

The State of the Heart

Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach ✦ Spring 2015

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Learn what makes these three numbers special, and celebrate many other years of success for Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach. Dress in black, white and gold and join us March 21st for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



Special guest: Elaine Spaul

Executive Director, Center for Youth Member,
 Rochester City Council

We are honored that Elaine Spaul will serve as emcee of this year's event. Our work aligns with the Center for Youth's mission to support young people by giving them information and support to make positive life choices and not become part of the jail and prison system.

Visit www.spirituschristiprisonoutreach.org for event details and to purchase tickets.

Life Lessons from Having Fun

Betty Monahan and volunteers teach the value of recreation to our residents

By Eleanor Coleman

Why might one find a room full of men at Nielsen House enjoying aromatherapy and meditating to soft music? Or a group of ladies from Jennifer House bowling for the first time with abandon and humor?



Every other weekend Betty Monahan, a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) by profession, volunteers for Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach by bringing creative and varied recreational opportunities to the men and women of our houses.

Betty maintains that recreation and leisure are rights for everyone to enjoy. "Because of their backgrounds, this pop-



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Betty Monahan

Certified Therapeutic
 Recreation Specialist

ulation has a particularly hard time engaging in positive recreational experiences," she says. "I want them to see that they can have fun without being under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

Each activity includes a learned lesson. "That is the most important aspect, I think." Betty adds. "Each time I meet with the men and women, I want to leave them with something to consider, practice, or at least be aware of and think about."

Although some of the activities have a cost associated with them, the majority are free. "There are so many free fun things to do in Rochester and I want them to be aware of the places and activities they can enjoy regularly and on their own," Betty explains.

One innovative free activity is "geocaching," which engages people all over the world. A website is used to locate little things that people have hidden inside water-tight boxes. Participants use the website to receive the GPS coordinates of a box, then try to find it using those coordinates. Upon finding the box, you are encouraged to take one thing out and put something new back in, then go back to the website to log in your experience.

Another activity that had a strong impact with the men is meditation, aromatherapy, and music that promotes relaxation. Betty noted that she feels successful when at least one person falls asleep. Imagine her surprise when ALL the participants fell asleep at a recent session! The positive affirmation script used during the meditation includes statements like, "I'm a good person, I love myself, I've made mistakes, and I've made amends for my mistakes."

Another resourceful activity, organized by volunteer Kitty Nowak, helps residents to create homemade journals and cards with

spray watercolors. Each participant can use their own creativity, build confidence, and practice patience. In the end, have a gift they can keep or share with someone else.

Other recreational activities Betty has led residents in include:

- "Bands on the Bricks" at the Rochester Public Market
- Picnics at Mendon Ponds Park, where barbecued banana splits are a favorite
- Building picnic tables
- Scavenger hunts at Barnes & Noble, with coffee afterwards
- Rochester Fringe Festival
- Paper-airplane contest
- Various service projects

In April, residents will be making a meal for Sanctuary Village, the new location on Litchfield St. serving homeless people in Rochester. On the last Friday in February, Betty helped the women at Jennifer House to bake chocolate-chip cookies they froze in preparation for the Sanctuary Village dinner.

Other activities Betty would like to see the residents experience in the near future are canoeing, hiking and camping.

Betty was inspired to do this "playful" work through her husband, Alan, who sits on the Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach Board and has been traveling to the prison in Orleans County since 2000. "It's something my husband and I really enjoy and can do together," says Betty.

It was Wanda Johnson, Manager of Nielsen House, who learned through her interactions with Alan that Betty was a Recreation Therapist and saw great value in bringing those activities to Nielsen House.

Betty stresses the importance of having "positive living environments." She points out that both houses are very welcoming, have fireplaces, and are stocked with board games.

Betty and Alan are gone for several months each year, in the spring and around Thanksgiving. They would love to have more people volunteer to keep the activities going. If you would like to volunteer, call Betty at (585) 586-6191.



Executive Director's Update

By Jim Smith

Editor's note: Along with providing safe housing and support for men and women after they are incarcerated, Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach facilitates weekly visitation groups for about 400 men and women each year in the Monroe County jails and New York State prison system. In place of his regular update, we asked Executive Director Jim Smith to share his thoughts about the visitation groups, and invited other group volunteers to do the same.

