worker**

**Paul McSwegin**

**Editorial Staff**

**Scotty Marshall**



"Be ashamed to die until  
you have won some vic-  
tory for humanity."

- Horace Mann