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The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and the Faith-Based Reentry Collaborative invite you to join us in 2008 as we raise awareness of the issues and challenges surrounding prisoner reentry. Each year, over 2,000 men and women return from prison to the District of Columbia. These individuals face tremendous challenges and realize extraordinary triumphs as they struggle to rebuild their lives. Since 2001, each January has marked the beginning of a period of reflection, dialogue, celebration, and worship centering on reentry-related themes. Reentry Reflection events include worship services, roundtable policy discussions, mentor/mentee events, and an annual City-wide Assembly that brings the community together for an evening of fellowship and reflection on the year's accomplishments.



## A Commitment to Mentoring

Between February 2007 and December 2007, mentors made commitments to provide hope and directions to 192 mentees. We celebrate and honor our mentors for this outstanding commitment!

## Mark Your Calendar

Observance Begins January 18, 2008



*Justice Sunday Events Focusing on Reentry*

### **JANUARY 20, 2008**

#### **Upper Room Baptist Church**

60 Burns Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20019  
Rev. Albert Farmer, Presiding

#### **Peace Baptist Church**

712 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
Rev. Michael T. Bell, Presiding

#### **Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**

215 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
Rev. Terry D. Streeter, Presiding

#### **Metropolitan AME Church**

1518 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Rev. R. Hamilton Crump, Presiding

#### **Campbell AME Church**

2562 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
Rev. Rodger Reed, Presiding

#### **Community Action Group (CAG)**

124 15<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
Washington, DC  
Rev. Donald Isaac, Guest Speaker

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## Revive the Spirit II—2008

The Advisory Collaborative (formerly the Advisory Council of the Faith-Based Initiative) decided on December 11, 2007, to sponsor “Revive the Spirit II—A Change is Coming” on Saturday, **February 9, 2008**. This all day event will take place at Pilgrim Baptist Church, located at 700 Eye Street, NE at 8:30am—2:30pm. Due to the overwhelming success and positive feedback generated by the 2007 conference, we are excited about the 2008 event. The event is an excellent opportunity to share information on faith-based and public services available to support and increase the skills of mentors, mentees, and CSOs.

**For more information, please contact Christine Keels at 202-345-4494.**

## Making Re-Entry Crystal Clear

On *November 14th and 15th, 2007*, CSOSA hosted staff from Rivers Correctional Institution in Winton, North Carolina as they visited field offices and learned about CSOSA’s supervision strategies and programs. The four (4) Case Management staff met with CSOSA’s Community Supervision Services and Community Justice Programs staff to develop effective methods of communication and case planning for inmates that are approaching their dates for release from custody.

On December 4, 2007, the CSOSA Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs (OLIPA) sponsored a Community Resource Day at Rivers to provide opportunities for inmates to connect with community and governmental resources before release.

- **For more information on CSOSA’s commitment to pre-release strategies contact OLIPA at 202-220-5440**

## Mentor Training Schedule

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008**

**Mentor Orientation Training**

CSOSA Re-Entry & Sanctions Center  
1900 Massachusetts Avenue SE, Building 19  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008**

**Basic Skills – Communication Training**

CSOSA’s Training Center  
633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

**Mentor Orientation Training**

McKendree-Simms Brookland United  
Methodist Church Educational Bldg.  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

**Mentor Orientation Training**

McKendree-Simms Brookland United  
Methodist Church Educational Bldg.  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

**Basic Skills – Communication Training**

McKendree-Simms Brookland United  
Methodist Church Educational Bldg.  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



## Celebrate

During December 2007 **Clusters A, B, and C** held holiday gatherings that honored the work of our mentors, Community Supervision Officers (CSO) and celebrated their relationships with mentees. **Cluster A** welcomed new mentors from God of a Second Chance Ministry and matched two mentees with mentors on December

3<sup>rd</sup>. **Cluster B** celebrated with music, seasonal meditations, an African storyteller and delicious foods on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Cluster C** completed the celebrations by inviting children, mentors and mentees to festivities on December 18, 2007.



