



I'm Doing Good.

Opening Doors to Hope & Healing

The Rev. Deborah Burris, ECM Chaplain
St. Louis County Juvenile Detention Center

ECM chaplains spend a lot of time with teens in detention and over a period of time, they get to know some of the kids on a personal level. While the teens eventually leave the detention center, some of them never leave your heart. I often wonder how some of them are doing: Are they staying on the right track, were things resolved in their families... Sometimes one of them will pop in my mind and I'll say a prayer for them.

One afternoon, God allowed me to see one of the kids that I had spent some time with in Bible study, talking and praying with at detention.

I walked into a Subway that I often visit to order lunch. When I looked up to place my order, my eyes met the eyes of the teen behind the counter. We looked at each other and he said, "I know you." I said, "Oh yeah. How are you?" I did not want to say anything about the detention center. He said, "I'm doing good." The smile on his face warmed my heart!

He immediately began to share that after he finished his time, he caught up on all of his classes and that he had been working at Subway for a week. He was beaming with pride. I responded, "I am so happy for you and I am very proud of you." He continued to beam with pride in his bright green Subway hat and t-shirt.

He shared that he was going back to school in August and that he would be a high school senior. I said, "That is wonderful!" He prepared my order, I paid him and he responded with a thank you.

Later I went up to the counter and gave him my business card and told him to contact me if he ever needed help. He asked me my name and when I responded, "Deborah Burris," he looked puzzled and said, "What did they call you?" I said, "You mean

Chaplain Burris." He said, "Yeah Chap, that's what they called you." and gave me another warm smile. I replied, "Keep doing good."

As I walked back to my table to enjoy my lunch, the owner asked me if I knew the teen. I responded, "Yes, I know him. He is a good kid. Thank you for hiring him." The owner responded, "Yes he is a good kid."

I felt so blessed that God showed me that the seeds we sow with the kids in detention - encouragement, prayers, bible studies, games and time - will bear good fruit.



Dear chaplin

Thank you so much for your inspiration and prayers Chap I Really appreciate you in so many ways. I want to thank you for My Book The Purpose Driven life and My Birthday you got me a cake made me more Happy in Here. Thank you for your Saturday church meetings. Thank you for getting me close to God for life. I'm thankful that I got to come to this place and spend a wonderful time with you. If you see the man chaplin the Man Chaplin tell him thank you and He's honorable

Chaplain Deborah shares a thank you note she recently received.

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2021 *Moment in Time*
VIRTUAL GALA

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ECM's 2nd Virtual Moment in Time Gala on October 14, 2021

While this was the second time ECM planned and implemented a virtual Moment in Time Gala (MIT), it was still full of both blessings and challenges!

The biggest blessing was that the event grossed over \$62,000!

The biggest challenge was some unpredictable technical problems at the very end of the virtual event during our live auction. However, we were able to rebound and finish the event with a "live" thank you to everyone for their patience and generosity!

Here is a summary of the blessings we experienced:

- ECM received over \$30,000 in sponsorships for the event.
- A fun bidding experience was provided by several generous auction item donors.
- Bishop Deon Johnson blessed us with an inspiring keynote presentation.*
- Our detention center partners provided us limited access inside the centers to film interviews for our Mission Moment video* and provide views inside the centers.
- ECM now has the Mission Moment video which can be used to educate others about ECM, the juvenile justice system, and the children we serve.

*Note: Our videos can be viewed on ECM's YouTube page.

As for challenges, they were more than outweighed by all the blessings we received from our donors, partners, and sponsors!

**Thank you for your support of ECM
and the children we serve!**



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There is Always Good.

Bishop Deon Johnson — Excerpts from the Moment in Time Keynote Presentation

"Tonight, we are painfully aware that there is no such thing as a bad person, but there are bad choices. One of the things our young people

remind us of is that they can not be defined by a single moment and a bad mistake. There is always good there, is waiting to be discovered and good that has always been there.

Our challenge, our call, our ministry is to look beyond that moment, beyond that act, and look at the child, the young person looking to be seen and to be heard. By your presence, by your donations, by all the things that you do in your ministry, you bring hope and healing in a place that is in need of hope and healing.

One of the things that I have come to realize that in many ways our society has become a fast food, throw away society. What I mean by that is we want quick results, we want to be sure that once we are done with it, we throw it away and not think about it. My prayer is that we never do that with people, particularly

young people. Our young people who find themselves making bad decisions and often end up in the juvenile system, often are looking for someone to care for them, to offer them a glimpse of a life that is changed. More importantly, looking to offer them hope and healing. I think that is particularly why our theme for tonight is Opening Doors to Hope and Healing."

"You may never meet these young people. You may never encounter these young people. But I can guarantee you that by your very presence, by your prayers, and by your support, you are transforming not just their lives, but the lives of their families, the lives of their communities."

