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Events



Save The Date: August 14, 2015 **Stuff The Backpack Program**



Hey guys! We are starting to heat up around here with our back to school program "Stuff the Backpack"! We provide a new backpack and back to school supplies for every child. This year thanks to a wonderful donation from SAREads Book Bank we will be able to provide each child with a new book as well! Last year we served 565 kids, and this year we're upping the goal to serve 600! Our event takes place on August 14th! If you have any questions or would like to donate, contact Sarah Marzano at (210) 299-4540 ex. 126 or smarzano@chrysmi.org

Save The Date: October 4, 2015 **Fall Family Fiesta Fundraiser** **Viola's Ventanas**

Contact Natalie Lizarralde-Sanders for more information and ticket sales at (210) 299-4540 ex. 115 or nlizarralde@chrysmi.org

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THANK YOU!!!!!!



Our Big Give Street Art Graffiti Party was a complete success! We are so blessed to have raised **\$5,770.00**.

All proceeds will be used for chaplaincy and reentry services for the incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and their families.

We would not have been able to do this without the incredible artist who painted a mural on our building, John Ams, and LilElephantProductions. Thank you to everyone who donated and to our volunteers for helping in this event.



THANK YOU!!!!!!



KENDRA SCOTT

To all of our families, friends, partners, and Kendra Scott staff- we want to thank you for coming out and showing your support for Chrysalis at our June 25th Kendra Scott Jewelry Fundraiser.

We raised **\$852.10!** WOW! We hope you enjoy your beautiful jewelry and know it was for a great cause!!!! Until next year...



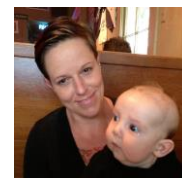
Spotlights



Board Member Spotlight: Rev. Monte Marshall

In 1984 while I was a student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C., I joined a group of seminarians in paying a visit to Lorton Prison, the correctional facility for the District of Columbia. We spent an unforgettable evening talking to a group of men, many of whom had been incarcerated for years. I had made this visit in response to a gospel mandate. In my estimation, caring for prisoners is part of what it means to follow Jesus. But what began as an intellectually motivated response to a gospel mandate, soon became a matter of the heart as I was moved by the stories I heard from the inmates of Lorton Prison. After that initial visit, a fellow seminarian and I decided to return once a week for eight weeks to conduct a Bible study for those living in Lorton. The inmates who attended were hungry for contact with those on the outside. I sensed the tension under which they lived each and every time I entered that facility. And yet it was impossible for me to grasp what it was like to spend years on end behind those walls and fences. I couldn't fathom how the lives of inmates and their families were impacted by the experience of Lorton Prison. Lorton was a rough place to live—so rough, in fact, that it was eventually closed.

When Carol Lockett contacted me in 2012 to fill a position on the board that had previously been held by my predecessor at Travis Park United Methodist Church, I said yes. I said yes because I remembered Lorton. I remembered Lorton from the heart and not just the head. I said yes because I wanted to play a positive role in an effective ministry to care for the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated, and their families. I thank God for the amazing work being done by everyone associated with Chrysalis Ministries. The impact on the lives of so many is a joy to behold.



Employee Spotlight: Charity Lee

As most of you hopefully know by now, I am Charity Lee. I am mom to three unique, amazing, and awe inspiring kids who are the center of my universe. I came to Chrysalis to serve a population I care for very deeply...those who are incarcerated and those who have been affected by trauma. I have two passions in life: my biological children and the rest of my kids, our clients. When I am not working, I am either attending Texas A&M to earn my Master of Guidance & Counseling, or doing my best to keep up with a very energetic two year old. I love to learn, to read, and to cook...in that order! I love my job. I hope all the knowledge I have been blessed to earn through my own journey with trauma and the criminal justice system and experience I have gained as a successful business woman can be put to use to help Chrysalis Ministries be the best agency it can be.



Volunteer Spotlight: The Bradley's

Carolyn and Greg Bradley have been involved with Epiphany Ministries for a little over 4 years. Epiphany Ministries serve the young men and women who are incarcerated at the Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center which is located on the south side of San Antonio. Krier is a correctional/rehabilitative unit operated by Bexar County. Currently there are about 40 volunteers, both Catholic and Protestant, who make up the Epiphany team. A three day fall retreat is held in November and a spring retreat is held in April at Krier. The retreats are modeled after the Walk to Emmaus/ACTS retreats. The team returns every month on the second Saturday to Krier to hold reunion meetings with the retreat participants. Epiphany Ministries brings the Good News of the Gospel to the young men and women who are incarcerated. The Bradleys graciously served as "Team Leaders" for the two most recent Epiphany retreats. Carolyn and Greg attend Oak Hills Church. In addition to Epiphany, the Bradleys travel to Central America once a year as part of Oak Hills' short term missions program. Both Carolyn and Greg are retired educators from NEISD and work part time for the district.

Volunteer Corner



Shelly Power, Volunteer Coordinator
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We are very happy to welcome the following new Chrysalis Volunteers and Interns:

- Clarence Turner (FRC pastoral care volunteer)
- Brennan Ardoin (Laurel Ridge pastoral care volunteer)
- Andrea Andrade (FRC Intern)
- Alfredo Rivera (FRC intern)
- Miguel Sancho (FRC intern)
- Robin McGillick (FRC Graduate Intern)
- Lori Manning (BCADC life skills class facilitator)

Thank you all for joining the Chrysalis volunteer team!



