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Look What Happened!

One of the amazing things about The Milwaukee Outreach Center (TMOC) is how we find people and bring change into their lives. Or should we say, how people find us?



Tijana Williams

Tijana Williams (18) found out about our Phoenix Life Skills Training class through a referring agency. We offer this class every five weeks for people who are unemployed or under-employed.

At first, Tijana was nervous about coming to Phoenix because she didn't know what to expect. During this week-long class, she met other people in circumstances similar to hers.

"I was down on myself when I came, but the class was very positive and helpful and I came away hopeful," she said.

Right after the class, Tijana landed a sales position with Vector Cutlery. She continues to be a part of the Equal Energy follow-up phase of Phoenix. She also finished her education assessments at TMOC in order to complete her GED.



Donell Thomas

Donell Thomas (31) found TMOC through a friend. Donell said, "I came looking for something to jump start my life. When I came, I was discouraged and a little suspicious about the program."

But Donell's outlook began to change, seeing that his goals were attainable. "The lesson on the paradigms changed me, and after two days in class I began to feel comfortable," he



Jonathan Voight

The www.tmoc.org/phoenix website attracted the interest of Jonathan Voight (47). He came to us concerned about finding direction for his life and overcoming uncertainties that were surrounding him. After the class, Jonathan noticed that "there was a spark of new hope and a new beginning" coming into his life. He said, "Meeting with Equal Energy and the staff is very positive."



Fred Young

The state of the economy and its affect on the job market was Fred Young's main concern when he came to TMOC. Fred (51) has worked as an insurance adjuster for many years and is now pursuing independent insurance contract work. He commented, "During the Phoenix class, my batteries began to be recharged and I began to focus on how to achieve my goals. Being a part of the class gave me a perspective that I was not alone in my pursuit of employment."

Editor's Note: Inside this newsletter is information about upcoming Phoenix Life Skills Training classes. Phoenix starts with an intensive one-week, 40 hour course designed to motivate and empower individuals to achieve personal and vocational goals.

Executive Director's Update



Michael Rintelman
Executive Director

As I walked through my yard this week, cluttered with yellow leaves, it became apparent that I was surrounded by the change of seasons. Our upcoming Thanksgiving outreach season is also changing. Instead of a sit-down dinner, our theme for this year's event is "Home for Thanksgiving." No, this does not mean we are all staying home, it means that we will be delivering complete Thanksgiving meals to those who are alone.

We have identified seniors and families who have invited us to come for Thanksgiving. We want you to be a part of the blessing. This also means that your entire family can be a part of the blessing as well. Because of past liability issues, children under 10 years old were not allowed to participate. This year they can. As a family you will deliver meals to individuals and families between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Your only responsibility is to be a blessing. I know you can do it.

We are grateful for the positive changes we have experienced this year. We created a new process for recruiting students to our Phoenix Life Skills program and tracking their progress from inquiry to employment. We also created partnerships with churches and ministries and forged a working relationship with probation and parole agents throughout the Milwaukee area. We are seeing lives changed for God's glory.

We have also added a new and necessary component to our Phoenix program. The Plato Learning System is a web-based program that allows us to assess an individual's learning level and provide the opportunity for our students to improve their reading, writing and math skills to a thirteenth grade level. This furthers our commitment of bringing lasting change to people's lives.

Our vision is not only to impact Milwaukee, but also our nation. To that end, we will be attending the Christian Community Development Association annual conference in Miami, Florida in October. We will be able to present our Phoenix program to 2,500 people who will be attending this conference. All of them are engaged in bringing transformation into their communities.

Your volunteer and financial help is greatly needed. Enclosed is a special Thanksgiving reply. By returning this reply with your generous gift, you will allow others to be Home for Thanksgiving!



Phoenix Life Skills Graduates, September 19, 2008. Thank you for making it possible for us to bring lasting change to Milwaukee.

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The Process of Change

Throughout Scripture there is a call to change. Romans 12:2 says, "Let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to Him."

Pre-contemplation is the first of three steps of change. This first step happens when someone calls us and inquires about finding a job. Many times they want a quick fix for their complex issues with little effort on their part.

Contemplation is the second step. This happens when a caller takes the effort of completing an application for our Phoenix class.

The most important step is the commitment to the process of change. Those who take this step become our Phoenix Life Skills graduates.

PHOENIX LIFE SKILLS June, July, September 2008		
Inquires	139	100%
Applicants	63	45%
Invitations	52	37%
No Shows	23	17%
Shows	29	21%
Completions	28	20%



Looking for Employment?

