



# News from The Summit



## 50th Celebration

Crosspoint's 50th Anniversary Luncheon was held at the Pearl Stable on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Luncheon guests were able to view highlights of the historical video that was created this year to capture Crosspoint's evolution as told by the leaders who guided the organization's transformation and growth. In addition, testimonials were shared of those who have been through Crosspoint's programs and have gone on to post-graduate success. One example is Crosspoint graduate David Lopez who told the audience of his success story that began with his time at Crosspoint back in 1998. He is still working for the same company that offered him employment while in Crosspoint, but now is the manager and hires other Crosspoint residents, giving them a second chance as he was. This year, Mr. Lopez is the first former reentry client to be selected to serve on the Crosspoint board. Four other new board members were introduced to the audience: Ryan Pierce of Firstmark Credit Union; Kevin Loudermilk of USAA; Russell Bentley of Broadway Bank and Dr. Don Hanson, retired U.S. Probation. Crosspoint's first board president (1963-1968), Richard E. Goldsmith, presented a newly created leadership award named after him to a deserving and passionate volunteer, Cindy Stynchula of Stynchula and Associates. Former Mayor Henry Cisneros provided a captivating keynote speech to the 250 attendees.

Opportunity



## Community Projects

Crosspoint ended 2012 with a major effort at clearing brush, trimming trees and general clean-up of a vacant lot on New Braunfels. Ten residents and staff, completed the task mostly with hand tools, dedication and determination. They transformed a space overgrown with weeds and shrubs and choked with trash into a green space that seemed almost like a park. The effort and improvement was obvious to local residents, several of whom stopped by the project site to offer their appreciation for the work.



## Graduates of the Year 2012

The following individuals were honored at Crosspoint Inc.'s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 25, 2013 at the Pearl Stable.

- Erik Barajas, Hall House
- Althea Jackson, Pryor House
- Raymond Milbank, The Summit
- John Richardson, Veterans Program at The Summit
- Jacqueline Beene, Mental Health Treatment Program, Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center
- Rosemary Hewlett, Co-Occurring Disorders Program, Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center
- Britt Brownlee, Transitional Drug Abuse Treatment Program, Hall House Outpatient Center



## Staff Spotlight

Employee of the Year, Jessica Pena has been working at Crosspoint for approximately one year and in that time she has demonstrated on a daily basis that she has the will, drive and ability to fulfill the mission of Crosspoint. She willingly takes on new challenges, embraces change as evidenced by her recent promotion from Field Manager to Case Manager. Ms. Pena has the ability to effortlessly build rapport with those around her. Crosspoint has benefitted from her tenacity and enthusiasm for the Criminal Justice field. She attends college at Sam Houston State University in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and continues to serve her country as a military police officer.



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