Current Volunteer Openings

Facility	Volunteer Type/Days Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurel Ridge Treatment Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral care/spiritual guidance volunteers to conduct Bible Studies on weekend afternoons.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applewhite Recovery Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male pastoral care/spiritual guidance volunteers to conduct Bible Studies from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Sundays with the mentally impaired offender ("MIOF") population of males.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bexar County Adult Detention Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A male Catholic volunteer to conduct a Bible Study at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays. • A male facilitator needed for life skills class facilitation with the Work Release inmates on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Detention Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral care volunteers needed to help conduct two 3-day weekend Epiphany retreats annually plus attend monthly work sessions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Renewal Center, 503 San Pedro, 78212 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative helper needed for volunteer file management. • A regular volunteer or a small group (a church group or scouting/youth group would be ideal) needed to manage and maintain the clothes closet.

PREA Training Requirement for Juvenile Detention Volunteers

All volunteers serving in the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center and/or the Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center are now required to view an online training video and sign and return an acknowledgement affidavit to Shelly Power, spower@chrysmmin.org, 210-299-4540, as soon as possible. An email notice was sent to all BCJDC and Epiphany volunteers on how to fulfill the new requirement. Regrettably BCJDC or Epiphany volunteers may be turned away from volunteering at the facility until their PREA training requirements have been fulfilled so contact Shelly ASAP if necessary!

Some friendly reminders:

- Please turn in your sign-in sheets to the chaplains as soon as you receive them. Also, complete and turn in your timesheets to the chaplains at the end of each month.
- For your protection and safety, facility staff mandate dress code rules which consist of closed toed shoes and "business casual" clothing (i.e., no shorts, jeans, short skirts, sleeveless tops, low-cut or midriff tops). Tattoos must be covered and body piercings removed.

Thank you, volunteers, for your incredible service to Chrysalis Ministries! We cannot do what we do without each and every one of you! We continue to be very humbled and grateful by your loyalty, compassion, generosity, and for all you do for us and our clients! We LOVE YOU!!

Chaplaincy Services & Client Testimonials

On May 14th and 15th the Holy Family Parish held a women's ACTS Retreat at the Bexar County Adult Detention Center (BCADC). This is the Team that led the retreat, along with the Reflections posted by the ladies. Enjoy



When I came to Bexar County Jail 7 and a half months ago, I was a mess and had not even realized it. In one of the Church services, something hit a nerve and I realized what my problem was. So I was able to dig deep and learn how to process issues and move forward. I can change! When I was invited to the Retreat both in December and in May I found that there is another way. All we need is someone to show us the way and the Retreat does that.

K.T.

I found the retreat to be very refreshing. I felt like I was actually sitting with God. I've never felt this close to God as I do right now. I never knew a retreat could be so powerful. I feel the Holy Spirit flowing through me daily which gives me peace. I thank all you ladies for taking the time out of your lives to share this special retreat.

God Bless You ALL

D. H.

I left the retreat feeling happy. I was humming the music in my mind. The whole outcome was a blessing, making us think differently, to give us more faith, hope, love and a chance for us to understand ourselves, and that there is someone out there calling us, and to teach us how to get closer to God.

God Bless You!!

Thank you

R. H.

On June 19th the Women of the Well of St. Luke's Parish held a retreat at the BCADC with the theme: T.G.I.F (Thank God I'm Forgiven) Below is the picture of the team, along with the Reflections posted by the ladies. Enjoy



Kathleen

When I first walked in the room, there were all the sweet ladies from St. Luke's Church. They welcomed us cheerfully. They broke out in happy songs about the love of God, about that we are beautiful women. I had the lyrics in my hand, but I could not speak or sing. I just started crying, uncontrollable, so choked up with emotion, so taken aback by the sheer kindness and love these women had for us inmates, us women in jail. Their beautiful reenactment of the women at the well, the feet washing, the breaking of bread – all resembled how beautiful forgiveness is. By the time I got back to my unit, I was full of peace and love. Lots of other inmates commented on a "peaceful vibe" they could feel permeating off me to others. One day I would love to host a retreat when I am released.

Sylvia

The retreat was very helpful. I found peace in my heart like something I have never felt before. I notice since that day I have not yet gotten mad or gone off on anyone, something I seemed to always do. I pray more and even started to read my bible. I did feel the love and care from the other women – thank you.

Carol

I attended the Women's Retreat (June 2015) and came away awestruck and more at peace in my life than I've ever been. And forgiving myself has been the #1 hardest thing struggled with. This retreat gave me the opportunity to "allow" myself to begin to heal. And the joy of the women that came to make this retreat a reality, came at a time I was beginning to really question if I had any faith left, as well as any happiness. They helped give me the path that was hidden behind all my scars and pain.

This retreat also provided me with avenues to programs afforded to me through faith and the willingness to forgive by other faithful followers of Christ our Lord and Savior. Thank you, every one of you ladies, for renewing my heart and soul through our Heavenly Father.

Annie

In the washing of the feet I felt clean throughout, not only my feet, but my soul. And forgiveness. Now to forgive, is the hardest thing to do but, I have forgiven without knowing. It made me feel good about myself. Still, when I remember the people that I love that most hurt me, it brings tears to my eyes, but I forgive them. And this retreat helped me a lot, because I understood more about everything that God had and has done for us. To be in peace and always to forgive.

Stacy

I learned how to forgive myself so that I'm truly able to forgive others. I found peace in myself since that day. There is a lot of drama in here but I'm seeing through God all things are possible and He brings us to where we need to be, might not be where we want, but where we need to be. And loving myself so I may love others. I've learned a lot about myself since that day. I won't say it's a complete change but I'm learning how to change. And I'm thankful for my God's love and forgiveness.