



CJM Connection

The newsletter of Criminal Justice Ministry St. Louis

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Strategic Plan

Through 2022 CJM engaged our staff, board, clients and partners in discussions as part of a strategic planning process.

This effort clarified our purpose and strategic goals. We also articulated who we serve, our strategy, and our commitment to racial justice, diversity, and equity.

You can view the full report [here](#).

Our tag line remains:

"To serve, not to judge."

Mission

Improving our communities by supporting and empowering those affected by incarceration.

Vision

We envision a more humane approach to justice, and safe, supportive communities that benefit from the full participation of people affected by incarceration.

We are grateful to the Lutheran Foundation for making this strategic planning process possible. The Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis is the grant-making ministry of 74 St. Louis area Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Congregations. The Foundation's vision is to see the church brought into the lives of hurting people and people included in the healing life of the Church.

Financial Literacy



Veterans in the Release to Rent transitional housing program participated in two days of financial literacy training provided by the Washington University Prison Education Project and Justine Petersen.

Topics from budgeting, banking, and credit scores were covered. Clients had the opportunity to see their credit report and understand options for establishing or repairing credit.

Personal finance can be a daunting topic, especially for those who have been away for a long period. The many new ways to manage money and pay bills, the variety of apps, options for paperless and online banking can be overwhelming. Our clients appreciated the expert guidance and practical tools.

Congratulations Toni!

Toni Jordan, Coordinator of Let's Start and R2R for Women, will receive the 2023 St. Dismas Award for outstanding service to the incarcerated. You can read more about this honor by [clicking here](#). We are proud of her achievement!

Save the Date!



**Criminal Justice Ministry
2023 Recognition Dinner**

**Thursday June 1st
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

SHERATON WESTPORT CHALET

Honoring:

Peggy Hopson

**Queen of All Saints
St Vincent de Paul
Conference**

Deacon Andrew Daus

Presented by:



Church, Verhulst & Walsh Wealth Partners

More information at:
<https://CJM2023.givesmart.com>
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Making CJM More Accessible

Thank you to the Holy Haulers and St. Louis Sluggers for obtaining and installing a ramp at the CJM offices.

Our office is now more accessible and welcoming.

Boeing Global Engagement

Release to Rent Veterans Coordinator Doug Evans and Executive Director Tom Casey were panelist at the 2023 Nonprofit Convening held in March at The Boeing Company campus in St. Louis.

Boeing Global Engagement supports CJM's work with justice involved veterans under their "Our Heroes" pilar. Learn more [here](#).



Openings

We have immediate openings for:

Housing Assistant: responsible for preparing apartments for Release to Rent clients.

Case Manager: Provides wrap around services and support to clients in the Release to Rent reentry housing program.

Program Assistant: Supports the Release to Rent programs, especially in data entry and records.

CJM encourages those with lived experience in the criminal justice system to apply. We provide a competitive salary and benefits.

See the postings on our website at:
<https://www.cjmstlouis.org/jobs>.

Events

April 21: Soulfisher Ministries [Second Chance Employer Panel](#)

April 22 - 23: Spring Fling in Dutchtown - join CJM clients in beautifying the neighborhood.

May 1: Zoom Meeting for all CJM volunteers serving in prisons and jails. 7:00 PM

May 10: GiveSTL Day

June 1: [CJM Annual Recognition Dinner](#)

August 8: Volunteer and Client Appreciation BBQ

Contact us at info@cjmstlouis.org or visit cjmstlouis.org/events for more details.

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May 10, 2023

This May, let's come together and support our region's nonprofits during Give STL Day, a 24-hour online day of giving powered by the St. Louis Community Foundation.

In 2022, Give STL Day raised **\$4.2 million** for over 1,000 regional nonprofits.

What will we accomplish together this year?

Early giving begins April 10 at givestlday.org

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