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News from The Summit

Our Mission

*Crosspoint exists to build safer and stronger communities
by empowering individuals to lead productive lives.*

Esperanza Court Anniversary

On May 27, Crosspoint will be hosting an event recognizing the one-year anniversary of Bexar County's Esperanza Court at The Summit library. Speakers will include local elected officials and diversion court judges. Judge Mary Roman will be honored for her tireless efforts to help the human trafficking victims that come before her in this court. Crosspoint has been providing residential support services for those referred by the Esperanza Court. This event is a Community Relations Board activity and will take the place of our annual Fall open house. Facility tours will be available as time permits.



Cheever Family Chapel

On April 19, Crosspoint hosted its first worship service for our clients and their families in the newly renovated Cheever Family Chapel. Services were conducted by Barrabas Ministries. Crosspoint strives to be the model of personal and community restoration. Crosspoint is accepting requests from other churches that are interested in providing worship services or other forms of spiritual support for our population.



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Bickham-Cheever Community Restoration Garden

On March 22, a group of residents planted Spring vegetable crops at The Summit's Bickham-Cheever Community Restoration Garden. The residents tilled and weeded six raised garden beds and planted tomato, carrots, corn, black beans, garden beans, broccoli, bell peppers, squash and cucumber. As the garden produces wholesome foods, it will all be donated to food pantries in District 2. The residents are also responsible for watering, weeding and harvesting. They are pleased to know that they are making a real difference in the lives of others.



Client Spotlight



Ms. Carmela Amabile is a post-Vietnam era Veteran who has experienced a lot of trauma in her life. Upon admission, she was distant and suffered from severe depression and anxiety. She would barely communicate with anyone and usually preferred to stay alone in her own area. During the course of her nine month stay, Ms. Amabile made observable interpersonal progress and towards the end she had made a complete turnaround. She became very sociable, sought out other residents to talk to, socialize with and confide in. Ms. Amabile was always in compliance with the program and worked steadily to complete the program in a very positive way. She faced many of her fears and boundary issues, attended to her medical and dental needs and established a support system and savings. Upon discharge, she had secured a stable release address. Ms. Amabile's experience exemplifies how professional guidance and support can positively impact those who are dedicated to make changes necessary to better their lives.

Community Corner

On February 21, Crosspoint residents and staff participated in San Antonio's Basura Bash project, cleaning the Salado Creek waterway in Martin Luther King Park. On March 14, another group of 19 residents and staff participated in the San Antonio-SAHA Paint-a-Thon in which they painted the home of an elderly east-side resident. The homeowner expressed her deep appreciation to the entire crew. In both of these events, the work teams experienced the value and power of giving back to the community. On April 4, residents from Hall House and staff assembled Easter baskets for the Sisters of the Holy Spirit. The activity was "gratitude in action" for the many ways the Sisters support Crosspoint's mission. Residents and staff alike found meaning and joy in this activity.



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