



Helping People Move Up and Out of Poverty...through *Bridge to Hope in Hot Springs, Arkansas!*

Two Getting Ahead While Getting Out Classes Graduated on Monday, October 3, 2016

Monday, October 3rd, was graduation day for the latest "Getting Ahead" classes in the Garland County Detention Center. This group of graduates consisted of fifteen inmates and another completed the course, but was unable to attend the graduation. The attendees included Mike and Deby Prince, class facilitators; Dorelle Hogan and Dian Glover, class co-facilitators; Sheriff Mike McCormick; and Ltnt. Belinda Cosgrove. Sam Cooke would have been proud of the soulful performance of his song, "Change Gonna Come" that was performed by one of the graduates, Joshua Weeks, accompanied by Dian Glover on the piano.

"Getting Ahead While Getting Out" is one of many educational program opportunities that are now available in the new detention facility. This is the 6th and 7th class to complete the course, which has proven to be one of the most frequently requested programs offered at GCDC. The While Getting Out program is designed for people who are returning to their communities from correctional facilities and jails. It is a prisoner re-entry model to reduce recidivism through learning, building resources, accountability and collaboration. CCMC has been able to offer this program with the partnership and support of Sheriff McCormick, Ltnt. Cosgrove, and the staff of the



Garland County Dental Society Helping Getting Ahead Graduates

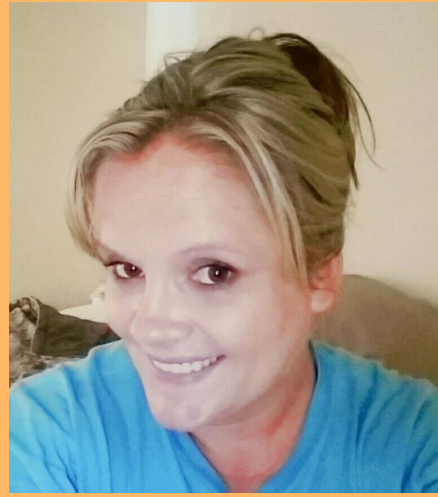
Many Garland County Dental Society members are donating their time, talent, skills, and contributions to helping make Getting Ahead graduate smiles shine!

As new lives are begun and as new job opportunities are available...whether new employment or moving up in current employment...it helps to be able to meet those opportunities with a big smile. Realizing that how we look and present ourselves to the world impacts so many things...this program was started in March, 2016. The fund began with the Dental Society's monetary donation to CCMC and a procedure was instituted to get this help to the graduates who need it in a fair and equitable way.

It is hoped that the fund can be replenished, in part, by GA graduates who have benefitted from this program giving back to it when they are able to do so.

Traci Hicks, pictured below, was the first recipient of this program. She has recently gone to work full time at regular employment...with benefits...and has moved into a home with her 11-year-old son after living in a shelter for sometime. Traci says,

"Thank you all for my beautiful smile!"



Traci Hicks

2016 CCMC Golf Classic

A big THANK YOU to our sponsors and to everyone who came out to the event on October 10th! It was a beautiful day to be out on a golf course...and to the Hot Springs Community...we send our appreciation to you for your continued support!





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

Informational Meeting for Potential Participants

Thursday, 10-13-16 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

CCMC, Hot Springs

Note: We are encouraging people to come in and learn about the Getting Ahead process and submit an application early...and, if accepted, get on the list for the next class early so plans can be made and last minute rushes avoided.

Mentor Orientation

Thursday, 10-13-16 11:00 a.m. - noon

CCMC, Hot Springs

Extended Mentor Training

Thursday, 10-27-16 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, 10-28-16 6:00-9:00 p.m.

(both sessions must be attended for the extended training)

Mentor/Mentee Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 10-13-16 6:00 p.m.

The Garage Church, Hot Springs

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. As we all go about our daily lives and business, we encounter people who may be interested in this process. Please pass these dates on to them!

Upcoming dates are: October 13

November 10


December 8

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

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