





Touching Lives with Hope and Healing

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) held its 15th annual Moment in Time (MIT) Gala on October 11th at Greenbriar Hills Country Club in Kirkwood, MO. It was a wonderful night and we raised over \$66,000 in net profit! We thank all those who attended the gala and those who were unable to attend, but provided donations in their absence.

During the opening reception, attendees were entertained by pianist Roy Pennington. Our M.C. was Ann Marie Ruhlin, ECM Advisory Council member. The Rev. Paul Metzler, our Diocesan representative for the evening, provided the blessing before dinner and provided some remarks about ECM and his experience as a chaplain in the 1970's. Currently, he provides spiritual support for the ECM Chaplains as their "Chaplain."

The keynote speaker for this year's MIT was Captain Perri Johnson. He has been a Police Officer with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) for 25 years and is currently the Commander of District Six. Previously, Johnson served as Deputy Commander of Community Affairs where he supervised the Community Engagement Division, the Juvenile Division, and the Gang/ICU division.

Captain Johnson spoke to the MIT guests about his experience working with juveniles in the community and the juvenile justice system. He expressed his appreciation for ECM's work in the juvenile justice system. He has witnessed the difference caring adult role models can make in the lives of troubled young people through his own volunteer work as a mentor and as a policeman. He emphasized the importance of community involvement. Members of the community must be involved in all aspects of our city to improve the lives of our young people. He said the objective is to be active in making our community better rather than just hoping others will make it happen.



*Thank You* to all who attended and everyone who worked so hard to make Moment in Time 2018 very successful! The event raised a net profit of over \$66,000 for the children! We hope to see you at next year's gala! Special thanks to Ernest Sharpe Photography for being our pro bono photographer at MIT and Summer Celebration!





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## **Did You Know?**

ECM has had some great new happenings in 2018.

### Young Professionals Group

Two ECM Board members (Jillian Smith and Melanie Slane) started this initiative in early 2018. So far, they have held two small fundraisers and are planning more activities for 2019. If you are interested in joining this group or learning more about it, please contact the ECM office at 314-436-3545.

### New Chaplains

We brought on two new part-time chaplains in March! They are Deborah Burris and Brian Sieve, who were both ECM interns in 2011-2012 and 2016-2017, respectfully. Please visit the ECM website (ecitymission.org) to read their biographies under the "Who We Are" tab.

#### Community-Based Chaplaincy

ECM met this year with the St. Louis Family Court's Director of Delinquency Services to discuss serving other court-involved youth that are not detained in centers. ECM is developing Community-Based Chaplaincy to offer programming to these young people. Our first program called "Hope and Healing" will be a pilot program for Grief and Loss Groups that will be conducted over several weeks in early 2019.

### Who are we?





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# Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday SUMMER CELEBRATION ?









The 2018 Summer Celebration was once again a Bingo Party!

Summer Celebration was very successful this year, and we raised over \$5,700. Thanks to everyone who attended. Be sure to join us next summer for great food, balloons, and bingo!

ECM introduced the new "birthday party" theme last year and continued it at this year's Summer Celebration, which was held on Friday, June 22nd at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood. Everything was held indoors, so no problem with rain or humid St. Louis heat!

The family-friendly event was designed to replicate ECM's monthly birthday parties at the St. Louis City and County Detention Centers. As many ECM supporters know, ECM volunteers from sponsoring churches gather once a month to celebrate birthdays of the youth we serve.

Like the detention birthday parties, Summer Celebration included the food and games provided to the youth!

Pizza
Birthday Cake
Ted Drewes Custard
Bingo

The attendees also enjoyed Italian salad and cookies.

Bingo game winners were provided candy and a variety of prizes to select from. In addition to bingo, there were silent auction items and a 50/50 raffle for adults. For the kids, we had a fabulous balloon artist and some items like small toys and coloring and reading books for the kids to "bid" on using raffle tickets. At the end of the night, a raffle ticket for each kid's item was selected to identify the winner.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE SUMMER CELEBRATION 2019 DATE AND PLAN TO JOIN US! Please help Episcopal City Mission continue one of our greatest traditions

ECM believes that the children in detention should know the magic of the holiday season. With your help, ECM makes sure that all children in detention during that time of year have at least one gift to unwrap.

The message they receive is the true gift: that someone cares about them and believes they can change their life paths.

Please consider a gift of any amount to ECM during this Holiday Season.

Does your employer match your donations to organizations like ours?

You can double or even triple your impact by using your employer's donation matching program!



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## HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

ECM makes sure that each child in detention receives at least one wrapped gift during the holidays.

The **message** the children receive from the Holiday Gift Program is that **they are beloved children of God, someone cares about them and believes they have the power to change their life's path.** 

You are invited to help us wrap gifts for the children!

### Monday, December 17 11:00am to 1:30pm *Emmanuel Episcopal Church* (9 So. Bompart Ave. Webster Groves 63119)

A light lunch is provided. RSVP to 314.436.3545 or ecmdirectorstl@gmail.com



# *Holiday Wish List for the Youth in Detention*

GIFT CARDS Amazon Target Walmart Old Navy

### GAMES

(*No Dice*) Sorry Scrabble Connect 4 UNO High-quality Chess Sets 100-500 pc. Jigsaw Puzzles

### ACTIVITY BOOKS Word Search (*No Sudoku or Crossword*) Coloring Books & Crayons Composition Notebooks (*Black covers only*)

### OTHER

Individuallywrapped Candy (No lollipops, peanuts or gum)

PG-13 or younger DVDs (Sports & Action Movies suggested)