



BREAKING THE CHAINS NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

Family Support Group

Monthly every 1st Thursday 6-8 pm
NEIU Campus
700 E. Oakwood Blvd.
Chicago

Harm Reduction in Prison Coalition

Monthly every 4th Friday 10-12pm
IIT Campus
10 W. 35th Street, 6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60616

End Time Outreach Ministry Kickoff & Community Health Fair

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017 @ 10:00am-2:00pm
Where: 8611 S. Exchange
Chicago, IL 60617

Summit of Hope- Illinois Department of Corrections

When: Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Where: 4438 W. Wrightwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 @ Kelvyn Park

Health Screening Discovers HIV Positive Client



For our October newsletter, we would like to honor Men & Women in Prison Ministries' HIV Corrections Case Manager & Program Manager, Russell Jackson.

Several times throughout the year, the Illinois Department of Corrections hosts an event called the Summit of Hope. This event features agencies and resources that help people on parole transition back into society after incarceration. On behalf of MWIPM, Mr. Jackson attends the Summits of Hope to provide vouchers for State Identification Cards, and health screenings for HIV and Hepatitis C.

During one of his routine HIV screenings, he met a man whose results screened positive for HIV. This was Mr. Jackson's first case at a Summit of Hope where he had to break the news to a person that they were HIV positive. Usually, Mr. Jackson works with clients who already know their status, so this was a new experience for him. The client and Mr. Jackson wanted to be

100% sure that the client was, in fact, positive, so they did an additional health screening. The additional health screening, too, showed that the client was positive. What surprised Mr. Jackson and the staff at MWIPM, was the client's immediate determination to contact three women, who he had been involved with. Usually a client's first reaction to a positive HIV result, experiences a variety of different emotions. The client's responsible demeanor showed that he was an empathetic and caring person. Immediately the client brought one of his lady friends to the summit of hope to get tested. The woman became very hysterical, so Mr. Jackson decided to have the HIV screening in his car. Thankfully, the woman's results were negative. The client then took the first young woman home and brought the second young woman to the Summit of Hope to get screened as well. The result for the second young woman was positive. The client again took her home. Finally, the third young woman, who is the client's girlfriend, was pregnant with the client's child. Unfortunately, she was at work while the Summit of Hope took place, so Mr. Jackson had to provide the health screening at his MWIPM office later that afternoon. Fortunately, the client's girlfriend had a negative result.

Mr. Jackson, a very skilled case manager, was immediately able to link the HIV clients to care. He linked them to necessary and critical resources; and provided two of the women with valuable information pertaining to PrEP.

It is important to understand that these four health screenings, case management, partner services, and linkage to medical care all took place in the same day, with Mr. Jackson's tireless and empathetic hard work. For a process that takes months, especially for multiple clients, Mr. Jackson got the process done within that same day. Mr. Jackson's determination is not to go unnoticed. He showed his compassion & willingness to help in a time of need.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

OUR SERVICES

- Social Recovery Services
- Economic Recovery Services
- Health and Wellness Services
- Prison Advocacy
- Technical Assistance

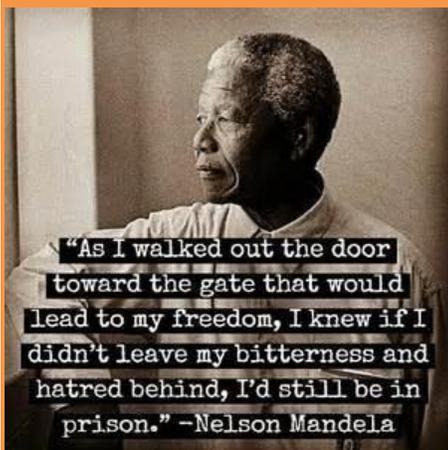
OUR MISSION

To provide comprehensive services to the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated, their families, and the community at large

OUR VISION

To implement sustainable services to achieve Health & Wellness, Social Economic Recovery, & Prison Advocacy

"When the legal system fails, the entire family is incarcerated"



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We hope this testimony has shown the importance of knowing the status of our health as it directly affects ourselves as well as our communities. Here at MWIPM, we believe that healthy and responsible individuals contribute to a healthy and responsible community. We stand by our mission to provide services to the community at large.

The 12th Annual People's Gala

Men & Women in Prison Ministries will be hosting its 12th Annual People's Gala in commemoration of World AIDS Day.

Men & Women in Prison Ministries
Universal House of Refuge Center

12th Annual People's Gala
in Commemoration of WORLD AIDS DAY

Save The Date

Friday December 1, 2017
6:30pm to 9:30pm

New Zion Upper Room
1950 West 13th Street
Chicago, IL 60608

Tickets: \$50

For More Information or to buy tickets
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The theme for this year's Gala is "CIS Gender Women" & will dedicate this Gala as the "Year of the Woman". Please join us in celebrating this very special occasion. Tickets are available now. Visit us at www.mwimp.com or contact our office for your ticket today.

AIDS Run & Walk Chicago 2017

Just a quick update. We are so excited to announce that the date has been extended to donate to the AIDS Run & Walk Chicago 2017! Donations will be accepted until November 15th.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE

Your donation benefits our clients.

Men & Women in Prison Ministries aims to reduce the transmission of HIV & other Communicable diseases in county jails, state prisons, & federal prisons. Your donations will help our HIV Corrections Case Manager and our Harm Reduction in Prison Coalition to achieve these goals through promoting awareness, testing, and treatment of HIV and other communicable diseases for people in jail and prison.

We stand behind our motto that "good prison health is good community health".

We are very close to our goal and your donation helps to benefit the work that we do.

Please visit

http://events.aidschicago.org/site/TR/RW/RW17?team_id=4063&pg=team&fr_id=1420

Please make a stand with Men & Women in Prison Ministries by donating any amount NOW.



AIDS RUN & WALK UPDATE

TEAM ROSTER

MWIPM Donations Raised:

Russell Jackson \$120
Johnathon Brigg \$5
Nicollette Garrett \$90
Maia Garrett-Jackson \$100
Doris Green \$600
hataria james \$25
Marlon Oglesby \$20
Javon Serrano \$35
Kimberly Wallace \$60
Richard Wallace \$55
Team Gifts \$35

TEAM PROGRESS

76% of Goal
\$1,145 Raised
\$1,500