

THE VOLUNTEER EDGE

JOCO DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER E-NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

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CLIENTS MAKE MASKS

stepping up in a time of need

SS Banes (featured in our 1st edition) coordinated with a local woman who donated all of the materials. RCM Fletcher supervised the sewing, and the TC Clients got to work! These masks were used in both facilities for staff and clients and 50 of them were sent with one of our nurses to NY to volunteer.



FAREWELL ACT VOLUNTEERS!

It has been a pleasure

The Adolescent Center for Treatment will be relocating to The Recovery Place at 11120 W. 65th . St. in Shawnee. All of you should have been contacted by Jon Candea, who will be your liason now. Please let Erin know if you haven't been contacted, it has been a pleasure working with you all!





REOPENING PHASE 1 MENTOR MEETING MUSTS

Mentors are welcome back to ARC beginning 6/22!

What you need to know:

- If you are coming in to visit your mentee, let Erin Moeder know ahead of time to put you on the list at intake.
- You will be screened at intake, which is the normal entrance for mentors to use. Screening includes a temperature check and questions regarding your exposure to anyone with COVID-19.
- You will be given basic cleaning supplies to clean your meeting area before and after. When it comes to keeping the facility clean, we are all in this together!
- You are welcome to wear a mask, please let Erin Moeder know if you need one.
- We ask that social distancing be respected in all interactions with clients.

POLICY & PROCEDURE POP UPS: POLICY 03.07 RECRUITING & SCREENING OF VOLUNTEERS

This policy states that you cannot volunteer in the same location that you have a relative living. If you ever do have a relative that is sentenced to the facility you are volunteering, you are required to report it. If you have a close family friend or someone you know personally sentenced to live in the facility, you are encouraged to report it so we have it on record.

MALE MENTORS NEEDED!
Make a difference in the lives of men getting ready to be released from the ARC or TC! Time commitment = 1 hour/every other week for up to a year. Contact Erin Moeder if interested!!



Thank you Cooking with the King

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers Come Through Even When They Can't Come In

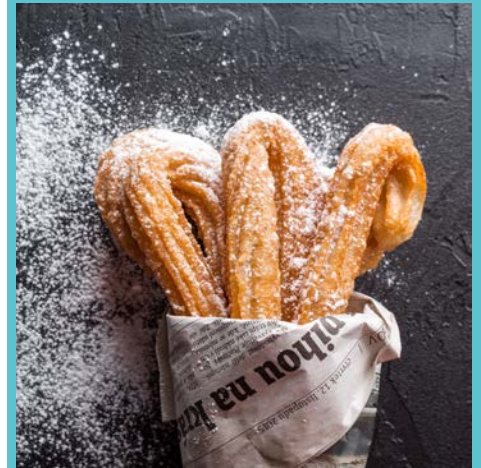
Connecting through Cuisine... There's no doubt our volunteer groups bring all kinds of essential skills, positive connections and critical support to the clients we serve. For the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center, those connections were severed when all volunteer-based programs in the JDC were suspended due to COVID-19. Spirits in the JDC were low and morale was flagging as program after program was put on hold for the foreseeable future.

Being shut out didn't stop one group from continuing to serve up sustenance. The volunteers at **Cooking with the King** bring food and fellowship every week to the youth in the JDC. When they heard all visits from volunteers were suspended, the faith-based organization continued to deliver meals to the JDC and email messages of fellowship and support to the kids via JDC shift supervisor, Jodi Kelley. "I read the e-mail[s] in its totality to each living unit and found myself almost choking up," Kelley said, **"because it was so important that the youth knew that someone was still thinking about them during this very stressful and difficult time."**

During one particularly rough week, Kelley recalled how trying something new brought a much-needed "lifted spirit and an overall feeling of hope." CWTCK had gone all out and delivered an incredible assortment of Mexican foods, many donated by local restaurants. One of the clients shared that he'd never tried a churro before and wasn't sure he would like it. "After trying it, he discovered how much he liked it and that sparked a lengthy discussion with the group about where to find the best Churros. We laughed, debated, and compared different flavors of Churros for several minutes. It was the first rather "normal" discussion I had with the kids in quite some time", Kelley recalls.