This month we'll hear from volunteers Dominick Annese, Tom DaRin, Gerry Lynch, and Margot MacAulay. In our next issue we'll share perspectives on visitation from Al Monahan, Gwen Nelson, and Dave Nichols.

The Mission of the Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach is to visit men and women in jail and prison and to journey with them as they re-enter the community. We provide a safe place for incarcerated individuals to do the courageous work of exploring their lives in a way that will enable them to reach their personal goals. We attempt to bring the healing presence of the Spiritus Christi community to those who are not free and able to attend our celebrations.

On February 12, I joined Dave Nichols, Gwen Nelson and Al Monahan for their

The road we walked that night was the same road the men walk on the day they are released from incarceration. It was, and is, a privilege to walk in their footsteps.



Betty Monahan helps the women at Jennifer House to bake cookies for Sanctuary Village

weekly visit to Orleans Correctional Facility. The wind chill was minus 25 degrees, the roads were snow covered, and the blowing created white-out conditions on the trip of more than 30 miles. As we drove there and back, I never once heard a complaint about the conditions. No one ever questioned if the trip was a go or not. All were extremely committed to their calling to serve that wintry evening, as they do each week.

Once inside the prison gates, we were offered a ride in a warm van to the site of our meeting. Without hesitation, everyone in the group chose to walk instead. We trudged through the snow, with the blustery wind chilling us to the core, with no talk about seeking the warmth of the van. The road we walked that night was the same road the men walk on the day they are released from incarceration. It was, and is, a privilege to walk in their footsteps. This journey is integral to the mission of Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach.

When our group arrived at the activities building, we knocked on the door and waited for the guard to let us in. Inside, a group of men were waiting for us to join them. They greeted us, and the group seamlessly entered into a State of the Heart conversation. This is an opportunity where each person is asked to share what they are feeling and where they are spiritually. Each member of the group identifies any concerns, issues or topics that they'd like to explore.

One man shared that he had gone before the Parole Board and was anxiously awaiting a decision. An important, life-changing decision: *Will he go home after 24 years of incarceration? Will he walk the path we do each week as we leave the prison? Will he be able to come live at Nielsen House, or will he have to wait two more years and try again?* All of these questions were on his mind.

As I drove home that evening through the frosty blizzard of white, my heart was warmed as I thought back on the interactions of our volunteers with the men they serve. I was touched by their endless examples of unconditional love. I asked several of our volunteers to answer the question, "What keeps you coming back--week after week, year after year, and in some cases, decade after decade?"

Why Do We Visit Men and Women in Prison?



One of the Most Neglected Groups In Our Society

By Gerry Lynch

**Volunteer for 30 years
Groveland Correctional Facility**

There are two main reasons why I am part of the prison groups.

The first comes out of my concern for people who are in prison. I think the prison population is one of the most neglected groups of people in our society, and the problems that lead people to prison are not addressed very well by our prison system.

My initial interest in prison ministry was based out of that concern and the belief I could do something to help.

I continue coming to the groups because I find the kind of honesty and willingness to look at ourselves that I need in my life.

It is through this ministry that I learned to get in touch with my feelings and learn how to communicate. The groups have helped me to become a better husband and father; they taught me to be grateful for all that I have been given.

The prison groups give me an opportunity to share that with the men and to offer the hope to them that they can find peace and contentment. Being a part of that is a constant reminder to me that I need to continue to grow and stay focused on how I need to live my own life.



Time to Reflect and Connect with Others

By Dominick Annese

**Volunteer for 23 years
Groveland Correctional Facility**

I began visiting back in 1992, thinking I had something to offer men who are incarcerated—and soon realizing that I needed the group for my own personal growth.

The time we spend each Wednesday evening is time to grow spiritually, emotionally, reflect and connect with others. Some of the things I have learned about: The prison system, compassion, diversity, feelings, being a parent, being a spouse, being a son, love and anger.

Thanks also to Gwen Nelson and Gerry Lynch for putting up with me all these years!



