



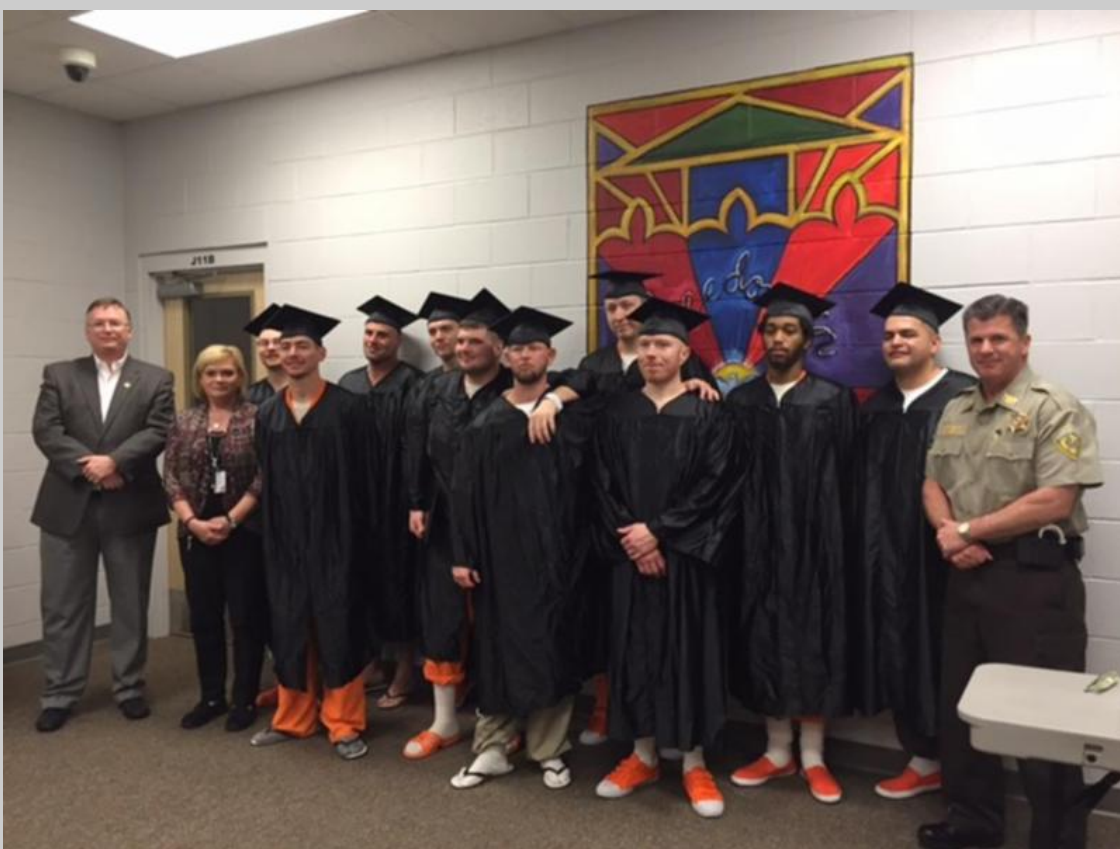
Hot Springs on the Move

...with Bridge to Hope in Hot Springs, Arkansas!

Ministers and Representatives from Local Churches Meet to Hear More About Bridges Out of Poverty

A meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20th, at the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce for local ministers to have the opportunity to learn more about Bridges Out of Poverty. Dr. John Wayne Smith, Chairman - Board of Directors for CCMC, outlined the need for this program in our community, the current status of operations, and plans and goals for the future.

**Getting Ahead While Getting Out
Graduation Held March, 2016**



A graduation and celebration was held on March 14th for the second group of men from the Garland County Detention Center to complete the Getting Ahead While Getting Out process. The room at the Detention Center was filled with people from the community supporting this program and the participants. Refreshments were provided at the conclusion, well wishes exchanged, and acknowledgment of the possibilities of new beginnings was abundant.

