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Hundreds of Mentors and Ex-Offenders From the DC Metro Area Converge on St. Lukes to Recognize Achievements and Plan for the Future

Offenders and Their Faith-Based Mentors Are Featured Speakers

“Working with the faith community is one of the most enlightening and moving experiences for many of our employees,” said Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director of the federal office of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency. “Public safety mandates that we closely supervise offenders and offer increasing and strategic opportunities to control and defeat drug abuse. The faith-based community allows us to accomplish this, and much more”

WHO: Faith-based mentors and the offenders they assist, CSOSA Director Paul A. Quander Jr. and many others. The sponsoring agency is the (federal) Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA).

WHAT: A Washington DC metropolitan area recognition of the approximately 2,000 mentors and 1,000 offenders participating in faith-based mentoring efforts with those leaving federal prison.

WHEN: Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Luke’s Church Center, 4923 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019
Parking in front of the building (on the grass for TV trucks), or in the rear.

WHY: The criminological literature is clear; offenders receiving close supervision and services do better than those who do not. Community support for crime control is also an essential ingredient in criminal supervision. While the (federal) Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency has an established history of providing first-rate supervision and strict programs for criminal offenders, we recognize that community and faith-based efforts must be cornerstones of everything we do.

Established in 1997, the (federal) Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) provides probation and past-incarceration services to approximately 15,000 criminal offenders in DC. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining accountability with meaningful opportunity. Each year, approximately 2,500 offenders return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia.