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News from The Summit

Vision Statement

Crosspoint strives to be the model of personal and community restoration.

53rd Annual Community Restoration Luncheon

On the final Friday of January, Crosspoint hosted over 280 friends, supporters, staff and graduates at its annual luncheon at the Pearl Stable to celebrate the organization's 53rd anniversary. The theme of this year's event was *The Three Cs of Restoration: Collaborating Caregivers, Compassionate Citizens and Committed Clients*. Bexar County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau provided a compelling keynote address that tied the event's theme to the county's efforts to make our system of justice more efficient, effective and meaningful.

Stories of restoration and redemption from seven distinguished program graduates were a highlight of the luncheon. After being introduced to the graduates and hearing their stories, the audience heard from Recovery Support Home Graduate Jamie Castellanos who provided a touching address on her personal story and the philosophy she adopted in her recovery journey. Since completing the program at Crosspoint, Ms. Castellanos has gone on to help many other women as they too struggle with the challenges faced on the path to recovery and restoration.

The 2015 Richard Goldsmith Award for Volunteer Leadership was presented to H.H. "Skip" Whitehill for his twenty years of leadership as a member of Crosspoint's Board of Directors. The audience met new Board Chair Steve Cruz and the new board members for 2016: Rev. Dr. Raymond Bryant from Bethel AME Church, Jennifer Bligh from Valero Energy, David Swies from CCC Group and Jeanne Goodlin from the San Antonio Community of Congregations. Once again, KSAT's Steve Spriester graciously served as luncheon emcee.



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Leadership Team Member

Tiffany Smith is the newest member of Crosspoint’s Leadership Team. She was brought in as our new controller after Mary Knowlton retired after 25 years of dedicated service. While Mary left the organization’s finances in good shape, she left big shoes to fill. Tiffany brings abundant skills and 27 years of experience to the table. The board and staff members welcome Ms. Smith to the Crosspoint family and look forward to benefiting from her expertise for many years to come.

Graduates of the Year

At this year’s annual luncheon, the following graduates were honored for their outstanding accomplishments, perseverance and continued success in their transition and restoration:

Sylvia Guerrero – Alvarez House
Dagoberto Maldonado – Hall House
Adam Villarreal – The Summit
Grady Penley – Veterans Program

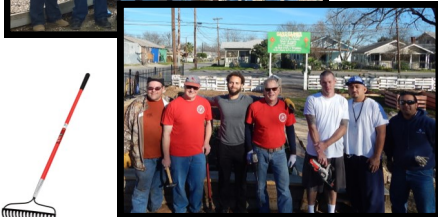
Cheryl Guajardo – Austin Cullum Outpatient Center
Luann Morales – Community Treatment Services
Jaime Castellanos – Recovery Support Home



Our graduates have overcome life obstacles and were recognized for their strengths and commitment to embrace change. They have successfully managed issues stemming from substance abuse, homelessness, family losses and incarceration. We celebrate their lives and their successes.



Baptist Temple Church: On November 14, 2015 nine Crosspoint staff and residents worked side by side with the Baptist Temple’s teacher volunteers to restore the church’s playground area. The group did not let the cold, rainy weather deter them from giving back with hard work.



Gardopia: Continuing work that began on New Braunfels Avenue in the Spring of 2015, Crosspoint volunteers are helping to build a community garden in a formerly vacant lot near the corner of Nolan Ave. The SAHA-sponsored project is named “Gardopia” and will provide neighborhood residents a place to enjoy the peace and beauty of growing things in a park-like setting. Crosspoint residents volunteered there on January 20 and our next workday there will be on February 13, 2016.

Community Projects

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