Important Upcoming Dates for Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World

Mentor Orientation Thursday, 5-12-16 8:30 a.m.

CCMC, Hot Springs

Mentor/Mentee Mixer (graduating group) Thursday, 5-12-16 5:30 p.m.

Garage Church, Hot Springs

Mentor/Mentee Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, 5-12-16 7:00 p.m.

Garage Church, Hot Springs

Graduation Monday, 5-23-16 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Hot Springs

Garland County Dental Society Makes a Donation to Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World with Time, Talent, and Investment



From l to r: Jill Johnson, Coordinator, Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' -By World; Dr. Jack Porter, CCMC Board Member; Lynn Blankenship, CCMC Executive Director; Dr. Chad Matone, President, Garland County Dental Society; and Dr. Stuart Fleischner, Garland County Dental Society Member. Not pictured: Dr. Danny Haynes.

The Garland County Dental Society has recently made a donation to the Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic. This money is being earmarked for graduates of the Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World process who are in need of immediate dental care.

Getting Ahead graduates go through a process of four months of intensive study and self-discovery designed to help them gain the resources and tools to transition themselves, and their families, out of poverty. At the conclusion of the formal class time, they arrive at a new place in their world...ready to start new chapters in their life...to look for jobs, go to school, and become involved in the community. Many have to leave old friendships and associations behind as they make changes in their

lives. Having a bright smile makes the journey easier...makes the job interview a little less difficult...changes their demeanor and presentation in every aspect of life.

Recognizing this and the fact that there were many extreme cases, the Garland County Dental Society wanted to contribute to the success of GA graduates. By offering these funds, the necessary dental work can be performed. These local dentists are not only providing these funds, which will be used to purchase dental plates and devices from a participating lab, they will be contributing their professional services as they have been doing for CCMC patients for many years. This is a continuation of a very long-term, much appreciated association.

It is hoped that, as time goes by, the fund can stay replenished by GA graduates who have benefitted from it...as they are able to "pay it forward."

Individuals and organizations interested in making a contribution to CCMC for the dental program, or to the general fund, should contact Lynn Blakenship, Executive Director, CCMC, by email at lynn@ccmchs.com or phone at 501.318.1153, ext. 103.

Training Attended by CCMC Representatives

Four people from Hot Springs attended the Bridges Out of Poverty Certification training held in Santa Fe, April 11-13. Lynn Blankenship, Sally Carder, Morgan Golden, and Jill Johnson can now, along with John Wayne Smith, present the "Bridges" constructs to groups or organizations who are interested in learning more about the issues of people living in poverty in our community, state, and country. The presentations may be tailored to last one hour, three hours, or six hours.

Dr. Smith attended the conference on April 14 and became certified to present "Bridges to Health and Healthcare."



From l to r: Morgan Golden, Jill Johnson, Sally Carder, and Lynn Blankenship attend training. Pictured center with them is Ruby Payne, founder of the aha!Process

Volunteer Opportunities and Training Activity

There are many opportunities to help with this important process, **Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World**, and one of our greatest needs, at this point is still for **facilitators** and **mentors**.

Future mentor training sessions are being planned.

If you would like more information about Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World, please contact Jill Johnson, Program Director, at jjohnson@ccmchs.com or call 501.318.1153, ext. 302.

If you would like information about the mentoring program, please contact Terry Lawler at terryl@cablelynx.com or call 501.620.6051.

Informational Meetings for Potential GA Participants Are Ongoing!

Please keep in mind that on the **2nd Thursday of each month, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**, informational meetings are held for people to learn more about the Getting Ahead process. These meetings are opportunities for prospective "investigators" to learn more about the process, get questions answered, and discover how the Getting Ahead process can change their lives. The GA process is a self-discovery for each person participating...but it can be comforting to learn it is experienced with others...on a journey that can result in life-long friendships.

Upcoming dates are: May 12

June 9

July 14

Meetings are held at CCMC, 133 Arbor Street. For more information, call 318-1153, ext. 302.

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