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05.05.2015
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WHO: The Big Give SA and Chrysalis Ministries

WHAT: 24 hour "ALL" day donation day (12am to 12am)

WHEN: May 5, 2015

WHERE: Chrysalis Ministries, 503 San Pedro, SA, TX 78212

WHY: All proceeds used for chaplaincy and reentry services for the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and their family members.

Street-Art Hosted By LilElephantProductions

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One Day.
One Goal**



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KENDRA SCOTT
KENDRA GIVES BACK PARTY
*a fun shopping event with 20% of sales benefiting
CHRYSALIS MINISTRIES*
*enjoy bubbles & bites while you shop
plus a raffle and gifts for the first 5 to purchase!*
THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2015
5:00pm - 8:00pm

KENDRA SCOTT SAN ANTONIO - QUARRY VILLAGE
310 E. BASSE ROAD | SUITE 101 | SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209

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Save The Date: Fall Fundraiser
October 4, 2015 (4:00pm to 8:00pm)



Your table is ready!

NOW OPEN - 9660 Westover Hills Blvd.

Viola's VENTANAS
A Los Barrios Family Restaurant

For More Information on all Chrysalis Fundraising Events:

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"Happy Feet: Easter Shoe Program"

351 children to be exact!! THAT IS AWESOME!



Hello friends of Chrysalis Ministries! The Children's Programs have kicked off to a wonderful start with Happy Feet, our Easter Program. This year we were able to provide shoes, stuffed animals, toys, and candy to 351 children of the incarcerated throughout San Antonio and Bexar County! There is truly nothing more rewarding than lending a hand to families in need and watching the kids' faces light up in delight over what they have received. Even as we close the door on another successful Easter Program, we are already getting ready for the next big kids event— Stuff the Backpacks. Last year we were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to 565 children across the city and we are hoping to exceed that number in 2015!

It is only through the support of you that we are able to provide the services we do for the children of the incarcerated in San Antonio. We are thankful and enormously humbled at the support that the community offers and we are looking forward to another out of this world children's event in August.

Haven for Hope

"New Classes"



We are thrilled to report that we have begun facilitating classes at Haven for Hope! Anne, Steven, and Sarah will be teaching Transition Skills, Theft Addiction, and Healthy Relationships to 60 people in each class! These four week classes are part of our Welcome Home ReEntry program and we are thankful for the grant that we received which will cover workbooks for all clients! We look forward to our ongoing and growing partnership with Haven for Hope. In addition, we will soon begin facilitating classes to 60 men at Dominguez State Jail. This is a new and exciting endeavor for Chrysalis Ministries, as this is the first state facility where we will be teaching in the hopes of reaching even more people and encouraging them to work towards "new beginnings"!!



**Sarah Marzano,
Services Coordinator**



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



My name is Sarah Marzano and I am coming to Chrysalis Ministries with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Music from Baylor University in 2009. I am the new Services Coordinator here and will be taking over all of the Children's Programs, community service, and managing a small case-load of clients. I feel more than humbled at the opportunity to work for a non-profit lending aid to the people who need it most, and this job is the first one that I've truly felt at home and excited to come to work every day. I look forward to meeting many of you at our events and community outreach programs!



**Kacy Cigarroa,
Board Member**



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



I was introduced to Chrysalis Ministries, f/k/a Bexar County Detention Ministries, by Mr. Louis Rubiola, who was the President of the Board at that time. Louis called me at work and asked me if I would be interested on serving on the board of a non-profit organization. I told him that I would think about it and get back to him. I had never heard of this organization. So, I did some research and I could not believe the many lives that were transformed by this organization. Families and individuals were given a second chance. I wanted to be a part of that. I wanted to help transform a life. So, in 2012, I became a member of the Board.

Ephesians 5:1 says "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Chrysalis Ministries is an "imitator of God". Everyone that works for this organization welcomes you with open arms and lives a life of love. They touch so many lives, including mine. They prayed for my husband when he was sick. They gave ME hope.

I am honored to be a part of an organization that is doing God's work. I am especially honored to know such wonderful women, such as Carol, EvaRae, Stacy, Natalie and Bianca (just to name a few) that keep this organization running day-to-day. Thank you for your enthusiasm, commitment, love and faith. I challenge the San Antonio community to support this organization. Chrysalis changes lives!



**Susan Bowden,
Volunteer**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



As a young woman looking for my place to contribute to society, I was inspired to become a teacher in order to make a difference in the lives of young people. I worked on and off as an elementary teacher for 12 years. I left teaching to work with an energy corporation at their IT service desk where I felt satisfaction in serving fellow employees looking for resolution with computer problems and needs. Then when a fellow church member who took me along one day as he visited the drug abuse treatment facility and the juvenile detention center here in town and provided Bible study, I realized I could be of service to this group of people looking for solutions to the problems they faced. Since he was a volunteer with Chrysalis, I also contacted them and started the application process. I had been studying the Bible then for well over 30 years and had felt the power of Christ truth in my life healing me and lifting me up and out of problems and so I knew that what I had learned and experienced in my life had been transformative. So I trusted that the love I felt for God, for Christ Jesus and the Bible was something I could share. As I began working with the young people at the Juvenile Detention Center, I realized that sharing the word of the Lord with them gave focus to my study and brought it life. My daily study was being inspired by a desire to find ways to answer the concerns the young people were facing with the truth found in the Bible.

