



CJM Connection

The bi-monthly newsletter of Criminal Justice Ministry St. Louis

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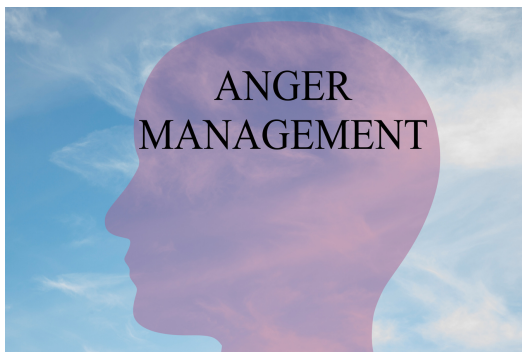
Veteran's Success

This Memorial Day, we'd like to acknowledge not just the Veterans who come to us for services and those within our community, but all Veterans, especially those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country.

One former R2R Veterans client says CJM helped give him the boost he needed. While in programming, he was still attending Veterans' Court and needed to have a leg amputated, but as a CJM graduate he is proudly pursuing his Masters in Social Work in the hopes of one day serving other Veteran amputees through the VA. He became a Peer Mentor as a client and says he gained life-long friends and support systems through our program.

"CJM worked miracles; I needed a start and was able to take over the reigns and keep on going. I might be the one building my house, but I'm working off God's blueprints."

- Patrick, R2R Vet Client, Dec. 2019-Jan. 2021



In April, we resumed our Anger Management class through a virtual platform. Loretta Walters, our facilitator, reported that the class was very successful, even without the in-person experience. The small class size allowed students to still engage in constructive group discussion. We look forward to the success of our next virtual class, starting June 10, and the return of in-person programming in the future.

"Thank you for your time. I really enjoyed your class. Out of 10 Anger Management classes yours was the best."

- Deenna, Program Participant

Letter from a Recent Graduate

CJM,

I would like to thank you for all you have done for me....

You have no idea how much this program kept me on track. From alcoholism, to learning how to be a person back in society. I will always be grateful to each and every one of you. I love yall!!

- Michael Williams, R2R Client
21-Oct--2019 - 8 May 2021

PAST EVENTS

Thank you once again to our donors and to the St. Louis Community Foundation for the support we received on this year's Give STL Day. We raised nearly \$20,000 thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters.



On Thursday, May 20th, we hosted our virtual Incarceration Forum on COVID-19's Impact on Reentry. Thank you to our community partners from SLU, the Bail Project, and the Center for Women in Transition, as well as our very own Douglas Evans and Brandon Reid for serving as panelists for this discussion. If you missed it, the recorded version is available online.

[Watch Here](#)

STAFF

WELCOME



In May, Zachary Bozeman joined CJM as the new Property Manager. In addition to a degree and experience in Hospitality Service Management, Zachary brings experience as the owner of a residential contracting company, and in positions with the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Joplin Alliance. He is also a former AmeriCorps member who spent over two years restoring homes as part of Rebuild Joplin, a grassroots organization that was created after the city was devastated by a tornado. Welcome to the team!

NAP TAX CREDITS

CJM has NAP Tax Credits available for 2021. NAP contributions are eligible for a 50% credit against Missouri taxes on business income. Find out more on our website [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Cleaning

Volunteers wanted! On Sunday, June 6th, CJM needs your help with "Spring Cleaning" in South St. Louis City from 1-3 PM. Spend some time with CJM staff and volunteers as we sort and organize in-kind donations.

[Register Here](#)

Incarceration Forum

As part of an ongoing series, CJM will be hosting another Incarceration Forum at the end of July. These forums are a great way to interact with CJM staff and community members, and to learn about topics impacting the justice system from subject matter experts across the St. Louis region. Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more updates.

Have a topic you'd love for us to cover in the next forum? Let us know!

[Submit Your Topics](#)

Trivia Night - Save the Date!

CJM's Annual Trivia Night will take place this year on **Saturday, August 21st**. Details on registration and prizes soon to come. We hope to see you there!