The Extension – Men's Substance Recovery Center

<u>Mission</u> Facilitate a transformation that empowers chemically dependent homeless men and women to become sober, accountable members of society and to serve as a recovery resource for the community.

- Another chance is what the Extension offers a licensed residential recovery program serving homeless men and women of Cobb County who suffer from alcohol and other addictions.
- Our residents usually come to us by word of mouth but they are also referred to us by various Cobb County
 government services and nonprofits. Would-be residents undergo a rigorous assessment to assure that they are
 genuinely committed to starting a new chapter in their lives. Then begins the long, tough challenge of reclaiming
 their lives from the clutches of chemical dependency.
- In addition to substance abuse counseling, we provide residents with educational opportunities and life skills training. After more than twenty-five years of service in the Cobb community, we have built strong relationships with local businesses and organizations, relationships we draw on to place residents in jobs within weeks their arrival.
- When they have completed our program, residents eagerly give back to the Extension both financially and by serving
 as mentors and friends to newer residents. Above all, our alumni give back by demonstrating through their own
 lives that it is possible for former addicts to live healthy productive lives.
- At The Extension, we are proud to be in the business of giving people who are determined to change their lives a <u>realistic</u> chance of doing so. For them, it is the chance of a lifetime.

We grow Disciples of Jesus Christ through . .

- For 15 years SPSP teams provide breakfast, Bible readings and prayer Wednesday and Friday of each week
- In addition to providing the meal, Bible reading and prayer, SPSP teams spend time developing relationships with Extension residents so that they know they can count on us with our consistent support.
- Extension residents upon Extension program completion (8 to 12 months) re-enter the world transformed, and some have attended SPSP and continue to help SPSP teams during weekly Extension SPSP support.

Value of this Ministry in one's walk with Christ

- For Extension residents an opportunity to experience God's love and support through SPSP efforts. Several
 Extension residents have commented over the years that they may not have stayed with the program without SPSP's
 consistent caring for them.
- For SPSP Extension volunteers seeing your efforts make a difference in the life of another is very rewarding, and builds one's inner sense of God's purpose in their lives.

SPSP Extension Volunteer Time Commitment

• 1 and ½ hours per week