

Men & Women In Prison Ministries

Quarterly Journal of Re-Entry Information



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2015 First Ladies Health Luncheon

Men and Women in Prison Ministries (MWIPM) volunteered for the 7th year in a row for the First Ladies Health Luncheon held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Chicago on June 13, 2015. The Luncheon is part of an ongoing health initiative sponsored by Walgreens to bring awareness and preventive care measures to the African American communities.

The First Ladies Health Luncheon featured Cece Winans, gospel artist and singer, who spoke about her own issues with high blood pressure. The Luncheon also featured real-life testimonials from those affected by HIV. Val Warner of Windy City Live interviewed a client of MWIPM, Ms. Hataria James, who gave her testimony of living with HIV.

Each year, the First Ladies Health Day simultaneously offers free health tests in over 50 churches in the Chicago area. These life-saving health screenings range from HIV/Aids testing, blood pressure and glucose screenings, to various awareness and prevention methods such as Cancer awareness through early detection and prevention initiatives.

This remarkable event is what helps the overall mission of MWIPM to “provide services that will promote spiritual and cultural awareness, health education.....on a community based level”. Together we stand to continue fighting the spread of chronic illness in the African American communities through prevention methods.



First Lady of Illinois Diana Rauner
CEO Founder of MWIPM Rev. Doris Green



Kimberly Hutson, Rev. Green, Valencia Rias Winstead, Laquita Murray

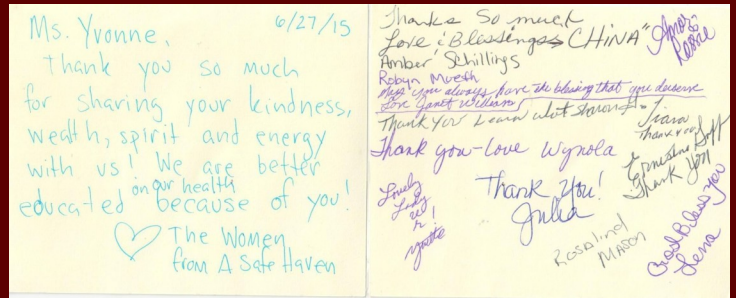
“CARE” ... Caring about Your Health, Your Well Being and Your Life



Ms. Yvonne Green, Facilitator, MWIPM and ... C.A.R.E Graduates

The Collaboration Awareness Risk Reduction for Early Detection & Elimination of Breast Cancer (C.A.R.E.) program had big successes for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. MWIPM was successful in hosting its first Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair. We had over 200 attendees, connected and served the local community, and provided health education and awareness literature. These services were so significant to the community and helped to assist people from all walks of life with information that could assist them in their day to day lives, particularly in the awareness of breast cancer.

MWIPM also conducted Breast Cancer Awareness Seminars (under the C.A.R.E. program) that taught over 50 women at various transitional living facilities. The four week series educated women about the causes of cancer, the diagnostic procedures, treatment options, healthy lifestyle choices and healthcare practices. At the end of the course, the women were extremely grateful, well informed about breast cancer and ready for more seminars such as the one they attended.



Upcoming Events

- Every 1st Thursday 6-8pm Family Reunification Support Group Meeting
NEIU, Jacob Carruthers Inner City Studies
700 E. Oakwood Blvd, Chicago IL (lower level)
- Every 4th Friday 10am-12pm Harm Reduction Prison Coalition Meeting
IIT (10 W. 35th St., Chicago IL - 6th fl)
- September 25th 6pm-11pm Future of Benin fundraiser
Silver Room in Hyde Park
(1506 E 53rd Street, Chicago, IL)
- September 26th 8am 2015 AIDS Run & Walk (Soldier Field)
- December 4, 2015 6pm-9pm The People's Gala 10th Year Anniversary
New Zion Upper Room
1950 West 13th Street, Chicago, IL.



Summit of Hope (Malcolm X and North Chicago)



Summit of Hope Resource Providers

The goal of the Summit of Hope events is public safety through reduced recidivism. The events provide community expos of services and support to encourage and supply those reentering into society with the tools needed to become crime-free responsible members of society. The Summit of Hope is an invitation only event for those local parolees in each community. The event is designed to bring the community together, gather all the resources available, and put them under one roof in providing a one-stop environment where parolees can obtain the necessary assistance to move past the barriers which prevent them from success.

The Summit of Hope is a community expo that will bring service providers together to provide the necessary services and resources to ex-offenders with the mission to guide and assist ex-offenders with community services to ensure reintegration into the community while reducing recidivism. This approach is not only a very time efficient way to reach a high risk population but it also provides added value by meeting the many needs of those who have just been released. These are individuals who are trying to become productive members of their communities, and the services available to them will often be the difference between success and failure.

Each participant is assisted by a volunteer who guides each parolee through the maze of services and exhibits. Services that will be offered include: State identification, counseling, transportation, food, clothing, shelter, child support services, primary health care referrals, screening for blood pressure, vision, HIV testing and care, veterans' information, Social Security Administration, employment services, mock interviews, education/training services and a variety of other social service agencies and you. Numerous faith-based organizations will also lend a helping hand to assist this group to get back on the right track and to stay there.

Local State Parole and Federal Parole invite those under supervision to attend. Reaching out to this group will help eliminate the obstacles and expedite each individual's chance to become a positive member of their community.

By the end of the day, the participants should be well equipped with the many needed resources, referrals and materials to bewell on their way to a successful life!

The Summit of Hope Mission statement came from one of the parolees who wrote in the comment section of his evaluation ...

"Please continue to give hope to those of us who have lost our hope."



Marcus King, IDOC
Rita Mayfield, State Representative
Kennard Flowers, MWIPM



Glaydse Taylor, IDOC
Rev. Doris Green, MWIPM

Family Support Group



Assistant Director of Prosperity House
Guest Participant and Mr. Everett Davis

The Family Reunification Support Group is one of the longest running programs at Men and Women in Prison Ministries (MWIPM). The organization saw a need for reuniting and supporting families who may have a loved one incarcerated or for returning citizens in need of support.

The support group offers the opportunity for people to receive support and encouragement, to share and exchange information, to express themselves freely without being judged, to gather resources and information, and to laugh and yes, sometimes cry. They find serenity and comfort in knowing that they are not alone.

In August, the meeting featured guest speaker Everett Davis, Assistant Director of Prosperity House. Mr. Davis was profound at delivering words of encouragement and sober living tips. The meeting was well attended with over 30 attendees. Three brave faces stood up and gave testimonials. As the evening ended in prayer, it felt as if burdens were released and an overwhelming spirit of comfort was amongst us all.

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Support Our Work!

Over the course of the last fiscal year, we have served over 1000 clients, distributed over 5000 discharge packets (resource booklets for the reentry population), over 600 clients have received assistance in obtaining their Identification cards and birth certificates. Your donation to our unfunded and underfunded programs will help to improve the quality of life for the community we serve.