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Today-Today-Reentry Faith-Based Mentors and Mentees of the Year

Testimony of Challenges and Successful Reentry--Dynamic Faith-Based Choir

Public Invited--Media Interviews Available-Hundreds in Attendance

New radio show with CSOSA Director Nancy Ware on reentry in D.C. available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/audio/2014/01/reentry-d-c-upcoming-events-interview-nancy-ware-200th-radio-show/>

Television show (*with footage from previous event*) available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2012/09/faith-based-initiatives-for-offender-reentry-dc-public-safety-television/>

WHO: Faith-based mentors and the men and women they assist. We invite all interested in the topic *ESPECIALLY those interested in becoming mentors.*

WHAT: A focus on those returning from prison that made successful transitions with the assistance of faith-based mentors.

WHEN: Thursday, February 20, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019. Parking available in the rear.

WHY: Each year, approximately 2,300 men and women return from federal correctional institutions (via CSOSA supervision) to the District of Columbia. Faith-based volunteers provide support, encouragement, fellowship and resources. Many credit mentors for their successful adjustment. CSOSA supervises and assists approximately 14,000 people on parole, supervised release or probation daily.

Background: The Faith-Based Initiative began in 2002. The program provides mentoring services and Special Emphasis programs to people on CSOSA supervision.

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