

the Boylan Avenue Bridge that takes both history and metaphor into account. The complexity and significance of the structure as both a real object and a symbolic force is explored using archival documents, photos, texts and plans of the Bridge. A gallery talk will be held on March 4 at 4 p.m.

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### Opening Doors and Hearts: The Healing Place for Women

Dennis Parnell is a man possessed—not by a demon addiction, though he is quick to admit that 20 years ago he himself was addicted and homeless. But long-since free



The Healing Place

of that albatross, he is possessed by a burning desire to help Wake County's addicted and homeless population to recover lost lives and become productive citizens.

To this end, on Jan. 15, Parnell led dedicated workers and supporters in opening The Healing Place of Wake County Women's Center. On this same day, the group also celebrated the 5th birthday of The Healing Place for Men where some 260,000 Wake County residents have received shelter and help. Parnell is Executive Director of both facilities.

The new center, located at 3304 Glen Laurel Road in Raleigh, will house 88

homeless and addicted women, providing them shelter, food, clothing and a proven program of guidance. Based on self-help, motivation and peer bonding, the program, for less than \$25 a day per resident, will enable more than 70 percent of those who participate to return to the outside world as responsible, self-supporting citizens. A competent staff, volunteer doctors, dentists, teachers from Wake Tech and other local

professionals, are in place to take care of residents needs and address root causes of addiction. Results will help not only the women treated and their families, but all Wake County citizens as well, by saving taxpayer dollars and relieving drug- and alcohol-infested streets.

By the time they go through the "Sobering Up Center," "Off the Street Phases" and "Recovery Phase," the residents will have



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attended many classes, received counseling, worked in facility maintenance jobs, and remained sober for six months. They will then enter the "Silver Chip Transitional Program," the final phase, where many serve as teachers and mentors. They will receive help in gaining employment and setting up independent lives and their children can come in and live near their mothers. The women will soon be ready to take their places in the mainstream of life.

The stark white building that houses The Healing Place for Women was once a cable manufacturing plant. But Parnell has completely redesigned the interior to accommodate the step-by-step program offered by The Healing Place; donors have supplied furnishings and equipment and the building is ready—swept, painted and polished. As with the lives of the residents, it's what's inside that counts.

—Frances Smith