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# News from The Summit



## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Honors One of Its Own

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Helen Cloud Austin LCSW was honored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as their "Trailblazer of the Year" during Women's History Month. Mrs. Austin received accolades from community groups and organizations for her work in civil rights and services to those who struggle with mental health issues. One of the organizations to honor Mrs. Austin was Crosspoint, Inc. where she was a charter board member, a former board president, and now serves as an advisory board member.



## Client Success Story

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." The above quote by Dr. Victor Frankl epitomizes Mr. Michael Faver's experience while in Crosspoint's residential reentry program. Mr. Faver was apprehensive about the program in its entirety, but ultimately altered his behavior and himself for the better. His positive mindset set the path for the life changing decisions that allowed him to overcome and conquer a major medical issue, secure employment, begin paying back his restitution and secure an apartment to call his home. Mr. Faver completed all of his program goals and successfully discharged in April.

## New Veterans Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) awarded Crosspoint a 20-bed contract to provide residential services to displaced veterans at The Summit. The veterans wing was officially opened in March. Thanks to generous donations from members of the community, the facility's furnishings have generated much positive feedback. Clients are referred through the DVA for a 90-day program with provisions for extension of up to 90 days. Crosspoint provides needs assessments and educational groups, and all of our residents are also engaged in services with the DVA.



## Graffiti Abatement Project

In April, a voluntary crew of formerly incarcerated citizens, displaced Veterans and Crosspoint staff set out from The Summit to undertake two graffiti abatement projects in District 2. The first involved painting over graffiti that had been sprayed on a new wooden fence and concrete wall at a house on Crockett. With paint provided by the city, the Crosspoint crew returned both fence and wall to like new condition. The second project involved painting over graffiti on a vacant house on Grimes. Such projects allow area residents to see improvements in neighborhood properties and Crosspoint clients get to experience the pride of doing something positive for their community.



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