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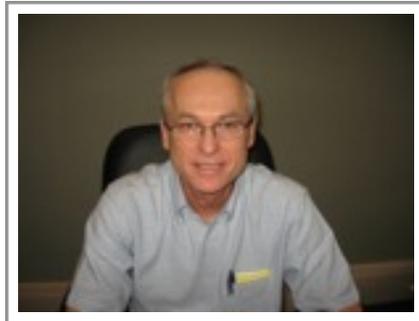


Client Spotlight

“Show me someone who has done something worthwhile, and I will show you someone who has overcome adversity.” This statement from former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz aptly describes the accomplishments of Mr. Hector Sepulveda, U.S. Army Veteran from the Viet Nam era. From the moment that he arrived at the Veterans Transitional Housing Program at Crosspoint, Mr. Sepulveda was determined to enhance his situation by utilizing all the program had to offer. He has surpassed his six-month mark of sobriety after struggling for years with addiction and criminal justice system involvement. Mr. Sepulveda has volunteered to work on community service projects, was a Veteran advocate and now sponsors his own AA group. Mr. Sepulveda was a very positive and motivating influence on his peers. He completed his programming here in July and returned to the community with a stable housing plan.

Program Achievements

Crosspoint underwent a reaccreditation audit conducted by the American Correctional Association. At the conclusion of the audit, Crosspoint’s exemplary performance was reflected in achievement of a 99.4% compliance rating. Crosspoint won praise from the auditors in a number of areas including security, sanitation and physical plant suitability.

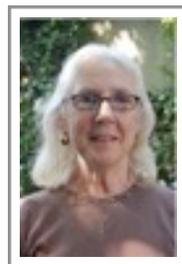


Staff Achievements

Community Services Specialist Bill Gregoire has successfully completed all four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Twice the recipient of the John Byrd Memorial Scholarship, he applied the awards toward tuition for CPE certification. Bill has incorporated the clinical skills learned in CPE into employment counseling and other reentry issues. As a chaplain, he is able to provide clinical and pastoral care services to residents and staff in need. Based on his experience in criminal justice, Restorative Justice and Clinical Pastoral Education, Bill has written a ministry project paper that focuses on reentry issues and ministry applications, which he uses as a blueprint to continue development of pastoral services at Crosspoint.

Board News

In May, Board Member Patti Radle was elected to serve on the San Antonio Independent School District Board. Due to the amount of time Patti will have to devote to this new position, she stepped down as a Crosspoint board member at the June meeting after serving in this capacity since January 2008. Patti will continue to assist Crosspoint as a member of the Professional Advisory Board.



Community Projects

On June 11, an 8-man Crosspoint crew made up of Veterans, formerly incarcerated citizens and staff worked four hours spreading compost and mulch throughout the Denver Heights Community Center property. The Denver Heights Neighborhood Association was referred to Crosspoint for assistance by the District 2 Councilwoman’s office. The Crosspoint crew worked side-by-side with Association members to complete the task.

On July 12, Crosspoint again responded to a request to perform much needed work in District 2. A 13-person Crosspoint crew spent the morning trimming, mowing and clearing brush at the Eastview Cemetery. The equipment used for the project was procured through Councilwoman Taylor’s office. One of the Veterans was interviewed by KENS TV about the work being done at the cemetery and the efforts he was making in the Crosspoint program to get a fresh start.



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