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News from The Summit

Our Mission

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

A Gift That Keeps On Giving

On June 6th, Crosspoint received a sizeable donation of furniture from Mark Wittig, President of Wittigs Office Interiors. The furniture included board room chairs, office chairs, side chairs, tables, book cases and filing cabinets. Through this generous gift, we were able to replace all the chairs in the board room, many of the chairs in the library and all of the bistro tables in the dining/visiting room. Besides improving our work environment, the new furniture will improve the living space for residents and visiting family members for many years to come. Mr. Wittig has previously been involved with Crosspoint by steering us to important community service projects.



Client Spotlight



Mr. Penley is a Vietnam-era, U.S. Navy Veteran. When he arrived he was unemployed and facing significant medical issues. Undeterred by this, he found employment and volunteered for every community project during his stay. Mr. Penley had good rapport with staff and his peers. He always took things in stride, even when his doctor found an abnormality on an x-ray that was finally diagnosed as a malignant tumor. Mr. Penley faced this challenge with his typical calm demeanor. Throughout all of this, he was determined to proceed with his plans for employment and securing his own apartment. His success in achieving his goals and addressing his medical issues is a testament to his courage and fortitude.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Patti Shaffer joined the Crosspoint team as a volunteer librarian in April 2015. Ms. Shaffer has her Ph.D. in School Improvement and is a highly experienced educator with a deep commitment to providing opportunities to people with disadvantages. Her love of books and learning has found a perfect match in Crosspoint's library and the men of The Summit. Her presence has allowed the library to be operational five days per week. Patti immediately saw the potential for the library and she has set out to organize it into a place where reading and learning is the norm and where residents feel welcome. She applies her extensive teaching experience to every interaction with residents and has served as one more important source of support and hope for them.

OSHA Certification

Crosspoint, Inc. and Goodwill Industries collaborated to provide a great opportunity for our residents. With numerous construction projects underway in San Antonio, companies have expressed interest in extending opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals. In an effort to increase residents' eligibility and provide pathways to future employment opportunities, two OSHA authorized Construction Site Safety and Health Hazards classes were offered at no cost to Crosspoint residents at The Summit. Twenty-eight residents took advantage of this awesome opportunity and earned certification. In doing so, they have made themselves eligible for hire in entry level construction positions and the living wage that comes with them. This was a powerful demonstration of what can be done when community partners come together to promote the restoration of citizenship.



Community Corner

On July 2nd, Crosspoint sent a 9-person crew to assist in an Eastside clean-up effort at the corner on New Braunfels and Nolan. By volunteering for this project on the front-end of a three-day weekend, our residents and staff showed great commitment to the betterment of District 2. Our work crew made a tremendous difference in what was accomplished in this undertaking. The Crosspoint residents were clearly moved by the personal appreciation shown by Councilman Warrick and San Antonio Housing Authority leaders, and by being invited to the neighborhood picnic.

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