



Note from the President and CEO

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Christina Melton Crain, JD

Dear Friends of DOORS,

Many people are familiar with our organization's mission of serving the formerly incarcerated and those under correctional supervision to prevent recidivism, but we are often asked, on the practical side, "How does DOORS really work?" Follow the process as "Joe Smith" begins his commitment to moving forward after his release from prison:

- Joe Smith, a formerly incarcerated person, comes to DOORS
- Joe is given a thorough needs assessment by a DOORS Case Manager via four (4) assessment tools:
 - ✓ Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI)
 - ✓ Behavior and Experiences Inventory (BEI)
 - ✓ Benefits Calculator (financial need/benefits)
 - ✓ Career Key

- Joe is given a targeted custom-made plan of action that Joe agrees with, and commits to, including such items as transportation needs; housing; legal issues; treatment for substance abuse; health/dental care; food and clothing; employment and job readiness

- DOORS sends Joe to various resources and Partner Organizations in the community who are experts in various fields and who can help Joe achieve his action plan goals.

- If Joe falls short of meeting his goals, DOORS is there to help him get back up, stay accountable and move forward

- A DOORS Case Manager tracks Joe's progress up to four (4) years ensuring that Joe makes it through his plan of action and succeeds.

DOORS believes in giving a "hand up", NOT a "hand out". With dedication, commitment and accountability, DOORS clients discover that WHEN DOORS OPEN, LIVES CHANGE.

Sincerely,

Christina

Christina Melton Crain
President & CEO

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Partner Organizations

We are pleased to announce...

that the **Meadows Foundation** has just awarded DOORS a grant of \$150,000.00. We thank the Meadows Foundation and all of those involved in making this a reality.

In addition, DOORS wishes to thank the following for their awards granted in 2013:

- **Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division** - \$1.2M grant over 2 years
- **The Harold Simmons Foundation** - \$75,000.00 grant award over 3 years
- **The Westcott Foundation** - \$30,000.00 grant award over 3 years
- **The Dallas Foundation** - \$20,000.00 grant award
- **The Dallas Bar Foundation** - \$5,000.00 grant award
- **The Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation** - \$1,500 (2013) and \$4,000 (2012) grant awards

Client Profile

Reverend Gregory James White

by Kandice Bridges, DOORS Contributing Writer

Reverend Gregory James White came to DOORS after being incarcerated for robbery following a downward spiral into drug addiction. Initially he thought serving time would be the hard part, but his difficulties didn't end upon his release. As he would find out, it was merely the beginning.

“When you have a past, you're at a crossroads,” Rev. White says. “But no matter what the struggle, you have to keep your focus.”

DOORS gave Rev. White the support he needed to get back on

his feet and get his life in order once he was released.

Rev. White received coaching and support from DOORS. As a result, he learned that taking responsibility for his choices would play a key role in his success. “Life will throw things at you. How you respond to those things is in your control.”

Rev. White is now working as a truck driver and serves as a youth pastor, counseling the youth in his church about making smart choices. He also gives back to DOORS by speaking to



Reverend Gregory James White

other formerly incarcerated individuals who are at the beginning of their reentry journey. Rev. White is an example of how having the right support network in place can make a positive impact on individuals and the communities in which they live.

Partner Profile

Metrocare Services

by Kandice Bridges, DOORS Contributing Writer

Metrocare Services is pleased to be a partnering organization with DOORS. As the safety-net mental health provider for nearly 50,000 individuals in Dallas County, Metrocare recognizes that recovery and treatment cannot occur in isolation and requires many partners within the community for real success for reentry into the community. DOORS has gathered together these valuable reentry resources.

“Metrocare values the benefits DOORS can offer to our patients who suffer from a mental health challenge and are involved with the criminal justice system,” stated Linda Thompson, Rights Protection Officer (formerly Deputy Chief Executive Officer). “Coming back into the community is difficult and DOORS provides so many rich opportunities for support for our patients.”

www.metrocareservices.org



Back By Popular Demand

Level of Service Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) Training

The LS/CMI is an assessment that measures the risk and need factors of late adolescent and adult offenders. The LS/CMI is also a fully functioning case management tool. This single application provides all the essential tools needed to aid professionals in the treatment planning and management of offenders in justice, forensic, correctional, prevention and related agencies. It also allows agency-to-agency contact and information sharing among designated partners, providing a seamless continuum of care for this segment of the population.

February 4-7, 2014

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Myrinda Schweitzer Smith returns as trainer from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati.

Call Jean at 469-587-7853 for more information.

Donor Profile

Westcott Foundation

by Kandice Bridges, DOORS Contributing Writer

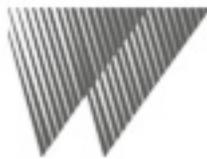
The Westcott Foundation was established by Carl Westcott in 1996. Mr. Westcott came to Dallas in the 1970's from Tyler, Texas with very little to his name. After years of hard work, he started a company called Westcott Communications that was sold in 1996. The sale of Westcott Communications provided him with the funds necessary to start the Westcott Foundation.

Chart Westcott says, "The Westcott Foundation is to improve the lives of citizens in Dallas and Texas, focusing specifically on the areas of underprivileged youth, children's issues, education, and criminal justice." Since its inception, The Westcott Foundation has contributed approximately \$10 million to the Dallas community.

The Westcott Foundation is a proud

supporter of DOORS. As Chart Westcott observes "Our society needs to do more to arrest criminals that are harming children. At the same time, we also need to rehabilitate those that can be rehabilitated. Some criminals, such as many child predators and child pornographers, are beyond help.

