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Events

Save The Date:
Light up a Child's Heart
"Christmas Around the World"
Friday December 11th, 2015



Up next in the Children's Programs corner is our "Light up a Child's Heart" program. We are partnering with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office to put this special event on this year! The event will take place on December 11th at 5:30pm at the Laurel Heights United Methodist Church with the theme "Christmas Around the World". We will bring different traditions from around the world together for a fun and educational experience for the kids. Last year we served 1,359 children of the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated, and this year we're hoping to up the number to an even 1,400!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with wrapping, decorating, and day of the event duties! Please contact Sarah Marzano smarzano@chrysmi.org if you'd like to help!



Save The Date:
Chrysalis Ministries
75th Anniversary Dinner
Coming in June of 2016



Meaning: The phrase is metaphorical and relates to the fact that naturally occurring diamonds are quite ordinary at first glance, and that their true beauty as jewels is only realized through the cutting and polishing process. –Urban Dictionary

This is such a beautiful interpretation of what we see on a day-to-day basis with our clients. This coming year, 2016, is expected to be the best! We are celebrating 75 years of Chrysalis Ministries being in business and will be honoring the past, the present, and the future... be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail, or via email. We really hope you can all join us! For More information, contact Natalie Lizarralde-Sanders nizarralde@chrysmi.org

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THANK YOU!!!!!! **"Stuff The Backpack"**



Hey guys! Our Stuff the Backpack Event was a HUGE success this past August. With the help of an amazing group of donors and volunteers we were able to serve ***589*** children of the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated with new backpacks and school supplies here in Bexar County!

So many amazing groups of people came out to help us stuff backpack after backpack (after backpack) that we can't possibly list them all – but their efforts and hours of labor (and in the case of some of our board members, their hours of SHOPPING) truly made this event possible! We had quite a few church families, community organizations, and individuals donate the funds and resources to make everything happen as well. **We could not have done this event without the help of the Najim Foundation, The Fellowship of San Antonio, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, and so many others!** All of our efforts came together on August 14th at 9am. We had an all-day party with K-LOVE radio station providing some tunes, Bahama Bucks making snow cones, and CommuniCare providing information. University of Incarnate Word had a group of students volunteering, Morning Star Ranch brought their petting zoo out for the kids (and adults!), Brothers in Christ helped with the heavy lifting and showed the kids (and again-the adults!) their bikes, and SAREads book bank donated 1,200 books so that every child was able to choose 2 new books! Wow!!!

There aren't words to describe the excitement on the faces of both the kids and their parents while they were walking through the Stuff the Backpack event. Thank you for helping us to make this event possible!



THANK YOU!!!!!! **"Foundation/ Church Funding"**

November has been a great month for funding! We are extremely grateful to the following supporters:

- Harvey Najim Foundation - \$25,000 to support three seasonal children's programs
- Mays Family Foundation - \$15,000 to purchase a new server and new computers and monitors for staff
- St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries foundation - \$3900 to support our Welcome Home Reentry Program at the Dominguez State Jail
- Trull Foundation (Palacios, Texas) - \$5,000 for operational costs
- Sneckner Foundation - \$10,000 for operational costs
- San Antonio Area Foundation - \$20,000 to support our Welcome Home Reentry Program in 7 detention facilities and at our Outreach Center, the Family Renewal Center
- San Antonio Area Foundation – a \$500 gift designated by Dennis Noll from the **John L. Santikos Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation** to support our mental health program
- Alamo Hts. Rotary Club - \$2500 to purchase new computers for staff
- San Antonio Junior Forum- \$1,000 for client assistance

First Presbyterian church, Air Force Village Protestant Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio Baptist Association, Friends Meeting of San Antonio, and Christ Lutheran have also generously contributed to the Chrysalis Ministries chaplaincy programs.

Thank you so much to all of our funders. We can't continue to offer all the services that we currently provide without your support!!!

THANK YOU!!!!!! **"Viola's Ventanas"**



We had an incredible event out at the beautiful Barrios family restaurant, Viola's Ventanas on October 4th! The weather was absolutely gorgeous, the food was delicious, and having all our supporters out there in our company was very much appreciated! We raised **\$5,638.41** for our Chaplaincy and Reentry Programs and Services... **This is AWESOME!!!**

This event would not have been a success without your generous contributions. We want to say a special thank you to Sheriff Susan Pamerleau for always being at our events and a special thank you to Don Bonnin for his charitable auction items! Thank you all for showing your support and for caring about the population that we serve!

