



THE VOL 1 # 4 June 2015 JUSTICE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Cura Personalis; Latin for curing the whole being: body, mind, spirit,

Kris's Observations on Holistic Attention

At The Justice Project, we understand there are usually no quick or easy fixes for the many challenges faced by our constituency of women. The majority of our constituents face a host of dilemmas- extreme poverty, homelessness, food insecurity, mental illness, poor physical health, illiteracy, addiction and abuse. Couple these with the fact many of them carry felonies or other justice system issues that impede their quest for independence, and the obstacles seem almost overpowering. While we are strong believers in “housing first” as the critical initial step, we know that in order for these system challenged women to thrive, it takes more than just housing or food. At The Justice Project we partner with each person to determine the scope of her issues, and then together we work on creative solutions that can positively impact all the challenges at hand. Inevitably, there are multiple issues and stressors needing to be addressed. We have discovered a long term, holistic approach works well with this population, and while we can't help with everything, we are fortunate to have great community of partners who can also assist our constituents. As we head into our 7th year of service, we see our strategy of long term partnership, mutual equality, respect, and holistic problem solving having a good impact as women overcome their challenges and begin to thrive.

International Visitors

On Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 Professional program developers from Thailand and Singapore came to the United States through an exchange project with the city of Lee's Summit to learn about approaches that address trafficking of women. Accompanied by Crystal Weber of Lee Summit, MO, they visited with Kris Wade, the Director of the Justice Project. In the evening they were part of the weekly Willow Tree room discussion with participants. When asked about their perception of the United States, they stated they mostly knew of men who came to their countries to spend “a lot of money” on women in their homeland in prostitution.

SUMMER NEEDS:

June, July, August

Donate seasonal and personal items for women touched by The Justice Project, such as:

summer sandals, sun skin protection, ointment for burns and deodorant



Partners in Justice

At St. James Place, through Bishop Sullivan Center, is not only the space provider for the Justice Project, but a support in the total wellbeing of our women, along with meals each evening in their center at 3936 Troost. Groceries are provided four mornings each week for persons registered with a pantry card. A successful job club is provided weekly, training job seekers and connecting them with job offerings and support. Thank you St. James' Place for being a warm welcoming place for each of our guests, and thank you Doug Langner for making our work so easy.



Jazz for Justice

Our 3rd Annual spring fundraiser Jazz for Justice was held at The Roasterie on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. This event was a smashing success, bringing in \$12,375 for the evening. We would like to say a special 'thank you' to our co-chairs Pat Thomson and Marcia Nicely for all their hard work, and to everyone who contributed their time and money to help us grow the event this year. We enjoyed music from the Paseo Academy Jazz Band, food and spirits from a variety of primarily local vendors, and had fun auctioning off the many items donated for inclusion in our raffle. Please plan to join us for the 4th Annual Jazz for Justice by marking your calendars for Tuesday, February 9, 2016. If you have any talents you would like to contribute to the coordination or management of the event, please contact Andrea Wescott at andrea@piqueco.com. We are always looking for volunteers to help market the event, coordinate donations, greet our guests, and keep things running smoothly throughout the night.



MISSION & VALUES

MISSION The Justice Project provides long-term criminal justice and social system advocacy and navigational support services to impoverished women seeking to restore their lives after surviving sexual exploitation and abuses on the street.

VALUES The Justice Project values collaboration and collegiality with each constituent, partner, system provider and sponsor focused on the healing and well being of those who seek assistance.

We believe that each person needs individual attention and processes as they address their own challenges to healthy living in society.

We are committed to work holistically in partnership with each person as we address her needs of health, shelter, social and justice challenges.

Hambingo



Fundraising events really CAN be (almost) all play and no work, as evidenced by our Hambingo event. The Justice Project joined the fun-loving folks at Hamburger Mary's in April for a charity Bingo event, with all proceeds benefitting The Justice Project. Our director, Kris Wade, together with our hostess, the lovely Melinda Ryder, introduced The Justice Project and described our program to patrons as we kicked off the fun. The event earned us \$1000 to help us support and serve impoverished women in Kansas City. We will definitely plan to participate in another Hambingo event and would love to be able to double our total donation amount. Watch our website for future event dates and plan to join us.



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