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## **JANUARY 21, 2008**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service 2008  
40 Days of Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community*

For more information see: [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)

### ***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Peace Walk***

#### **Assembly Site**

Matthews Memorial Baptist Church  
2616 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
Time: 9:00 am– 10:00 am

#### **Destination**

Covenant Baptist Church  
3845 South Capitol Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20032  
Time: 1:00 pm

## **JANUARY 23, 2008**

*The “Unknown” Truth About Drugs  
A Lecture Hosted by the New Life Partnership*

### **Church of Scientology**

1701 20th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

For mentees, mentors, families and the community

## **JANUARY 24, 2008**

*DC Jail LINCS Meeting  
Linking Institutions, Neighborhoods and  
Community Services*

### **DC Jail Armory, Second Floor**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

## **JANUARY 26, 2008**

*Mentor Initial Orientation & Training Session*

### **CSOSA Reentry and Sanctions Center**

1900 Massachusetts Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

## **JANUARY 27, 2008**

*Breaking the Chain Foundation Open House*

### **4409 South Capitol Street, SW**

Washington, DC 20032  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

For persons seeking to mentor children of the incarcerated

## **FEBRUARY 9, 2008**

*Reviving the Spirit II – A Change is Coming*

### **Pilgrim Baptist Church**

700 “I” Street, NE  
Washington, DC  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

An event for mentors, mentees, and  
Community Supervision Officers.

## **FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

*“Celebrating You” Mentor Recognition Program*

### **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency**

633 Indiana Avenue, NW, 6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20004  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

This event will celebrate our mentors.

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

*Mentor Orientation Training*

McKendree-Simms Brookland  
United Methodist Church  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW, Educational Bldg.  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

## **FEBRUARY 23, 2008**

*Women’s Reentry Forum*

5701 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20011  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This event will focus on the impact of violence on women.

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

*Mentor Orientation Training*

McKendree-Simms Brookland  
United Methodist Church  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW, Educational Bldg.  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

## **FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

*Citywide Reentry Assembly*

**St. Luke Catholic Church**  
4923 East Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20019  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 2008**

*Basic Skills – Communication Training*

McKendree-Simms Brookland  
United Methodist Church  
2421 Lawrence Street, NW, Educational Bldg.  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

## **FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

*Previously Incarcerated Persons Event*

Site to be determined  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## Re-Entry Works-Highlighting a Mentee

**M**r. **Michael Kayode** was referred to CSOSA's Vocational Opportunities, Training, Education and Employment (VOTEE) in August 2006. Michael was assessed and found to be in need of computer skills, job training, and a positive male role model. VOTEE referred Mr. Kayode to Metropolitan AME Church's Daniel A. Payne Reclamation Center (DAPRC). The Center is designed to work with individuals in the areas of life skills, mentoring, computer skills, vocational development and family assistance. Mr. Kayode successfully completed the eight (8) week program. Because of his growth and enhanced skills, DAPRC eventually hired Michael as an Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Kayode recently appeared at the CSOSA Call to Action in November 2007, and participated on a panel during which he shared his experiences and his success story.

Mr. Kayode is an author and is currently writing a book on urban life. DAPRC has been resourceful in obtaining an agent to assist him in this endeavor.

Mr. Kayode's probationary status is in a satisfactory status, as he diligently commits his time to assist the community and continuing to develop his skills.



## The Unwrapped Gift



During the season of giving we often race from store to store looking for that special gift for friends, family and neighbors. As we reflect on this most recent holiday season, I encourage you to consider the unwrapped gift: "yourself." Starting the new year committed to helping someone else provides a lifelong gift that keeps on giving. Mentoring provides a unique opportu-

nity to touch the lives of individuals and families in need. You can make a difference. You can be the catalyst to inspiring your faith-institution to make a commitment. If you would like someone to visit your faith-institution and help you to unwrap the easiest gift to give, please contact:

**Christine D. Keels**  
**Mentor Liaison Coordinator**  
**202-345-4494**



## The Advent of New Programming

In November 2007 the CSOSA FBI Team traveled to Los Angeles to attend the White House Faith-Based Initiative Conference. The conference provided a valuable networking opportunity and provided exposure to a host of innovative programming concepts. The Team

is already planning to train and recruit a targeted number of mentors, reach out to female faith leaders and mission groups, such as fraternities/sororities, link job coaching with re-entry mentoring; and planning cutting edge mentoring training for new and existing mentors.

