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News from The Summit

Vision Statement

Crosspoint strives to be the model of personal and community restoration

2019 Leadership Symposium



Crosspoint's third Annual Leadership Symposium was held on August 29th. This year's topic was The Power of Faith and Family in Restoration. The Honorary Event Chair was Crosspoint Graduate Francisco Ramos who shared his harrowing story of addiction and overdose and how his life was transformed through a spiritual awakening. This was our largest Symposium audience at 159 attendees, many of whom were faith community leaders from throughout the city. The audience heard from Crosspoint CEO Dr. Kevin Downey and Dr. Lisa Cleveland from UT Health School of Nursing about the Casa Mia program for mothers with opioid use disorders and their babies. Rev. Anne Helmke from the City of San Antonio Faith Based Initiative discussed city efforts in this arena as well as spiritual metrics. The keynote speaker was former Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright, who is now the Chairman of the Texas Board Criminal Justice. His passion for reform was clear in his remarks, which focused on the many needs within our criminal justice system and how the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is striving to address them. The audience was clearly impressed with the stories of faith and family and the programs and services described by presenters.

Esperanza Court Graduation

The 4th Esperanza Commencement Ceremony was held on September 13th at Crosspoint's Cheever Family Chapel. There were approximately 100 guests in attendance to celebrate the seven honored graduates, four of whom utilized Crosspoint's transitional housing services. The Honorable Catherine Torres-Stahl, 175th District Court Judge, oversees this Specialty Court Program. The keynote speaker was SACADA CEO Abigail Moore. The majority of the graduates were able to share their powerful personal testimonies and now with the support of family, friends and community members they will continue on their restoration journey.



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Staff Spotlight

After a national search, Velma Gettelman was brought on board as Chief Operating Officer. As COO, she will function at an executive level in an active leadership role with Crosspoint's governing body, operations leadership and management teams. Velma was previously with Bexar County for twenty years, most recently as Manager of the Department of Behavioral and Mental Health. Velma has Master of Arts Degrees in Human Resource Management and Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Velma was also an adjunct professor at San Antonio College. She has held various leadership positions and brings significant expertise in planning and curriculum development. As a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, Velma has extensive clinical experience in direct service providing treatment for adolescents, families and adults.

Community Resource Fair

Crosspoint's 2019 Community Resource Fair was held on October 5th at St. Philips College in the Bowden Alumni Center. A total of 30 agencies were represented. The volunteers from these agencies gave up their Saturday morning to offer vital information and valuable resources to clients and family members from Crosspoint and four other local community justice and behavioral health nonprofits. A special thanks to Kim Thompson and her crew at St. Philips College for the planning and preparation for our vendors and partners. Many thanks to all the Crosspoint staff volunteers, vendors and partners who made this our most successful resource fair ever.



Community Corner

Crosspoint volunteers returned to the Baptist Temple Church in August to continue work on their community garden. From weeding and planting to construction of a raised garden bed and refurbishing the garden's sign, clients and staff once again put in hours of hard, committed work to give back to the community. Crosspoint residents also continue community service on an individual basis, including work done at our neighbors, the Sisters of the Holy Spirit and the Bickham-Cheever garden.



On October 5th, eight Crosspoint staff and family members took part in the annual NAMI Walk at Morgan's Wonderland to help reduce the stigma and to remind everyone of the importance of mental health care. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Health and their mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by mental illness by providing support, education, referral sources and legislative advocacy.



Our Annual Open House is Friday, November 15th. To RSVP please email, events@cpsatx.org or call 210.549.4699.