At the volunteer appreciation dinner for volunteers this year, I felt moved by the testimonies of the former detainees who spoke of their successes as a result of contact with the services of Chrysalis Ministries. I contacted Shelley Power, the volunteer coordinator, to say I was available to help in any other way they had a need. She later asked if I would serve as a volunteer pastor at the Karnes County Correctional Center to provide church services to the detainees. I agreed to give that a try and after application, and training with the facility Warden, I shadowed the current pastor. In one afternoon, we provided 3 church services to over 50 inmates who were eager participants. Since these individuals are mostly Spanish language dominant, the services are conducted in Spanish. I will soon begin to conduct services there and hope to see the healing power of the Word bless the men at this facility. When I fear that I cannot do this work, I hear God ask why I am doing this. The answer comes that we do it to love as we were created to do. The fear is turned off by the knowledge that Love is doing the work.

"Capital Campaign Update"

Purchase of 509 Building



Board Members:
Kristen Salazar, Kacy Cigarroa,
Jane Monroe

On March 19th Chrysalis Ministries reached another huge Milestone! The 7000 square foot renovated warehouse next door to the current Family Renewal Center was purchased with the assistance of a bridge loan! We have raised \$450,000.00 during the past year and we continue to raise capital campaign funds with the goal in mind to pay off the loan by the end of 2015.

Many thanks to Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Valero, the Greehey Foundation, Frost Bank, our Board Of Directors, and individual donors for making this purchase possible. Once we pay off the loan the capital campaign will continue so that renovation of both buildings can occur. We have been renting three suites in the new building for the past year and we have seen the numbers of the formerly incarcerated clients and their family members served increase by 28%! It's now possible to have two life and work skills classes taking place simultaneously in the two buildings. Our programs and services are critically important in our community. Now we have 10,000 square feet to provide these services in, instead of 3300! Thank you to all who support Chrysalis Ministries in their mission and vision. We could not do this without you!

"New Beginnings Luncheon 2015"



On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, Chrysalis Ministries hosted the seventh annual "New Beginnings" luncheon at the beautiful Whitley Center, located on the Oblate School of Theology Campus! Bill Taylor, KENS5 Meteorologist extraordinaire held the audience's attention with his humor and genuine support for the Chrysalis Ministries mission and purpose. Commissioner Paul Elizondo was the seventh recipient of the "John Byrd Community Service Award" having served almost 35 years in Bexar County Precinct 2 and community.

Justin Grant, a Chrysalis Ministries client, gave a heartfelt and inspiring testimonial, leaving everyone speechless with his story. Justin has become a huge advocate for Chrysalis and is now managing at the Marriot Hotel downtown. We are very proud of you Justin and wish you the best of success!

Many thanks to our Board Members, our staff, our volunteers and our many supporters and donors for your hard work and contributions towards ensuring the success of the luncheon!!!!

"Board Retreat"



15 of our 19 Board members and one of our Endowment Board members came together on the afternoon of April 16, 2015. The retreat was planned so that Board members could get to know one another better, as well as the Chrysalis programs and services. Board members roles and responsibilities were discussed, a SWOT analysis was conducted, and the goals developed at the last Board/staff strategic planning session were reviewed.



The Board was happy to know that we have achieved **MANY** of our goals, but we still have some to meet; primarily enhancing our fundraising efforts so that we can finish purchasing and renovating the Family Renewal Center building, upgrading our computer systems, and ensuring that all our staff are offered pay that is competitive with other non-profit organizations.

At the end of the retreat we celebrated the purchase of the new building with wine, sparkling grape juice and snacks! Congratulations to our Board Chair, Kristen Salazar, and the rest of the Board on a job well done!!! These are exciting times for Chrysalis!

"Volunteer Corner"

Shelly Power, Volunteer Coordinator

All Jail Facilities

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Welcome new Geo Karnes City volunteers Susan Bowden, Carlos De Luna, Raymond Lopez, and Pastor Maria Vela! We are so grateful that you have chosen Chrysalis to do Spanish-speaking spiritual volunteer work at the Geo Karnes City facility. We truly appreciate you answering the call to this ministry!

We Need YOU!

We currently have the following volunteer openings:

- Volunteers are needed to provide spiritual guidance, lead Bible studies, etc., on Saturday afternoons at the Laurel Ridge Treatment Facility.
- Life Skills facilitators are needed at the Bexar County Adult Detention Center and the Applewhite Recovery Center (various hours/days of the week).

Contact Shelly Power if interested in either of these positions.

Friendly reminder: Please turn in your sign-in sheets to the chaplains as soon as you receive them. Also, complete and turn in your own timesheets to the chaplains at the end of each month.

Thank you, volunteers, for your continued service to Chrysalis Ministries! You are a critical part of our team and we cannot do what we do without each and every one of you! We continue to be very humbled and grateful by your kindness, generosity, and for all you do for us and our clients! You are the BEST!!!

"Chaplaincy Services"

BCADC Pastoral Ministry Morning of Prayer



Eighteen volunteers came together at Brigit's Place for a morning of prayer, reflection and sharing on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Reflecting on this year's theme for the session, "Peace be With You," volunteers studied the Gospel of St. Luke as it connects to their ministry at the main jail and annex, sharing insights of their work. Sister Teresa Carter and Ellen McRedmond, and Volunteer Coordinator Shelly Power provided updates and reminders of Chrysalis and BCADC upcoming events, and the Volunteer Handbook. The morning concluded with a delicious lunch and fellowship by all!



Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat at the Annex



The men's A.C.T.S. team recently facilitated a retreat for the male residents at the Bexar County Jail Annex. This retreat began on March 26, 2015 and continued throughout March 27, 2015. It was a really great experience for all involved and was a wonderful Advent event in preparation for Easter Sunday.