**F.B.I. TEAM**  
**We are on the advent of a new season of mentoring!**

## Mentoring Changes Lives-Highlighting a Mentor



**M**s. **Eleanor Banks** is an 80-year-old native of Cleveland, Ohio. She is a mother, grandmother and a widow who is committed to her family and community. Ms. Banks came to Washington, D. C. during World War II with only a high school diploma and membership in the National Honor Society. She obtained employment with the federal government as a GS-2 Clerk Typist and remained with the government until she retires as a Deputy Director of Contractor & Compliance Equal Opportunity Officer at the General Service Administration as a GS-15.

Ms. Banks is committed to the community; she has volunteered as a tutor in the D.C. Public Schools on the elementary level and worked as a site manager for a Senior Center.

As an active member of her faith community for the past 61 years, she has served as a Deaconess and in many other outreach ministries. This community pillar is also on the Board of Elections, serving as a precinct captain for the last 25 years.

Ms. Banks has mentored four mentees over the past year. The mentees included females presenting needs in the areas of job coaching, self-esteem building, parenting skills, life skills and transitional housing. The F.B.I. Team spotlights Ms. Eleanor Banks in Cluster A for her commitment and resourcefulness.

## A Community Call to Action: Embracing Re-Entry

On November 15, 2007, over 150 community members and faith leaders gathered at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Conference Center to celebrate the CSOSA/Faith Community Partnership and to stimulate the continued growth of the vital collaboration.

A keynote speaker, workshops, and panel discussions encouraged the community to embrace re-entrants and to develop ministries that provide critical support services to men and women re-entering neighborhoods across the city.

Participants were treated to a dynamic address by the Reverend Dr. Charlene Monk, Senior Pastor, New Horizon Christian Center, who reminded everyone that we all fall short and often need a second or third chance.

Interactive workshops included:

- **The Role of the Mentor**
- **Mentor Recruitment**
- **Retention; Relating to the Mentee**
- **Institutional Outreach**
- **Incentives and Retention**

Participants were provided with strategies that have proven successful in working with the

offender population and techniques to increase participation amongst faith institutions.

The event was well received and we look forward to future opportunities to collaborate to ensure the continued success of this program.



CSOSA/Faith Community Partnership

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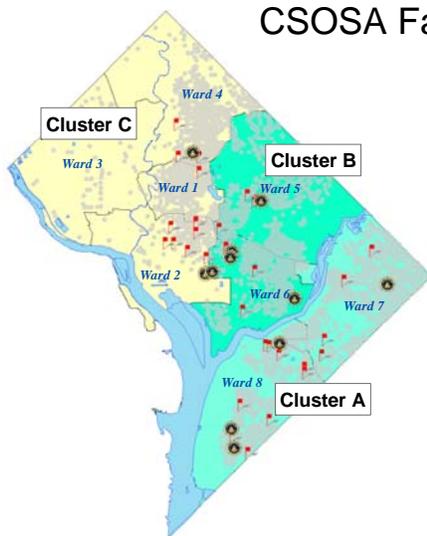
## **MENTOR MATCHING IS A WARM & LASTING SPIRIT**



During December 2007 the F.B.I. matched 31 mentees with mentors. This warm and meaningful gift is a lasting gift. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact:

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### **CSOSA Faith Community Partnership:**



Legend	
	Participating Organizations
	Cluster C (Wards 1-4)
	Cluster B (Wards 5-6)
	Cluster A (Wards 7-8)
	CSOSA Offices

*Offenders,  
Participating  
Organizations, &  
CSOSA Offices*

### **“CELEBRATING YOU” Mentor Recognition Program**

On February 21, 2008, CSOSA will honor all Faith-Based Initiative mentors at 6:00 p.m. - 8:30p.m. at 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, 6th Floor Training Center.

All mentors are invited.

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Person to RSVP:

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