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# News from The Summit

## Vision Statement

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

## 57th Annual Community Restoration Luncheon

This year's luncheon at the Pearl Stable was a sold out event with friends, supporters, partners and other stakeholders gathered to hear of program successes and stories of personal restoration. This event concluded our 2019 organizational theme "The Power of Faith and Family in Restoration" and was appropriately kicked off with dual invocations from Father Kevin Fausz and Pastor Zack Cherian both of whom have played critical roles in agency and client successes. As the luncheon's long-time emcee, KSAT's Steve Spriester provided highlights from 2019. The audience was then introduced to seven amazing Graduates of the Year. Two of the graduates bravely took the podium to share the challenges they faced because of drug addiction and how they turned their lives around through Bexar County Specialty Drug Court and Esperanza (Human Trafficking) Court and the unwavering support of family. The audience also met a family that drove 19 hours to help honor their son/brother who turned his life around through our Behavioral Health Transitions program before his untimely death from a heart attack sixty days post-discharge. His sister took the stage to accept his Graduate of the Year award.



U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett was this year's keynote speaker. In an already powerful presentation, he included a very personal and impassioned speech about a family member who fought to overcome a behavioral health problem. He spoke to the need for more community-based programs and greater level of involvement by the community at large if we are going to successfully address these issues. Following the luncheon, Rep. Doggett and his wife Libby toured Casa Mia and spoke to the women living in this opioid recovery support residence and met their babies with whom they have been reunited as part of the program. The luncheon attendees also met new Board Chair Jennifer Bligh and incoming board members Anne Pearson, Woody Halstead, Yousef Kassim, John Hertz and former judge Lorina Rummel.

## Dr. Martin Luther King March



On January 20, 2020 San Antonio once again celebrated and hosted the nation's largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March. Thirty of Crosspoint's staff and family members were among the estimated 300,000 participants. MLK was a Civil Rights leader that has continued to inspire, encourage and provide hope for generations. The 2.75 mile walk in the cold weather did not deter all the smiling faces and chanting voices that promoted justice, equality and peace along Martin Luther King Drive. Crosspoint strives to have their services reflect Dr. King's legacy.

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## Family Fall Festival

On a perfect fall day on November 10, 2019 Crosspoint held its 4th Family Festival for residents and their support systems. With our amazing staff volunteers, Crosspoint was able to offer face and pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, ring and football toss, cake walk and other festival activities. We celebrated the day with smiling faces, family and friends enjoying hamburgers, hot dogs and goodies galore. Our families enjoyed a pumpkin patch and this year we had the Little Equine Program offer horses and ponies for the enjoyment of the attendees. Events such as these offer our staff the chance to enjoy time with our residents, their families and for our families to reunite and celebrate each other in a positive, entertaining setting.



## 2019 Graduates of the Year

At this year's annual luncheon, the following graduates were honored for their outstanding accomplishments, perseverance and continued success in their transition and restoration:

Kimberly Villanueva – Residential Reentry at Alvarez House

Orlando Castillo – Esperanza Court

Victor Rivas – Residential Reentry at The Summit

Martin Cruz – Veterans Program

Brad Britt – Behavioral Health Transitions

Tiffany Harper – Casa Mia at Pryor House

Jessica Uranga – Austin Cullum Outpatient Center



Our graduates have overcome life obstacles and were recognized for their strengths and commitment to embrace change. They have successfully managed issues stemming from substance abuse, mental illness, homelessness, family losses and incarceration. We celebrate their lives and their successes.

## Community Corner

Crosspoint volunteers returned to work at Baptist Temple Church twice during the quarter. The first trip was for another landscaping project November 16th with 14 volunteers. This project included garden cleanup and the spreading of mulch to enhance the beauty of existing grounds and gardens. On January 30th, 14 Crosspoint volunteers worked to disassemble playground equipment so the church can install modern, accessible equipment. Reverend Zayasbazan was appreciative on our continuing commitment to supporting his church in our community restoration programming.



On January 7th, a crew of 11 Crosspoint volunteers teamed up with the city of San Antonio for an extensive graffiti abatement project at IH-10 and Frio. The city representative overseeing the project expressed how impressed he was by how quickly and thoroughly our crew tackled the job compared to other volunteer groups. Residents and staff worked diligently and helped keep our community beautiful.