Because anytime that we say to our young people that 'You matter, that you are enough, that your life and experiences matter in this world,' it is transformative."

Help them to have Hope.

Chaplain Clive Samson — Excerpt from Blessing at 2021 Virtual Moment in Time Gala

"Lord, we thank you for the Episcopal City Mission in representing so many individual churches and congregations in extending this mission among the kids who are locked up inside the juvenile detention centers for the reason that they are not alone to be blamed for, but for the society, for the family, and the system that has failed them.

Lord, as we join together this evening in continuing this mission, we pray Lord that we would join together in extending our time, use the opportunities, and share the resources in joining this moment in liberating the kids and helping them to have hope of a new life and healing from all the wounds, pain, and the difficulties that they go through."



**The Rev.
Dr. Clive E Samson**

From a Child in Detention to a Chaplain

Chaplain Norman Malloyd, Jr.
— Excerpts from *Moment in Time*



“My experience as a child when I was brought to the detention center, I was eight years old.

At that time, we were being bussed out of the city to outlying schools during ‘deseg.’ And we were going through some horrendous stuff and so we were playing hooky, so to speak, out at Fairgrounds Park. A truant officer picked us up. Didn’t understand why we were being brought here. They separated my sister and cousins from us. Took our shoes and belts and all of that and left us in these dark cells.”

“As a chaplain, we are received very well by many of the juveniles here at the City and the County. Many of them don’t have people who genuinely listen to them and don’t judge them.

They need help. They need assistance. I’m not talking about sympathy. I’m talking about empathy. I’m talking about genuine concern and genuine help. I’m not talking about handouts. I’m talking about teaching, mentoring, and more than anything, setting an example of who we say we are as a society, who we say we are as an American.”

“As a donor, you provide hope, you provide healing, you provide trust, you provide a future for many of these young people, because sometimes they have not had some of the simple things you might provide as a donor. Clothing, access to programming offering different kinds of services, mentors who come onboard. Sometimes even just a word of encouragement. Or a word of even correction because there are things they have to learn or unlearn. So you provide a whole other life for many of the young people”

Ways you can help:



Gifts in Honor or Memory of Friends and Family

Have someone on your holiday list that has everything? Consider donating in honor of that person. ECM will send an acknowledgment to the honoree directly or to you for presenting to the honoree.



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As the year comes to an end, you may consider donating stock to ECM. ECM can accept stock into our US Bank brokerage account.

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The IMPACT of Covid-19 on Our Youth



Episcopal City Mission has had to be flexible and creative during this time of the Covid-19 Pandemic to continue delivering our mission. The chaplains were challenged with finding ways to provide support to children in Detention, while not being able to meet with them in person from March 2020 to May 2021.

While ECM has been impacted in many ways by the pandemic, the greatest impact has been to the children we serve in the juvenile justice system.

Here are some of the challenges the children in detention have endured:

- *Many months of no in-person visitors, including family.*
- *Several days of quarantine when they enter the detention center or when a case of Covid-19 enters the center.*
- *While in quarantine, youth must be in their "cells" in a unit for 23 hours each day.*
- *Court hearings are delayed which leads to prolonged stays in detention and anxiety about when they might have some resolution to their cases.*

In May 2021, ECM was granted limited in-person access to the youth at the St. Louis County Detention Center, and this continues today. As for the St. Louis City Detention Center, they are still closed to in-person visits.

ECM has been able to ease the impact thanks to our donors and volunteers who have provided virtual birthday parties and goody bags. Our chaplains have supported the children with pastoral care, programming and chapel services via Zoom sessions and telephone calls.

We pray that ECM's support, hope, and healing will bring peace and comfort to the youth during this difficult time.

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Since 1954, Episcopal City Mission has been fulfilling our sole mission to provide support, **hope and healing** to children in the Juvenile Justice System within the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

OUR CHILDREN:



Range of Age 11 to 18

Average Age 15

90% Black Males



33 DAYS TO MONTHS +

The average stay in detention is 33 days, but some may be detained for months.



OUR CHAPLAINS

4 Chaplains with extensive experience with young people. **All ordained pastors** from different protestant denominations. Each chaplain offers their own unique skills to provide **hope and healing**.





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We Believe

Every child should know the magic
of the holiday season, including those
in St. Louis' Juvenile Detention Centers.

*It's especially important this year when the children have limited outside visitors.
With your help, every child in detention will have at least one gift to unwrap.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE GIFTCARDS: Target | Walmart | Amazon | Old Navy

Gift cards help us purchase what is needed in the juvenile facilities
and ensures that each child receives the same items.

PROVIDE AN ITEM FOR THE CHILDREN:

Jigsaw Puzzles (100,200, 500 pieces) | Coloring Books & Crayons (Super Hero & Teen Themed)
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