

February 2014



News from The Summit



Second Half Century

On January 31st, Crosspoint celebrated its 51st year of serving the citizens of San Antonio. Approximately 250 guests attended the Annual Community Restoration Luncheon held at the Pearl Stable. Recently retired Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson gave a rousing keynote address that tied his experience with the justice system to the work being done at Crosspoint. Seven Graduates of the Year were honored, and two of these individuals addressed the audience to share how opportunity, treatment and faith combined to give them a second chance to better themselves and become productive members of their community. Awards were given to staff for exemplary performance and lengthy service to the organization. The audience was also treated to remarks by Richard Goldsmith (first board president), Wade B. Shelton (2014 board president) and Rinaldo J. Gonzalez (2014 Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award recipient). 2014 Board Vice President introduced new board members Lydia M. Rodriguez, Melynda Z. Gulley and Emile Huggins. Crosspoint was once again delighted to have KSAT's Steve Spriester serve as emcee for this event.

Our Mission

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

Employee of the Year

Margie Aguirre began working for Crosspoint, Inc. in December 2000 as an Administrative Support Clerk. She was transferred to Hall House in 2005 to provide support and assist with clerical functions. However, her support function led her to become more and more involved in the everyday routine of addressing issues related to the facility and the clients. Her excellent customer service skills, which were evident when Margie was hired by Crosspoint, shone through in all areas of her work.



She ultimately began working as a Residential Monitor in 2009 and in this role she has served our clients, external stakeholders and fellow staff in a clearly superior fashion. She is a consummate team player and her dedication to this position and the agency is unmatched. Margie is equally well-respected by all those who come in daily contact with her because of her positive attitude, professionalism and respectful yet warm approach in interactions with others.

Peer to Peer

Crosspoint will serve as a primary referral source for the new Peer-to-Peer program at San Antonio Fighting Back (SAFB). As part of this SAMHSA-funded program SAFB staff, led by Darrell Boyce, will have an office at The Summit. During a resident's first month at Crosspoint, the Peer-to-Peer program staff will complete a needs and outcome assessment and provide group education on substance use issues and HIV. After release, clients will be able to access supportive mentoring services from the program. The Peer-to-Peer program goals will emphasize securing employment and maintaining a lifestyle free of substance use. The program will provide service to as many Crosspoint clients from both Hall House and The Summit as possible, and their prime target population will be 18-24 year olds. Veterans program clients will also be eligible to participate. Crosspoint was invited by SAFB to join in the program proposal and this endeavor represents an important new chapter in our agencies' relationship. SAFB Executive Director Willie Mitchell, and Crosspoint CEO Dr. Kevin Downey have established a solid working relationship that holds promise for future collaborations.



Graduates of the Year 2013

The following graduates were honored at Crosspoint, Inc.'s 51st Annual Luncheon

- Leticia Robles, Alvarez House
- Robert Harris, Hall House
- Elizabeth Thomas, Recovery Support Home at Pryor House
- Ricardo Lara, The Summit
- Craig Spence, Veterans Program at The Summit
- Gary Tucker, Transitional Drug Abuse Treatment Program, Hall House
- Cheryl Crouch, Co-Occurring Disorders Program, Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center

