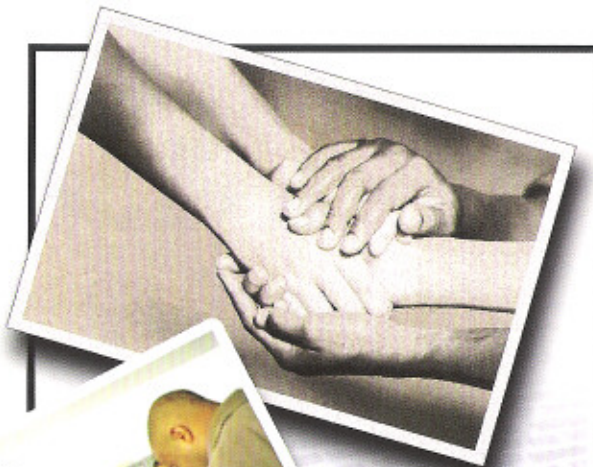


Damascus, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization group dedicated to assisting men with individual plans to treat the cause of their problems and addictions.

The facility will be a 24 hour, professionally staffed residential recovery program offering sanctuary to men seeking a new road in life.

As a jail is a house of correction, Damascus will be a house of change and new direction.

Inmates entering the Damascus program begin with a phase-one training and by demonstrating progress will move forward into more advanced, successive phases of the rehabilitation process.



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## Mission Statement

Providing willing and able men with an opportunity to experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ and establish a spirit filled productive life, in a structured residential program.

## Vision Statement

A ministry for men who are unwilling to continue down the road they have been traveling and refuse to live the way they have in the past.

Introducing men to Jesus Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide their lives on a new and exciting road. Assisting men who are willing to allow God to change their direction, create a turning point, and provide a means of escape from their past life situations.

Change men to become Christ-centered leaders, fathers, and husbands.

Damascus will be a safe place for healing, finding love, acceptance, restoration, and receiving God's Word from the Bible. Damascus will be a place to restore dignity, self worth, values, morals, confidence, and discover their God-given purpose in life.

Damascus will prepare men for re-entry into society as Christian leaders who are an example of Christ's love and who are ready to be a disciple to everyone they encounter.

## Damascus will work in cooperation with other community organizations

as the resources of our community are combined to best assist each resident with their recovery process.

Studies tell us that putting men in jail does not change their lives as most return over a period of time. Each year the Dyer County Jail books about 4500 admissions.

These admissions equal about 2250 individuals of which 22-25% return to jail within a year, swelling to 32-35% within a three year period.

It increases to 40% within seven years of their release. In the period from 1997 through 2006, Dyer County incarcerated 10,274 separate individuals which represents almost 28% of the county population.

First time entrants will add 800-900 inmates to the Dyer County Jail.

Society is telling us that this problem will increase due to more involvement in drugs, alcohol and higher unemployment.

Current programs inside the jail and prison system are not working. It is time locally to address our problem of increased jail inmates and intensity of crime.

If Dyer County is to move forward we must confront the face of crime and offer men a way out of their defeated lives.

These lives need changing toward a direction in life that offers hope and construction of values never firmly rooted.

Damascus offers many opportunities to target and work with a segment of our society by presenting these men with life-changing instructions, values and job-skill training coupled with full time employment.

