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Faith Farm Ministries

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NEED STATEMENT: PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

DESCRIPTION: Faith Farm Ministries (FFM) provides a 9 month, free, residential recovery program at campuses in Palm Beach, Broward and Okeechobee Counties in Florida for over 600 men and women each year based on funding. Our residents, or students, are people from all over America who have lost control of their lives as a result of drugs and/or alcohol. **But, there is hope!**

The program at FFM is designed to separate persons from those elements in their life that have influenced them into a life of addiction. Difficulties in relationships that are destructive, lack of well-established boundaries, inconsistency and poor self-esteem are stumbling blocks for many people today. The “free” aspect eliminates the financial hardship out of the 9 month commitment. This commitment period removes the resident out of the environment and influences that may have contributed to their addiction(s). As a result, students are cocooned in a loving environment with a staff that has a “*Heart for the Hurting.*” Many of the staff are graduates of the Faith Farm program. They understand what the residents are going through because they have once been there themselves. They are also motivated to bring the students into the same victorious success that they now enjoy.

Within that loving, caring atmosphere, there is also structure. For many, this is the first time in years that they have had an “alarm clock” start of the day with a full breakfast. Then, after a short chapel service, they go to class where they are enlightened on causes of addiction, how to set boundaries in their life, respect for authority, anger management and personal integrity. They then go to a work project to help establish a work ethic, lunch at noon and dinner at 5:00 p.m. Evenings are free for reading, GED classes, recreation, reading/writing classes or counseling. Staff members are required to live on the Farm, so no student is without help or guidance at any time, if needed.

Upon completion of the 9 months, graduates have four options besides returning home.

- They can choose to stay for advanced studies in the 1 year Student Leadership Service program.
- They may elect to apply for an internship with an additional 1 to 3 year commitment, which allows them to work to accumulate experience and possible employment.
- Omega Work allows a student extended accommodations while they work and accumulate funds for living after Faith Farm. They receive life skills and budgeting help.
- Also, “Omega College” provides graduates the opportunity to attend local trade schools through scholarships. Students may reside at each of our three campus locations while attending the school of their choice and admittance.
- Finally, “Omega Military” is another option for a graduate student is the Armed Services. The United States Military is the best in the world, and it’s a great way to see the world, obtain an education and life-long benefits for a graduate student and his family. We are pleased to collaborate in bringing recruiters from the various military branches to speak to our students and answer any questions. The prestige of the military, the honor of serving, the education, the excitement and benefits might be the ideal solution to a fulfilled life for some.

All Omega programs provide training on resume' preparation, completing employment applications, interview skills and job searches.

BENEFIT: Program residents find, know and live for Christ! A scholarship will also:

- save someone's life,
- feed someone who was hungry,
- give someone safe shelter,
- help someone earn a high school diploma,
- allow for completion of up to 9 college credits with South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary - \$2,250 in free tuition plus free books and room and board.
- re-unite a mom or dad with their children,
- restore a broken marriage, and
- save thousands of incarceration and tax dollars.

COST: A full scholarship costs approximately **\$27,000** (\$3,000 per month x 9 months) per student, to provide food, shelter and clothing, life skills training, vocational training, a comprehensive curriculum, counseling and spiritual guidance.

Without the Faith Farm's FREE recovery opportunity, many of these broken individuals would not be able to get the help they need. Some addicts become incarcerated. Some are homeless and forgotten. And yes, **some even die**. The good news is addiction lifestyle patterns *CAN* be broken. Relapse *IS* preventable. Our goal is to have program participants get their life back, return to their families, and become productive and successful contributors in the community.

Note that **no administrative or fundraising fees are taken from scholarship donations.** These fees are supplied by a dynamic business plan that stems from the work done by program residents.



RECOGNITION: A named scholarship applies during the 9 month student residency. Scholarship benefactors will be encouraged to write to their scholarship recipient and will be invited with special VIP seating to their scholarship recipient's graduation.

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OTHER KEY INFORMATION: [EIN#:59-0774188](https://www.ecfa.org/ein/59-0774188)

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