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# News from The Summit

## Vision Statement

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

## Client Spotlight

Ms. Haley Raney arrived in the Casa Mia program on February 12, 2019. Ms. Raney has been able to complete multiple programming requirements, maintain sobriety and reestablish a loving and caring relationship with her 4 year old son Eric, better known as EJ. EJ was born with NAS symptoms, which initiated Ms. Raney's CPS involvement. Her CPS case reopened for the third time in May 2018 due to her repeated abuse of medication and other opioids. Ms. Raney stated that she has tried every drug out there and that her drug abuse stemmed from the grief of losing people close to her at a very young age. Since May 2018, she completed 60 days of inpatient treatment at Alpha Home and 90 days of intensive outpatient treatment with Elite Counseling, along with parenting and anger management classes. She has been clean and sober since July 12, 2018. She graduated from Drug Court on June 28, 2019, and on the same day, her CPS case was officially closed. Ms. Raney has maintained employment at a local hair salon for six months now, all while saving money and pursuing her plan to one day open her own salon. She looks forward to continuing her life as a good mom and is excited for EJ to transition from daycare to Pre-K this coming August.

## The Power of Faith and Family in Restoration



Word of Faith Christian Fellowship hosted its monthly "Each One, Bring One" service on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Ten clients were transported to this special celebration. Clients enjoyed a culinary meal and fellowship upon conclusion of service in the fellowship hall.

On July 26<sup>th</sup> Brazen Grace Fellowship offered "Water Baptisms" for Crosspoint clients. A total of 19 clients celebrated a new beginning in Christ and were baptized on the Summit grounds. Pizza, sodas and water were served to all participants. "To GOD be the Glory."

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## Staff Spotlight

Crosspoint employees Melanie Nava and Breanna Ortiz have shown true thoughtfulness towards the residents at Alvarez House. During their brief tenure with the agency, both Ms. Nava and Ms. Ortiz began taking notice of the clients' needs and have come up with ideas to keep the residents active and involved. Ms. Nava and Ms. Ortiz prepared a proposal outlining the activities that would take place during each holiday throughout the year. Some of these activities consisted of painting and crafts. One of their most successful activities was their very own "Painting with a Twist." Residents created their own masterpiece for Mother's Day by following step-by-step instructions. The turnout was amazing! Residents really enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of this activity and were excited to present their Mother's Day masterpieces to their families. Ms. Nava and Ms. Ortiz truly reflect our corporate values of Compassion and Making a Difference.



## Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center is Growing!

Crosspoint's outpatient center at The Summit is about to get a lot busier. On July 1st, we were awarded a contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to provide outpatient addiction and co-occurring treatment for up to 80 men and women at a time. In addition, we are beginning a grant arrangement with University Health Systems to provide outpatient mental health and co-occurring treatment for men and women releasing from the Bexar County Jail. These programs will require the hiring of four new clinicians and a receptionist. Together with our continuing Veterans and Family program and psychiatric services for U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services referrals, the Austin-Cullum Outpatient center is going to be serving a wide variety of people with unmet needs.

## Community Corner

On May 18<sup>th</sup> a highly enthusiastic crew of 3 staff and 8 client volunteers labored all morning in the community garden at Baptist Temple Church. The team pulled weeds, laid weed barrier, hauled mulch and planted in a garden where we have played a key role since its inception. The post-project fellowship meal served up an opportunity to discuss how the volunteers felt about giving back to their community.



On June 29<sup>th</sup> Dr. Downey and five resident volunteers spent Friday morning weeding and doing general clean-up of two large Eastside community gardens. The crew knew they were helping this community to grow wellness and gave it everything they had despite unrelenting heat.



On July 27<sup>th</sup> a volunteer crew of 3 staff and 9 residents embarked on Crosspoint's first-ever Habitat for Humanity project. The Crosspoint team took on several construction-related tasks working shoulder-to-shoulder with the home's soon to be owner. The team members brought a variety of construction skills and invaluable commitment to the project.



**Our Leadership Symposium is Thursday, August 29th. For more information or to register, please visit [www.cpsatx.org](http://www.cpsatx.org).**