Each of Us is On That Journey

By Margot MacAulay

**Volunteer for 20 years
Monroe County Jail**

My father disappeared when I was two years old. My mother placed my brother and me in an orphanage while she went to school. Seven years later she came for

us and we moved together to Rochester where she got a job teaching at the School for the Deaf.

I know what it means to have someone looking for you, wanting to hear your story, wanting to be a companion on your journey.

In jail it's never the same. Different stories, grief shared, a place of honest witness. Brave women open their hearts. Intimacy evolves. We walk together carrying burdens and histories. Each of us is on that journey seeking answers to unasked questions, looking for ourselves. We are isolated together, listening to the stories.

Honest tears fall in that room that we share together. We build a holy ground together. We are a circle of witnesses deeply listening. Our sisters' bravery inspires each of us to leave that comfortable place, to risk exposing that self that we thought defined us.



Lessons Learned From My Father and Mother

By Tom DaRin

Volunteer for 9 years

Cayuga Correctional Facility and Five Points Correctional Facility

My short answer about why I volunteer is "my father and my mother."

Dad was a corrections officer for 35 years. It was not unusual given the nature of his work, as the person responsible for the maintenance of the prison he served, that his sons would meet some of the incarcerated men who worked alongside him. Dad's team of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and mechanics kept the lights on, the pumps humming, the prison farm producing, and the vehicles running.

He rarely, if ever, talked about why the men

were being punished. In his own way, he used those work experiences to rebuild their self-esteem and self-worth, and to feel that they contributed to the greater good. One inmate, who helped keep my college car in top form, once told me (with Dad out of earshot) that my father "was a good man, and he treats us like men". Dad never saw the value in keeping a man down. I've tried to carry that ideal forward.

My mother's influence didn't occur until just recently. My siblings and I knew that Mom had a tough childhood, but she never spoke about it, and we knew not to raise the subject. A few years after Mom passed away, one of my brothers began researching Mom's family tree on Ancestry.com. He discovered that our maternal grandfather, her father, served two prison terms and eventually abandoned her and my grandmother. I suppose it wouldn't be out of character for me to feel resentment toward him, but I've come to terms with it by believing that we'll meet in the next life. At that meeting, my hope is that he'll say, "I'm glad you were there for the men. I wish someone had been there for me".

In my prison group we often talk about what your legacy will be. In Mom's case, as the child of a convicted felon, she decided to not let her past influence her future. She was a kind and gentle soul who taught her sons to be responsible and worthy citizens. I was the beneficiary of her determination to have us lead a better life than what she experienced.

I also have to thank Steve and Jennifer LaSalle, for it was they who convinced me to join them at the Cayuga Correctional Facility nine years ago. The seven years we spent together there were very rewarding. They inspired me to start my own group two years ago at the Five Points Correctional Facility.

Five Points is a maximum-security prison, which provided me and our outreach the opportunity to serve a different prison population. I'm fortunate to have a dedicated and committed group at Five Points, and our discussions are always insightful and productive. Many in our group speak of the important people in their lives "not being there for me" during their formative years. I resolve never to be that kind of person for them now. I want them to know they can count on me to be a part of their journey from this point forward.

Gratitude for Grants:

The Prison Outreach is grateful for the following gifts received or awarded thus far in 2014/15:

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Jennifer House News

By Kimberly Valentine, House Manager and Educational Coordinator

As winter continues and cold fills the air, I am greeted with warmth and love when I step into Jennifer House. As I hurry out of the cold to start my shift, I am immediately greeted with “Hello’s” and “How are you?” from the women who reside there. I smile, my spirit soars and I am once again reminded that this is the best job I have ever had. Actually, “job” doesn’t describe what we do here. This is an awesome opportunity to journey with those who have come, gone and are still at Jennifer House. It doesn’t get any better than this.

The women and staff here know that they are not alone. There is always an ear to listen, a hand to hold, a hug to be given and wisdom to be shared.

