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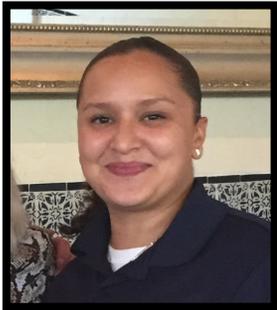
News from The Summit

Vision Statement

Crosspoint strives to be the model of personal and community restoration.

Department of Labor Career Advancement Pathways Graduation

Since February, Crosspoint, Inc. has hosted graduation ceremonies for the first two cohorts of residents that have completed an accredited 100-hour training course called Career Advancement Pathways (CAPs) for returning citizens. The CAPs program is a Department of Labor grant that is a joint venture between Goodwill Industries of San Antonio and Crosspoint. The program focus is training and job placement in high demand construction trades that will allow participants to earn a living wage and ultimately reduce recidivism. Participants received certificates acknowledging their completion of the National Center for Construction, Education and Research (NCCER) Core Curriculum and a ten- hour OSHA safety training course. Program graduates are given steel-toe boots and their own tool kit. Master Craft Trainer Hal Heintz has been both a great teacher and motivator. At the most recent graduation ceremony, the audience of family members, service providers and Crosspoint staff were visibly moved by the resident stories of accomplishment and restoration resulting from their success in this program.



Advisory Board Member Spotlight

Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, a former resident of the Recovery Support Home, was elected to serve on Crosspoint's 2016 Advisory Board. She was a Graduate of the Year in 2014 and has continued to serve as a tireless advocate for other women on the path to recovery. Ms. Thomas was one of two former residents to share their insights with other Advisory Board members at their first meeting in March.

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Spring Reentry Festival

Crosspoint celebrated National Reentry Week by hosting a spring festival for over 100 participants including our residents, their families and staff. Each year approximately 7,000 citizens return to San Antonio from state and federal prisons. Crosspoint is dedicated to assisting these returning citizens in their transition to productive citizenship. One vital piece of the puzzle in restoring, transforming and mending lives is family reconnection. Reuniting families, assisting our residents in removing barriers and restoring their roles as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends is paramount to our mission. The event occurred on April 30th and included a variety of games, food, fun and music. Community partners Each One Teach One, Chrysalis Ministries and Commissioner Tommy Calvert's office provided valuable information to our residents and their families on community resources that are available to them.



VIP Tours

While facility tours are regular events at Crosspoint, the last quarter brought a high number of key decision makers through our doors. Our visitors included South Texas Healthcare System Director Robert M. Walton and VA Social Work Director Jeannie Davis, Senator's Cornyn's Regional Director Jonathan Huhn, D-2 Councilman Alan Warrick, D-1 Councilman Roberto Trevino's staffer Jed Maebius and U.S. Attorney Richard L. Durbin, Jr.



Community Corner

Crosspoint residents and staff participated in four community volunteer projects in the past three months. In February, Crosspoint volunteers spent two Saturdays completing the Gardopia community garden project with the San Antonio Housing Authority on New Braunfels Avenue. In the same month, we participated in the annual Basura Bash, cleaning Alazon Creek in Council District 1. On March 19th, residents worked at the Quaker Meeting House on Vandiver to prepare their facility for the spring growing season. Finally, on April 2nd a Crosspoint crew of 19 residents, staff and family members participated in the second annual East Point Shine Community Paint-A-Thon hosted by SAHA. That project gave us the opportunity to paint the home of an elderly Veteran. As always, each of these events was an experience in personal and community restoration for all of the volunteers as well as neighborhood observers.



When we feel accepted, we are reintegrated. When we feel forgiveness, we are redeemed. When we feel whole, we are restored.