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News from The Summit

United Way Volunteer of the Year



Rinaldo J. Gonzalez, CPA, received United Way's 2014 Corporate Award for Individual Volunteer of the Year. He is Crosspoint's longest serving board member, first serving on the board in 1990. His only time away has been the one-year hiatuses required by our bylaws after serving six consecutive years. Rinaldo is currently the board's assistant treasurer and has served many times in this role and that of treasurer. During his tenure, he also served as our board president for four years, second in length of tenure only to our first board president Richard E. Goldsmith. Fittingly, Rinaldo was presented with the Richard E. Goldsmith Volunteer Leadership Award at 51st Annual Luncheon this year. He is recognized by his fellow board members and Crosspoint leadership team members as having tremendous competence, commitment and heart for serving those less fortunate than himself.

Client Spotlight

Clarence Price entered the program on 01/31/11 and as with most residents he had many obstacles to overcome. In spite of these challenges he did exceptionally well in the RRC program at The Summit. He was always volunteering to do extra chores to ensure that critical areas of the facility were clean. While in the program, Mr. Price was very respectful towards his peers and staff. He originally began working for Sugarbaker's and was let go due to the company going bankrupt. He didn't allow this to derail him from his goal. Mr. Price remained optimistic and worked hard to procure new employment, which he did on 06/18/11 with Fuddruckers.



Mr. Price released from the program successfully on 07/27/11. He is currently on probation, which will end prior to the release of this newsletter. Mr. Price continues to work at Fuddruckers and has a great working relationship with both his employer and his probation officer. USPO Reynaldo Gutierrez stated that Mr. Price has excelled while under supervision.



Annual Open House Cheever Family Chapel

Crosspoint's Annual Open House will take place at The Summit on **September 12th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**. The open house, which is sponsored by Crosspoint's Community Relations Board, will include tours of the entire facility and a light lunch. This year's event will also feature a look at the board's current renovation project, the Cheever Family Chapel. The restoration of this beautiful chapel, constructed in 1928, is already underway but there is more work to be done. Visitors will get a glimpse of what the future holds for our Crosspoint residents. The intent is to have the chapel open in 2015 for church services, lectures, educational events, spiritual reflection, client achievement celebrations, movies, musical events and more. **Please mark your calendars to join us for this very special occasion.**

Our Mission

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



Community Corner

Crosspoint continues to participate in many community projects. Our mission is to support and help in projects that have a positive impact in the community. These projects are represented by a cross-section of staff, clients and community volunteers.

- ◆ On May 10, 2014, ten Crosspoint residents and staff completed a community volunteer project with the Government Hill Neighborhood Association. Working with hand tools, residents cleared underbrush for a community garden and they dug a dozen post holes for a fence. The residents worked tirelessly, impressed our hosts and left with a sense of accomplishment.
- ◆ On May 31, 2014, another group of resident volunteers and staff participated in a District 1 graffiti wipeout project to paint over graffiti in a drainage system along Vance Jackson road. Our resident volunteers worked with remarkable commitment and focus. The team covered far more area than the planners had expected. The work completed demonstrated our client's eagerness to give back to the community.
- ◆ On June 14th, an 8-person crew of six residents and two staff members devoted their Saturday to refurbishing a kitchen and dining room where the Community Table Project will now be able to prepare food for a far greater number of homeless and hungry citizens. The crew scrubbed walls and floors, painted, cleaned carpets and washed kitchen equipment and utensils. Todd Glasgow from Community Table and Dennis Quinn organized the work and Joan Cheever prepared a home-made meal for the volunteers. By restoring this kitchen, Crosspoint clients made progress in restoring their own citizenship.

When we feel accepted, we are reintegrated. When we feel forgiveness, we are redeemed. When we feel whole, we are restored.