**The Delancey Street Effect**

Internationally renowned organization in talks with 2000 Roses & FILO to replicate in Dallas

When 2000 Roses co-founders Kelly Wiley and Alonzo Harris first visited The Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco in 2001, they immediately caught the vision of this incredible organization. “We saw lives changing through the efforts of someone who simply believed in the possibility of people -- regardless of where they’d been,” said Harris. He and Wiley met with some of the residents -- many of whom had either served time in prison, been drug addicts, or both. They also visited with Mimi Silbert, the spunky founder, who along with her partner, started the organization over 30 years ago. Within days the foundation for the relationship was laid and the dream of a Dallas-Delancey Street connection was born.

Over the last three decades, the Delancey Street Foundation has transformed the lives of thousands of individuals and is now a multi-million dollar corporation. They have partnered with very few organizations to replicate the model in other parts of the country but after a long courting period, Silbert gave her blessings to 2000 Roses, a leader in transitional housing, and its community partner, Families of Incarcerated Loved Ones (FILO), one of the country’s leading non-profits in criminal justice and reintegration training and education, which recently moved its offices from Austin to Dallas, Texas. Together, 2000 Roses and FILO will create training schools to support formerly incarcerated individuals, recovering addicts and anyone else may have made some unfortunate turns in life but who’s ready -- and committed -- to living a productive life free of drugs, alcohol and crime.

For more information on the Delancey Street Foundation visit [www.eisenhowerfoundation.org/grassroots/delancey](http://www.eisenhowerfoundation.org/grassroots/delancey)
Partner Spotlight

In each issue we recognize the efforts of a partner who, through their emotional, physical and/or financial contributions make the work we do much easier and more rewarding. In this edition we salute Mr. Peter Grace.

Since mid-year 2000, J. Peter Grace has been involved in voluntary endeavors at Texas State Bar Grievance Panel, Notre Dame Alumni grade school tutoring program, Bishop Dunne High School Development Committee and the Dallas AA InterGroup Association. Prior to that time (1989-2000), Mr. Grace was CEO and principal shareholder of HSC Hospitality, Inc. which operated as many as fifteen restaurants located in luxury hotels in various major cities in the United States. Before that (1982-1989) Mr. Grace was the President, CEO, and one of four principal shareholders of Mexican Foods of America, Inc. which was acquired from General Foods and operated five upscale Mexican dinner houses in California, Arizona, Minnesota, Illinois and Massachusetts. Mr. Grace held various executive positions at W. R. Grace & Co. from 1965 to 1981.

Mr. Grace served as a Director of Lord Jeff Knitting Company from 1973-1977 and also served as Director of Fairfield Communities, Inc. from 1968 until 1997. He served on the Advisory Board of the Business College at the University of Notre Dame from 1974 to 2000 and the Advisory Board of the Hotel and Restaurant School of the University of Delaware from 1995 to 2000.

Mr. Grace has three adult children (Gail, Hilary and Peter) and two grandchildren (Jake & Erik Shefcik) that all live in the NYC Metropolitan area. Mr. Grace has been a resident of Dallas since 1995.

About The Founders

2000 Roses Foundation

In the summer of 1992, Executive Director Kelly Wiley and Program Director Alonzo Harris were already business acquaintances when they discovered they each had a passion for helping men and women “find their way” in life. Together they began a referral service for those in transition by opening their homes, hearts and wallets to displaced families. They later both felt a spiritual leading to do more. So, they prayed, talked and eventually bought a property that became the 2000 Roses Foundation, a transitional living residence for women reentering society after incarceration. The spacious two-story property accommodates up to 14 women and is in the process of undergoing a complete makeover that will include computer labs, reading rooms and an industrial-sized kitchen. Additionally 2000 Roses operates “A Rose Garden” upscale resale shop, which will also become a training school in first quarter 2006. Wiley and Harris’ vision for their 501 c-3 is simple: to provide full scale support that will enable former addicts, formerly incarcerates and their families to thrive in their communities.

Families of Incarcerated Loved Ones (FILO)

In the summer of 1997, while visiting her brother in a Texas prison, Fran Harris realized that she couldn't be the only one in her community dealing with the devastation often caused by the incarceration of a loved one. Her quick research revealed that she wasn’t -- but also that there were fewer than two organizations serving the “families” of those in prison in her community. Armed with passion and a desire to make a difference, she founded FILO in 2001, to address the unique challenges facing the spouses, caretakers and children of the incarcerated. The response was immediate and overwhelming and soon thereafter FILO’s staff was traveling the country educating business owners, faith-based organizations, school districts and communities on how to meet the needs of these families.

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