Now with any journey there are twists and turns, ups and downs, successes and setbacks. However, the women and staff here know that they are not alone. There is always an ear to listen, a hand to hold, a hug to be given and wisdom to be shared. The women learn that the structure and expectations of the house are to help them to learn a new way of life. It is a life full of hope and possibilities, free from labels and the stigma of their yesterdays. While the women busy themselves daily with appointments, self-help groups and informational sessions about the services available to them, they also learn how to have fun without the use of drugs.

Unity is a spiritual principle learned early in each woman’s journey at Jennifer House. It is unity that allows the risk-taking, laughter and pure enjoyment of all



Kimberly Valentine

their new experiences. The women enjoyed one another and felt safe together on the haunted hayrides and haunted house tour during the Halloween season. They experienced the Halloween event put on at the 1872 Café. They dressed up in various costumes and enjoyed the atmosphere of joy and laughter. Some learned how to bowl, while others experienced the love of music and dancing at events given by 12-step groups.

Christmas was a time full of cheer. It couldn’t have happened without the love and support from many individuals and families who gave to us so selflessly. One of our residents was able to go to New Jersey and reunite with her daughter, whom she hadn’t seen for quite a while. She was able to take with her some toys that were on her daughter’s wish list. Another of our ladies was able to have her two children stay overnight on Christmas Eve. She saw the joy on their faces as they opened the gifts that donors helped her give to her children. This was the first Christmas in two years that she was able to be with her children.

So many other joys take place here at Jennifer House. There are recognitions of recovery, sobriety anniversaries, Drug Court graduations, group completions—and we are always looking for birthdays to celebrate!

The most moving journey that I have been privileged to share thus far is with Diane B. Diane has been with us for eleven months. This is her second time at Jennifer House. While staying with us she celebrated her year in sobriety. Shortly after that happy event, Diane was diagnosed with a brain tumor. This news put a halt to her search for an apartment and transition out of Jennifer House. She

needed chemotherapy treatments, and Diane opted to stay with us instead of going to her mother’s house or to stay with her husband.

The women of Jennifer House were there for her from the very beginning. What Diane needed during this time in her life was love, support, concern, care and safety. She found it.

Our women picked up Diane’s chores for her without argument. They would walk to the store to get Diane ginger ale when she wasn’t feeling well, and take plates of food up to her when she wasn’t able to make it to dinner. Women checked on her well-being constantly. Most importantly the women showered her with love and provided a laugh or two when needed. “When I found out that I had a brain tumor, I knew I needed support from both the women and staff,” Diane says. “If I was in a funk, I always had someone to talk to.



Diane B.

Diane confided that at first she thought about drinking, but with the support she received at Jennifer House, she learned more to rely on God. She completed her treatments and is still with us. She goes soon to find out the results of her treatments. She is confident that, “Good or bad, God is on my side.”

This is just one example of why Jennifer House is here. We are in the community to provide love, direction, hope and a laugh or two every once in a while for women who need it. Lives are forever changed at the Jennifer House. The transformation that takes place can only be credited to the dedication of all those who support our mission, the women who put 200% effort into learning a new way to live, and MOST IMPORTANTLY to a God of love who never leaves or forsakes us.

“I Can’t Stay Away”—Gloria’s Story

By Jessica Drumm

Jennifer House has dramatically improved countless lives through support and dedication to the women as they recover from addiction and re-emerge into society. One such person is Gloribel (Gloria) Roman.

Life has not been easy on Gloria. A vivacious woman, she brims with unadulterated cheer and a smile that infects everyone she sees. So it’s a surprise when she reveals, “It’s been hard... in and out of jail, being away from my kids, my family, using drugs.”

As Gloria found herself facing jail time again, she realized that something had to give. “I couldn’t take it anymore, I was alone. I got tired, running back and forth. I kneeled down and asked God for help. If it takes going to jail, then let me go to jail, which will only take couple of months and from there I’ll move on.”

She started writing letters every week to Jennifer House. Gloria’s sister also called Jennifer House in her behalf, advocating that Gloria was ready for what the house has to offer—another chance at life. “Being in jail, I really got to thinking, ‘I can do this,’” Gloria said. “I’ve done it before I can do it again. This time, just stay positive and stay strong. And God answered when I came to Jennifer House.”