"I really needed that moment, so did the rest of the staff, and so did the youth we serve. I share this story because I can think of so many stories over the years (18 for me) when the actions of our volunteers have had an impact on our youth and even our staff. **We have been very blessed at the Juvenile Services Center to have so many caring and dedicated volunteers."**

The JDC and ARC are slowly phasing volunteers and volunteer groups back into their weekly routines. For Kelley, this re-integration is a must: **"the work and dedication of our volunteers over the years has meant so much to us and we look forward to many more years together."**



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-SS Jodi A. Kelley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Yoga & Meditation instructor at the Therapeutic Community (located at the Adult Residential Center)
- Art Class Facilitator at the Adult Residential Center & Juvenile Detention Center
- Photography Instructor for the College of Trades

-email Erin to learn more about these positions.

-New Volunteer training is on hold until September.

COMMUNITY BOARD-HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

ARC IS GOING VIRTUAL THANKS TO NCIRCLE



THE SUMMER COHORT OF THE COLLEGE OF TRADES PROGRAM IS BEING DONE VIA ZOOM! CLIENTS ARE ABLE TO TAKE CLASSES TO HELP THEM BECOME MORE EMPLOYABLE AND ARE GETTING EXPERIENCE USING ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS. CLASSES INCLUDE MICROSOFT, CREATIVE WRITING, DIGITAL LITERACY, AND MORE.

THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CLIENTS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE NONPROFIT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS CULTIVATE, NCIRCLE. NCIRCLE IS CIRCLING AROUND THOSE WHO NEED SUPPORT AND CONNECTING SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES.



SERVICE PROJECTS IN JDC

THE KIDS IN JDC ARE STARTING UP SERVICE PROJECTS AGAIN! IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNCOVER KC, THIS GROUP COMES TOGETHER TO MAKE THINGS FOR OTHER PEOPLE. PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED CAPES FOR KIDS IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS, MOTHER'S DAY CARDS FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS, AND CHEW TOYS FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT, LET ERIN KNOW! SPECIAL THANKS TO ANCHOR HER FOR THEIR HELP SUPPLYING THE YOUTH THEIR BELOVED PUFF PAINTS!

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE COMMUNITY BOARD? LET ERIN KNOW!

FUN FACTS/ DID YOU KNOW?

The Adult Residential Center now has a dentist to help clients with dental needs.

The Juvenile Detention Center has a dog, his name is Radar. He is a 4 year old German Shorthair/Lab mix.

The success rate for adult clients is 66.4%. The definition of success means they have not returned to prison to serve their sentence.



WHERE IS RECERTIFICATION TRAINING?!

You may be asking yourself, how do I recertify for 2020 if Erin still hasn't sent anything out?! Never fear!

Recertification information is on it's way and will be in all of your inboxes very soon. The script was written and planned out at the beginning of COVID; we all know how quickly things change. So, after many rewrites, changing information, adding information, and finding the confidence to know I'm giving you the most up to date information I can, I'm 99.9% ready to send it out.

I just need to find that last .1% :-)

MOEDER'S MOMENT

I'm so happy to be back to work! I can't express that enough and I appreciate all of you tuning in to the second edition of The Volunteer Edge. Being furloughed upset me. I had big plans and ideas that I wanted to work on during the Stay at Home order, but those were put on hold. Now that I'm back, I'm ready to resume those ideas and continue doing the work we all care so much about. So how did I spend my time away? I have a 5 year old daughter and a 7 year old son who are so much fun to hang out with all day. They took to being my only job during the four weeks I was at home. We love to ride bikes and found new routes around town. I found a weekly science experiment for them to enjoy including Magic Milk, Dancing Popcorn, Mentos & Coke Explosion, and Elephant Toothpaste. And the arts & crafts! Oh so many arts & crafts! I also dusted off my camera and improved my photography skills, something I hadn't done in quite sometime. So I can honestly say my four weeks were well spent and memories were made. Thank you for the support and kind words many of you shared when I told you the news. It meant a lot and I can't wait to get back to work, reconnect with you all, and get things up and running again!

