

THISTLE FARMS PRESENTS

*the Women of Magdalene
& The Rev. Becca Stevens*



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS TO HEAL THE BODY & CHANGE THE WORLD

WHO WE ARE

Magdalene is a ten year old organization founded by Becca Stevens and based on a simple premise: love changes lives. We have five residential communities of women who all have criminal histories of drug abuse and prostitution. Each woman, without ever having to pay a cent, shares in this community of recovery for two years, receiving housing, food, medical aid, therapy, education and job training.

As a supplement to recovery and job training, Magdalene residents also participate in Thistle Farms, a cottage business of Magdalene. The women hand-make nationally distributed natural bath and body care products.

THE MESSAGE

We believe that love and grace are the most powerful forces for change in the world. We speak the truth about recovery and life on the streets, hoping to dispel myths about prostitution and addiction. The Magdalene women come to share their own inspirational stories. They speak to the larger issues around sexual abuse and how there is healing beyond the scars.



We are not called to go out and change the world. We are only called to go out and love the world and change ourselves to love more fully.

Becca Stevens, Hither & You

Magdalene's mission goes beyond helping the women. It is to change the culture so that prostitution is no longer acceptablethe program is having a ripple effect.

Christian Science Monitor

Becca Steven's ministry is extraordinary...

*Governor Phil Bredesen
State of Tennessee*

Magdalene has provided a safe haven for hundreds of women who have determined to rise out of the trap of prostitution and offered hope and help in their struggle to overcome addiction. I am a firm believer and staunch supporter of Magdalene.

*Ronal W. Serpas, Chief of Police
Metropolitan Nashville*

Previous Engagements

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TENNESSEE LABOR MANAGEMENT ASSOC.
TENNESSEE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC
& SEXUAL VIOLENCE
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PRIVATE
SCHOOL EDUCATORS
NET IMPACT CONFERENCE, BUILDING A
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
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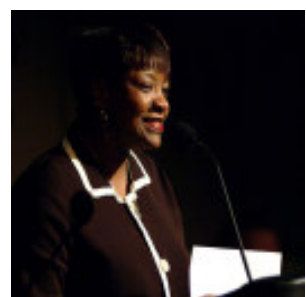
BECCA STEVENS

In 1996, Becca founded Magdalene to serve women with a criminal history of drug abuse and prostitution. To date Magdalene has raised close to seven million dollars and Becca has received numerous awards including the Academy of Women in Achievement and Nashvillian of the Year. Becca has written three books: *Finding Balance*, a women's Bible Study; *Sanctuary*, named one of *Christianity Today's* Top 5 Inspirational books of 2005, and her latest, *Hither & Yon: A Travel Guide for the Spiritual Journey*.



REGINA MULLINS

Regina entered Magdalene from prison, after spending over a decade on the streets. After graduating, Regina began to spread the word of hope to other women on the streets, eventually being hired to work as Magdalene's Resident Manager and Outreach Coordinator. She is now eleven years clean and has become an active and inspirational speaker in the community and presently serves on the Nashville United Way Speaker's Bureau.



KATRINA DAVIDSON

Katrina walked the streets of Nashville as an active addict and prostitute for twenty years. After entering the Magdalene program, Katrina graduated and now works as a Sales Representative for Thistle Farms. In August of 2007, Katrina purchased her first home - going from living on the streets to home ownership within two years. Although HIV positive for 13 years, Katrina now leads a happy, healthy and productive life.



FROM THE COMMUNITY OF
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