

# nonprofit PROFILE

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## How Homes of Hope is making a difference in Greenville.

**M**uch has been written about the 12 year impact Homes of Hope has made in the Greenville area community—specifically the many lives that have been changed through the dual ministry focuses of affordable housing for low-income families, while also providing job training/mentoring for men overcoming addictions. In fact, 324 affordable and energy efficient homes have been developed, and 264 men have completed the programs for overcoming addictions. As a Christ-centered non-profit ministry, Homes of Hope's tag line says it all: "It's not just about houses, it's about lives."

Much has also been written recently about neighborhood revitalization that has taken place in the midst of fulfilling their mission. West Greenville is probably the greatest example to date of an area, once crime, blight and drug ridden, that has now been transformed into a neighborhood that is attracting home ownership and a diversity of income ranges not seen for several decades.

But the un-told story is the story of the beginnings of Homes of Hope, and the lives that were changed among the five people who wandered their "wilderness" experience together. Five people who saw this "idea" of Homes of Hope as the fulfillment of their life calling. Five people who literally sacrificed it all on the faith that God had indeed birthed Homes of Hope.

Each week, without known means of support, this group "acted like the money was there" and went to work, building homes and helping men that were overcoming addictions. Each week, usually there was only enough money for one paycheck. A vote was taken to determine who would get it. The one who needed it the most that week received it. The rest went back to work, and the whole process repeated itself each week. Truly, their sacrifices have paid off today.

Our hats are off to Keith Hundley, Nate Fleming, Ted Cochran, Cyndi Gullick and Don Oglesby for "wandering the wilderness" for the organization's first several years in faith for what happened later. Lives changed as a result of changed lives. Another great story in the history of Homes of Hope. ■



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