After a couple of weeks of attending group at the jail in Henrietta, Gloria received a call that a bed was open and she was welcome. “I don’t know where I would be at if they hadn’t opened their doors to me.”

Throughout her four-month stay, Gloria found unending support from the staff, volunteers and fellow residents. She has learned invaluable skills through the structured schedule the house enforces, and appreciated the compassionate environment that actively promotes skills essential to maintaining sobriety. “They will help you step by step to get to where you want,” she observes.

Now as an alumna of the program, Gloria has kept Jennifer House in her life. “I made a commitment to myself that once I left supportive living, I would come back.” Gloria did just that. The Monroe County Work Experience Program (WEP) requires



Gloria Roman

participants to engage in work-related activities to be eligible for assistance. Gloria is completing her obligation to WEP and her promise to herself by volunteering at the Jennifer House on Tuesdays. She helps in daily tasks and participates in an effective group therapy, State of the Heart.

Still active in her recovery, Gloria has stayed motivated as she works towards her goals in maintaining her sobriety. When looking to the future she sees Jennifer House as a prominent fixture. She hopes that in the future, with two years of clean time, she will have an opportunity to work at the house as a staff member, passing on the wisdom and support that aided her success.

When coming back to the house, Gloria feels like she is coming home. Although she only stayed at the house for four months, she said it might as well have been years. “I love coming back, I can’t stay away. I feel like I’m back home.”

Jessica Drumm is a student at Finger Lakes Community College who interns at Jennifer House.

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Gloria Roman

Jennifer House Alumna and Volunteer

SCPO Wish List

Jennifer House



Pillows/pillow cases

Comforters and sheet sets (twin size)

Towels (body and face)

Women’s socks, slippers, panties and bras

Winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves

Women’s toiletries

(soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)

Walmart/Wegmans Gift Cards

(food and gifts for women)

Journals/Pens/Pencils

Movies 10 Gift Cards

Umbrellas

Stove

Nielsen House



File cabinet

Irons/free weights/barbells

Comforters and sheet sets (twin size)

Towels and washclothes

Men’s socks and underwear

Men’s toiletries

Winter gloves and hats

Alarm clocks

Hangers

Journals

FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!

Items can be dropped off at the Houses or the Spiritus Christi office, 121 North Fitzhugh Street. For more information, call Jennifer House at 288-1074 or Nielsen House 328-0801
Thank you!

Nielsen House News

Read About Nielsen House
In Our Next Newsletter



We gave Director Wanda Johnson a well-deserved break. Look for her report and other news from Nielsen House in our next issue of State of the Heart.



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Dreaming Our Next Five Years

Strategic plan envisions more independent housing and support for residents

By Kathleen Tranelli, Board President and Jim Smith, Executive Director

In the midst of daily challenges and successes at Jennifer House, Nielsen House and the Voter's Block Shelter Plus Care program, the Board and staff of the Prison Outreach took time out to develop our strategic plan for the next five years.

The plan for 2010 to 2014 included the radical dream to provide an independent-living housing option for graduates of Jennifer House and Nielsen House. That dream was realized through a series of events no one could have fully foreseen in 2009, when the plan was developed. They started with a significant donation and partnering proposal within months of the plan's completion, and ended with the opening of the Voter's Block project in September 2012. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us during the next plan cycle!

After conducting benchmarking and interviews and assessing external factors under the leadership of Board Member Al Monahan, the Board and staff determined that the four-phase structure of our current program is sound, but that the services and programs offered in the first three phases (for residents of Jennifer and Nielsen Houses) should be enhanced, and that we need more independent living options for those in the fourth phase. The key elements of the 2015-2019 strategic plan are: expanded housing for independent living, employment preparation, further program development, and financial sustainability.

Independent Housing

Experience has shown us that quality housing with support in an independent living arrangement, such as our Shelter Plus Care program, is a critical element of success for many in our homeless ex-offender population. Many of those we serve share our dream of having a home in which we can take pride. Achieving long-term quality housing often provides great motivation for continuing to work hard on individual goals, and case man-

ager support helps residents strategize solutions to challenges that arise.