Nevertheless, for those nonviolent offenders that are not beyond help, there should be programs like DOORS to help them reintegrate into society. DOORS fills a crucial gap in the criminal justice system by helping to prevent recidivism and save the taxpayers money.

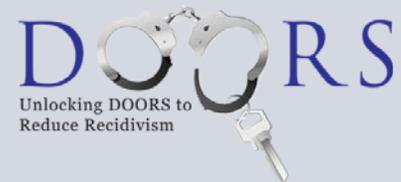


<http://www.westcott.com>

DOORS Mission

DOORS is committed to reducing recidivism in our community through two means:

- Serving as a "Reentry Advocate" for formerly incarcerated persons and their families by assessing their needs and sending them to "expert" service providers for service.
- Serving as a "Reentry Educator and Trainer" for families, service providers and the community so that all have the tools at their disposal necessary to effectively work, serve and relate to this very special population.



Reentry Facts / Stats

In a study that looked at recidivism in over 40 states, more than four in 10 offenders returned to state prison within three years of their release –

Pew Center on the States, State of Recidivism: The Revolving Door of America's prisons (Washington, D.C.: The Pew Charitable Trusts, April 2011)

DOORS: Unlocking DOORS to Reduce Recidivism

When a crime is committed, we all pay – families are broken, tax dollars are needlessly spent, and victims are created. We thank you for your support and interest in DOORS. We are proud to stand alongside you and everyone who is committed to reducing recidivism by assisting those who are so desperately in need of services and expertise. We have a very large task ahead of us; but, TOGETHER, we can find solutions, meet on common ground, and partner to create a reentry system that is seamless and worthwhile for all.

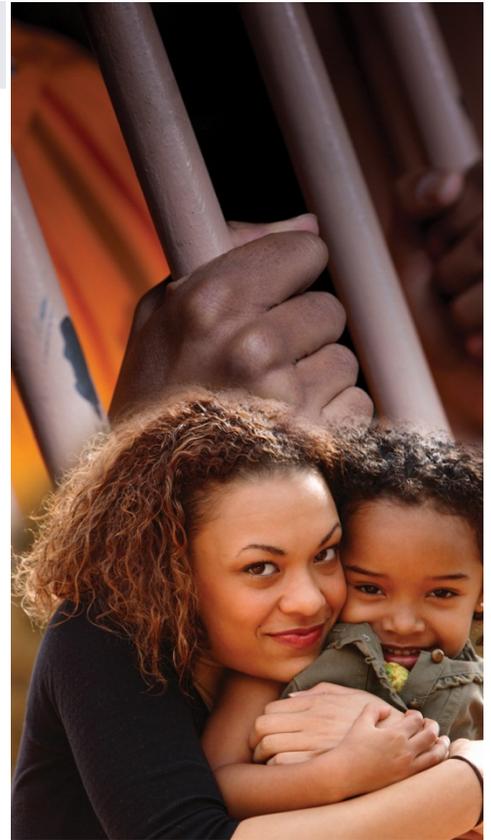
Donate / Wishlist

How You Can Help

Want to help DOORS? There are many ways you can make a meaningful impact:

- Through a monetary donation
- Through a donation of the following goods:
 - Desktop computers with software
 - Printers (new)
 - Office Supplies - Copy Paper; notepads; pencils and pens; staplers/staples; hole punchers; manila folders with brads (letter size); 3-ring notebooks; Ink/Toner for HP All-In-One Printers (model numbers can be provided)
 - Office Furniture - desks; chairs; tables; lamps; small refrigerators; file cabinets (lockable ones preferred)

If you have time to spare and want to make a difference in the lives of the formerly incarcerated, their families and our community contact JeanENZIAN, Director of Strategic Outreach and Compliance at (469) 587-8152 or jenzian@dallasdoors.org.



Become A DOORS Partner

To become a DOORS Partner, contact Christina Melton Crain, DOORS President and CEO at 469-587-7852 or cmcpccatty@gmail.com.

- **4C/SAFPF Reentry Court – Honorable Robert Francis**
- **AIDS Services of Dallas AMACHI Texas**
- **ATLAS Court Felony Mental Health Court (Achieving True Liberty and Success) – Honorable Teresa Hawthorne**
- **Attitudes and Attire**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star**
- **City of Dallas**
- **Clean Connections Transitional House**
- **Community Partners of Dallas**
- **Dallas County Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD)**
- **Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board**
- **Dallas Social Venture Partners (DSVP)**
- **Family & Leadership Empowerment Network (FLEN)**
- **The Family Place**
- **GO KIDS**
- **H.I.S. BridgeBuilders**
- **Legacy Counseling**
- **Lifted Up Ministries**
- **Metrocare Services, Inc.**
- **Misdemeanor Mental Health Court – Honorable Kristen Wade**
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness - Dallas (NAMI)**
- **New Friends New Life**
- **Office of the Texas Governor – Criminal Justice Division**
- **Parkland Health and Hospital System**
- **Patriot PAWS Service Dogs**
- **Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP)**
- **Resolana**
- **Road to Recovery**
- **Safer Dallas Better Dallas, Inc. (SDBD)**
- **Soul’s Harbor**
- **STAR Court (Strengthening, Transition and Recovery) – Honorable Lena Levario**
- **The Stewpot**
- **Texas Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (TX-CURE)**
- **Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)**
- **Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)**
- **Texas Inmate Families Association (TIFA)**
- **Texas Offenders Reentry Initiative (T.O.R.I.) – MEDC/The Potters House, Inc.**
- **Urban League of Greater Dallas**
- **The Way Back House/InterComm**
- **Windham School District (WSD)**