Spotlights



Board Member Spotlight: **Louis Cardenas**

San Antonio native, Louis is a small business owner, supporter of local artists and charities. Louis honed his artistic skills while attending San Antonio College and landed his first job in publishing. After six years in publishing, a start-up communications company in Austin recruited him. During the DotCom years, Louis contributed to the success of taking the company public. In early 2001, Louis took a risk and opened his creative/multi-media firm, Blonde Creative. Since then, Blonde Creative, consisting of a great group of creative misfits, has become an award-winning agency with clients ranging from small start-ups, to non-profits, to fortune 50 companies. Louis has served as President of the American Advertising Federation – San Antonio (2008) and currently serves on the boards of American Advertising Federation, SA Youth, Alamo Colleges Foundation, while supporting other non-profits throughout San Antonio. Louis wanted to be a part of the Chrysalis Ministries board for two reasons, "first to help better our community and second, to work alongside some dedicated people to increase this organization's awareness".

Louis and his wife have been married for 19 years and have two daughters Trinity and KeLi, plus two cats and one crazy puppy.



Volunteer Spotlight: **Ruth Wilson**

Hello! I am very honored to share my story about how I became involved with Chrysalis Ministries and in particular, the Juvenile Detention ministry. I was introduced to it by a member of First Baptist church, where I have been a member for 5 years. It took a few years for me to finally get up the nerve to try this ministry, as I had never felt the calling to work with troubled teens. After raising four children and watching them all go off to college, I realized that it was time to try something new and to start serving God in a different capacity. With all this extra time on my hands, God seemed to lay it on my heart that juvenile detention ministry was needed and He wanted me to do it. Two years ago I started in this ministry and have loved every minute of it.

I am so honored to visit with the youth at Bexar County Juvenile Detention every Saturday morning. I go through all those locked doors and see many sad faces, but I know that where I'm going there will be joy, because I'm taking Jesus with me. He's given me courage and boldness, both traits which have been lacking in my personality. As I share the gospel with these kids every week, I'm reminded of how God uses weak vessels. On my own I could accomplish nothing, but with Him, lives are changed. As kids cry out their pain and try to understand that God loves them, I know that they now have hope. When Jesus comes into their hearts, they can finally have peace. That is my main objective in studying the Bible with them each week, that they will come to an understanding of who God is, how much He loves them, and that by accepting Jesus into their heart, that their lives can be different. I don't get to see the final outcome but for the hour that I am with them, I can see hardened hearts softened to the love of the Savior.

This ministry has been such a blessing to my own life and I can't tell you how much I have grown in the faith as I help these kids get into the Bible and learn about the Lord. Thank you to Chrysalis for giving me this opportunity to share God's love with deeply troubled teens. It's a joy for me and I know it will be to other volunteers as well.



Employee Spotlight: **Shannan Thompson**

Shannan Thompson came to work for Chrysalis Ministries as our new Accounting Clerk in March 2015. She has a military background as a Medical Logistics Technician with the United States Air Force Reserves. She is currently continuing her education with Columbia Southern University. "Though I am not on the frontlines servicing Chrysalis clients, I am happy to know that I am helping our clients get the services and opportunities they require."

Shannan has been a great addition to the Chrysalis staff! We are so happy to have found her and wish her continued success in everything she does for Chrysalis.

Volunteer Corner



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We are very happy to welcome the following new Chrysalis Volunteers:

- Angela Kirk (Laurel Ridge pastoral care volunteer)
- Danielle Davis (life skills class facilitator)
- Valerie Rose (FRC volunteer)
- Cecilia Morquecho (FRC HIV educator)
- Jocelyn Rodriguez (FRC intern)
- Wanda Lay (FRC administrative volunteer)
- Larry James (Applewhite 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"> • Bexar County Adult Detention Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic pastoral care/spiritual guidance volunteers are needed to assist in the main jail and annex (days/times flexible).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral care/spiritual guidance 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.

Contact Shelly Power at spower@chrysmmin.org or 210-299-4540 if interested in any of these positions.



2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Save the Date!

The 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 pm at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, 227 W. Woodlawn Ave., 78212. Please watch your email for the "official" invitation, but mark your calendars now as this special evening promises to be so much fun as we honor YOU, our precious volunteers!

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 own 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. Tattoos must be covered and body piercings removed.

Thank you, volunteers, for your faithful and generous service to Chrysalis Ministries! You are absolutely CRITICAL to our ability to achieve our mission and serve our clients. We are tremendously grateful for your compassion and dedication!!

Client Testimonials

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M. Pierre

I learned about Chrysalis Ministries from my friend who was dating a relative of an employee at the time, and she asked me to volunteer to help give away presents to the kids for Christmas. I said yes and we showed up to help and I asked lots of questions... I learned that I qualified for assistance, as well, so I signed up as soon as possible to receive assistance for my family. I followed all the steps and attended all necessary classes. I gained a lot from this program. Along with assistance, I learned financial skills, job readiness, and even child support tips! Chrysalis Ministries also helped with food and transportation. I am happy I found out about this program. Thank you Chrysalis for everything!

Client Testimonials:



J. Suarez

My income is limited and due to your help, I will now have electricity. I want to thank everyone in your staff for being so helpful and I hope you will continue with your services for others in need like myself!