We will be looking for partnership opportunities with developers or other community organizations, with a goal to add 20 units over the next five years, supported by our case management services. We welcome suggestions and creative ideas, as well as prayer, as we embark on this complicated journey of securing partners, suitable buildings, funding and logistical support. We are hopeful that this significant undertaking will run in parallel with, and not distract from, our staff's key focus on the individual care that they manage so well.

Employment Preparation

Another element of success is employment, and providing the men and women we serve a vision or goal for the future. With the career pathways element of the strategic plan, the Board will develop tools to help show residents options for local employment and the pathways to get there, partnering with other local agencies and institutions. This will include identifying the job skills that are needed in Rochester, the agencies and institutions that can provide the needed education or training, funding options, and providing a framework for individual goal attainment plans. In addition, the Board hopes to develop a mentoring program to guide participants through the job-seeking process, and to tap available resources for resume development and interviewing skills.

Strengthening Programs

Before our residents are ready for employment or independent housing, they work on addictions and many areas of personal development at Jennifer House and Nielsen House. Another key element of the five-year plan is further development of our life skills programming and the family reunification program. We'll take an inventory of what staff already is doing to teach skills such as time management,

SPIRITUS CHRISTI PRISON OUTREACH STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR MISSION

To visit women and men who are incarcerated and journey with them as they enter the community

OUR VISION

The Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach is the lead agency serving the homeless ex-offender in the Monroe County area

OUR STRATEGY

1

Visitation to support men and women in jail or prison

2

Safe housing from highly supervised temporary homes to permanent housing

3

Case management to coordinate the treatment and services our residents need to live independently

4

Employment planning by providing access to the education, training and support they need to get good jobs

OUR GOALS FOR 2015-2019

Expand independent living options

Increase employment planning tools

Improve programming to teach life skills and support family reunification

Achieve financial sustainability for our mission

budgeting, organization, and healthy activities, and use the benchmarking studies from the strategic planning process to identify other skills and resources to incorporate in the programs. Similarly, for family reunification we'll learn from others about elements we might add to the program to give resident parents a solid foundation for re-engaging with their children as they re-enter the community.

Financial Sustainability

All of this will require a solid financial foundation for the Outreach, at a time when government funding, the source of nearly 75% of our revenues, is becoming more competitive and less certain, and funding criteria are changing. A critical element of the plan is developing financial sustainability, possibly through new relationships or programs. We again ask for your prayer as we discern options, and we welcome ideas.

The strategic planning process has energized the Board and staff, as we inventoried and acknowledged the great programming and work that already is being done, and dreamed about enhancing and extending it to more people for longer periods of time. There is an exciting future ahead for the Prison Outreach, and our Board and Executive Director are committed to shepherd its growth and development. Thank you for your continuing support.

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Celebrating Our Residents at a Statewide Conference

Next month, professionals from across New York will learn from the recreational therapy programs at Jennifer House and Nielsen House. On April 25th, Betty Monahan will be traveling with Nielsen and Jennifer House residents and alumni to share their program at the New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association annual conference in Saratoga. The 90-minute presentation includes a formal presentation; a panel discussion with people from Nielsen House and Jennifer House who will share their experiences; and a video of the activities, in which about 20 of the people from both houses are asked a series of questions about what they've learned.

Pictured here are some of the residents who will be participating in the conference.



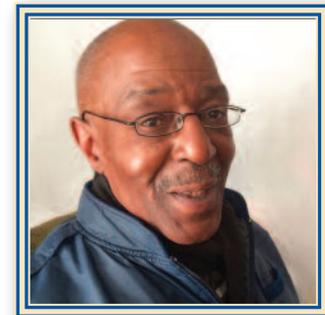
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Want A Speaker?

Are you looking for a speaker for your club, church or community group?

Do you know of another church or community group who might want to learn about the Prison Outreach or support its work?

We have dynamic speakers who are anxious to tell the community about the great work the Outreach is doing to help people with a criminal record transform their lives. The stories are compelling and the reduced recidivism statistics are impressive.

All we need is a name and contact information; we'll handle the rest. Contact Jim Smith at 288-0504 for details or to schedule a speaker.