- Are you searching for answers?
- Are you unemployed or under-employed?
- Wondering what God's plan for you might be?
- The Phoenix Life Skills program teaches people who they really are and how to find direction and meaning in life and work.
- This is an intensive one-week, 40 hour course designed to motivate and empower individuals to achieve personal and vocational goals.

Dates:
November 3 – 7
December 8 – 12

Time:
8:45 AM – 4:00 PM
(lunch provided)

2009 January 12 – 16
February 23 – 27
April 13 – 17

For a brochure or to register, call The Milwaukee Outreach Center at 414-760-0334.

News to Use

This fall four interns joined the ranks of TMOC. Lauren Poppen and Katelyn Schweiger come to TMOCs from our GreaterWorks partner in Minneapolis. They are fulltime interns working with our Phoenix Life Skills program and our CityReach Partnership.



Lauren Poppen
Hampshire, Illinois

B.S. Accounting, Mathematics
Rockford College
(Illinois)



Katelyn Schweiger
Dearborn Heights, Michigan

B.A. Elementary Education, Psychology
Concordia University
(Michigan)

Abby Ramble and Sumaya Sambar come to us from area universities. They are fulltime graduate students and part-time counseling interns. We are very fortunate to have very gifted and qualified interns working with us this year.



Abby Ramble
Uttar Pradesh, India

B.A., Judson University (Illinois)
M.A. Candidate in Counseling Psychology, Trinity International University (Illinois)



Sumaya Sambar
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
M.A. Candidate in Community Counseling, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Count On Me!

We are thankful for our many volunteers throughout the year!



Today I'm enclosing:

- ___ My monthly commitment of \$ _____
 ___ A special offering for Thanksgiving of \$ _____
 \$25 (10 dinners) \$50 (20 dinners) \$100 (40 dinners) Other \$ _____

Name _____
(first) (last)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like...

- to volunteer for Thanksgiving
 volunteer at TMOC
 to attend the Phoenix Life Skills Training program
 to visit with a counselor

News That Travels



Mike Rintelman and Will Hope will be presenting TMOC's Phoenix Life Skills Training curriculum at the annual conference of the Christian Community Development Association. This is being held October 22 – 26 in Miami, Florida. This year's theme is "Seeking the Peace of the City."

Pick 'N Save Increases Again

In our last two newsletters we asked our readers to designate TMOC as their charity of choice at Pick 'N Save. Thank You! We experienced another increase in donations.



Pick 'N Save customers can designate 1% of their grocery purchases as a donation to The Milwaukee Outreach Center as part of their "We Care" program. Please take your Pick 'N Save Advantage card to the customer service desk and request TMOC to be designated for this donation. You must use our account number 831950 in making your request.



Home for Thanksgiving

Volunteers Needed! We have been invited by hundreds of people to bring Thanksgiving dinners to their homes. Can you help?

Deliver meals from a central location on Thanksgiving Day (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.). Call (414) 760-0334 to volunteer or register online at www.tmoc.org.

United Way Donor Choice Giving 2008

Last year we received much needed donations through the United Way's DONOR CHOICE program. Use Donor Choice #48685 (Unaffiliated Agency) to designate your gift to The Milwaukee Outreach Center.

Your gift enables us to further our Christ-centered employment and counseling programs here in Milwaukee.

Other News

On October 17, members of TMOC's staff will be attending the 24th annual fall banquet of the Evangelical Child and Family Agency of Wisconsin. This ministry provides counseling for unplanned pregnancies and adoption services (www.ecfawisc.org).

The Milwaukee House of Corrections has invited TMOC to return for their Community Job Fair on October 24. The Wisconsin Department of Corrections has also invited TMOC to upcoming job fairs in Plymouth, Madison and Kettle Moraine.



Professional Fees and Services

Combined Phoenix class and leadership training at your location
 5 days (Monday – Friday)
 40 hours of classroom instruction
 10 hours of leadership training
 Systems Tools Package and Distance Session*
 \$6,000

Combined Phoenix class and leadership training at Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 5 days (Monday – Friday)
 40 hours classroom instruction
 10 hours of leadership training
 Systems Tools Package and Distance Session*
 \$4,000

Manuals and License

Phoenix Student Manual	\$20
Phoenix Trainer's Manual	\$20
Equal Energy Manual	\$18
Annual License Renewal	\$350

*Systems Tools Package and Distance Session

- Promotional Materials
- Student Recruitment Plan
- Education Assessments and Remediation
- Measurement of Outcomes
- Funding and Sample Grant Applications
- Distance Session (3 hours of instruction)

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