

FEBRUARY 2019

C R O S S P O I N T , I N C.

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL



News from The Summit

Vision Statement

Crosspoint strives to be the model of personal and community restoration

56th Annual Community Restoration Luncheon

Almost 300 friends, partners, funders and other stakeholders gathered at the Pearl Stable to celebrate another year of client and program successes. This luncheon was the culmination of our 2018 organizational theme "Impact through Innovation" and therefore focused on Crosspoint's two most recent and innovative programs. The Behavioral Health Residential Program provides community-based treatment and transitional residential services to citizens experiencing mental health and addictions issues. Casa Mia at Pryor fills a critical service gap for parenting or pregnant women with opioid use disorders and their children. The audience was introduced to partners and stakeholders that stepped up to help Crosspoint design these programs and provide services to the residents. We also saluted the funders who made impact investments that gave us time to prove these services would yield significant social and economic benefits.

Senator José Menéndez was the luncheon's keynote speaker and provided a powerful message about the scope of the problem and challenges faced by Veterans, families, the formerly incarcerated, the unemployed and those citizens experiencing mental health issues. A highlight of the luncheon was when the audience met and heard the stories of our eight Graduates of the Year. One of the graduates bravely came to the podium to talk about his life before and after Crosspoint. The audience was clearly moved while he retraced his tragic story of addiction and overdoses, the collateral damage suffered by his family and the way he turned his life around through treatment, spiritual support and unwavering devotion of his family. The luncheon attendees were also introduced to new board members Sr. Miriam Mitchell, Lt. Col. (ret) Steve Shomion and Dr. Ed Bergen. Brazen Grace Fellowship received the Richard Goldsmith Volunteer Leadership Award while Debra Jordan was given the Compass Guidance Award.



Local
Postal Customer

Casa Mia at Pryor

On December 7th, Crosspoint hosted an open house at Pryor House, the site of a new innovative program for mothers and babies. The program, called Casa Mia, came about through collaboration with our new partners the UT Health School of Nursing. The program is providing a wide range of essential services to pregnant or parenting mothers with opioid use disorders and their babies. This represents the first time a Crosspoint program has ever housed children. Crosspoint CEO Downey and Vice Dean Cindy Sickora of the School of Nursing provided a program overview to approximately 50 community attendees.



Faith-Based Special Events

From November through January, Crosspoint residents had access to a wide variety of powerful faith-based events. These events included: Men's Breakfast/Fellowship by Soldiers of Christ, Emmanuel & Defenders of Truth; My Brother's Keeper Ministry (Resident Ministry); Behavioral Health Residential Bible Study by Defenders of Truth; Night of Worship with 78 clients by Brazen Grace Fellowship.

Client Spotlight

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

- Erika Gonzalez – Alvarez House
- John Paul Garcia – Hall House
- Randy Anselment – Veterans Program
- Julie Moraida – Recovery Support Home
- David Morales – The Summit
- Juanita Summers – Esperanza Court
- Derek Caballero – Austin Cullum Outpatient Center
- Francisco Ramos – Community Treatment Services



Community Corner

Crosspoint staff and residents continue to serve our community by participating in a wide variety of efforts to strengthen and beautify our city. On 12-8-18 Crosspoint worked on both the interior and exterior of Baptist Temple Church performing landscaping work and interior painting alongside Pastor Jorge Zayasbazan and his team. On 12-22-18 Crosspoint assisted the San Antonio food bank in their efforts to serve those in need by organizing and packing food items during a food drive in preparation of the holiday season. On 1-9-19 Crosspoint continued its Baptist Temple work by finishing a community garden created from what was once an overgrown lot. In total, 32 Crosspoint residents and staff members volunteered to assist in these projects. On 1-21-19 our agency staff and family members joined in the MLK March to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy.

