

November 2014



News from The Summit

Annual Open House



This year, Crosspoint's Community Relations Board hosted its Annual Open House at the Summit on Friday, September 12, 2014. Crosspoint invited friends, stakeholders and the community to take a tour of the Summit after the CEO provided a brief organizational overview. Over 100 people attended the Open House and the event was aired on KSAT 12. The Summit was built in 1922 and purchased by Crosspoint in 2009. This 80,000 square foot facility has a capacity for 100 male clients made up of homeless veterans and the formerly incarcerated. It is also the home to our Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center that provides mental health services for male and female clients referred by the criminal justice system.

Community Resource Fair

On October 4th, Crosspoint held its 8th Annual Community Resource Fair. This year's fair was our largest ever with over 200 attendees and 24 community service agencies sending volunteers to provide vital transitional information to clients and family members. Information covered such critical areas as drug and alcohol treatment, family services, spiritual support, health care, education, shelter and transportation. Participants came from Crosspoint, Alpha Home, San Antonio Fighting Back, Chrysalis Ministries and Life Time Recovery. Because the event was open to a broader range of participants, it was moved to the Heritage Room at St. Philip's College. As our hosts, the staff of St. Philip's College far exceeded expectations in setting up and coordinating the event. KSAT filmed activities, conducted interviews and aired a piece that evening on the fair.

Client Spotlight



Erica McNabney was at the Alvarez House in the reentry program from May to September 2013. While in the program, Ms. McNabney actively participated in her treatment sessions in the Community Treatment Services Program. She also attended school at the Milan Institute and began the process of regaining custody of her two children. Since she completed the Crosspoint program she has regained full custody of her children and she is now a hair dresser at Fantastic Sam's. During her free time, Ms. McNabney uses her skills as a hair stylist to cut hair for free for members of Haven for Hope. Ms. McNabney has also gained employment at a clothing store and has recently been promoted to assistant manager. Instead of letting her past dictate her future, Ms. McNabney is a great example of someone who took the guidance and support at Crosspoint to build a brighter future.

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Community Corner

Crosspoint continues to participate in many community projects. Our mission is to support and help in projects that have a positive impact in the community. These projects are represented by a cross-section of staff, clients and community volunteers.

- ◆ United Way giving is one way in which Crosspoint staff can provide individuals and families with access to a wider spectrum of services. This year's United Way campaign at Crosspoint was a huge success. Our staff members pledged \$14,465 and 17 gave Leadership level. This is the most ever raised by Crosspoint. Congratulations to all of those who invested in the lives of those less fortunate.
- ◆ On October 3rd, Crosspoint participated in St. Mary's University's Urban Plunge Retreat. The program involves a group of 12-15 students who are exposed to select social issues facing our city. This year the focus is on "getting to know the other;" which involves spending time with, learning about, and creating relationships with people who are often seen as marginalized by society. By learning about the history of Crosspoint, spending time with some of our residents and engaging them in dialogue to discuss how people end up in the situations they do, the program provides students an opportunity to embrace and see more clearly the dignity of all persons. Four Crosspoint residents participated in the discussion panel addressing the impact of incarceration and criminal lifestyle on individual lives.
- ◆ On October 25th, a crew of 13 Crosspoint residents and staff undertook on a community service project at Baptist Temple Church on Drexel to refresh their chapel. These volunteers split into teams to sand, prime and paint the various chapel surfaces. Because of the size of the project, it will take one more day to finish it. During the morning, two US Probation Officers showed up unexpectedly to spot-check a client. They were clearly impressed with the project and the number of volunteers. Perhaps most impressive, one of the USPOs told his client how pleased he was to see him giving back to the community on his day off. The client replied, "Thanks but it's not my day off. I have to be at my regular job at 3pm."

SAVE THE DATE
53rd Annual Luncheon
Friday, January 30, 2015
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Sr. Jane Ann Slater



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