

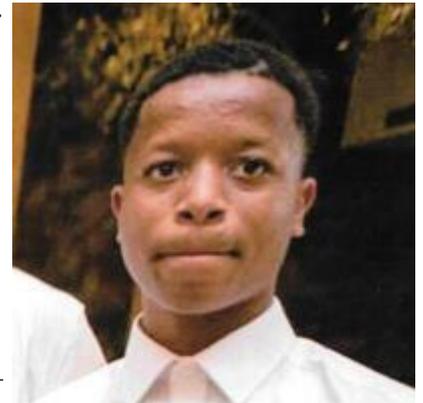


Marlon Carter Touched Lives—A New Day Favorite

When Marlon Carter was four, he started living with his grandmother Diane Jackson. In 2012 when Marlon was eight, his grandmother registered him for New Day Camp for the first time. He attended every year but one. Two brothers joined him at camp after the first year.

Attending camp for the first time, Marlon was nervous. That soon changed as he made friends who were at a similar spot in life. Diane remembers that he came home that first year all happy and wishing that camp could have lasted longer. “He’d sing silly songs he learned at camp.”

Marlon attended New Day Camp for 8 years. He would have attended New Day 3 again in 2021 but, unfortunately, he was killed on his front lawn in December 2020 – the victim of a drive-by shooting.



Rev. Dylan Ward, from the Inola United Methodist Church, had been Marlon’s dean for several years at camp. He said, “This one hurts. We lost one of our own. I watched Marlon and his brothers grow up at camp.”

Marlon’s two younger brothers, Marquay and Martaveon, also attended camp.

Diane reflects that Marlon had a silly personality and loved to play, crack jokes, and laughed at everything. “He loved to eat hot links, you’d find him all day eating hot links.”

“He was a good kid.” She also tells that he was a likeable kid, even babies liked him.



Marlon and others during New Day Camp 3 held in March 2020 .

“We had 17 wonderful years with him. If he had enemies, I never knew of it. Well, he may have had one fight in the sixth grade.”

Diane says that Marlon had amazing relationships with his two brothers. “They were so close.” His family is especially thankful that Marlon had the opportunity to build relationships with other kids and the staff at camp.

She’s still trying to remember a story that Marlon told, with excitement and animation, about something he did at camp. “It was something to do with being scared to do it but when he did it, he wanted to do it again and again. It was climbing up and over something or another.”

The staff and campers from New Day Camp are blessed to have met and loved Marlon Carter.

OKC EXODUS HOUSE

Blessings as we welcome in a New Year of many changes and to many of the same struggles. I asked myself what would I share with each of you and I felt a profound sense of just the word "Gratitude" -- fill me, encourage me and move me forward. Seems to me that it has been my mantra this past year even though there were times I felt so overwhelmed by the season we have all been going through.

God just keeps reminding me that we have faced these challenges through history many times and if we choose to place our faith and trust in Him, continue to love others, feed others, open our hearts and our arms to those in need and daily look for the good, that we will overcome these times...stronger, more grounded, and more like Him. I see it in the continued efforts by all of you who are doing services online, dropping off baskets with medicine and food, making calls, donating tablets so others can connect, even if it was frustrating learning technology so you can FaceTime your loved ones, have meetings, and go virtually to church. The act of wearing a mask whether you believe you need to or not, for the prayers, the mid-week devotionals, the Christmas gifts dropped off, the meals prepared for others, the encouraging messages sent through the mail and the packages and letters sent to those still incarcerated. GRATITUDE.... It encompasses so much!! You all do it so well!! God bless you all!!

We want to welcome our newest co-sponsor of apt # 2, Shane Vaughn (SH Vaughn Construction) who is a 2004 graduate and CJAMM volunteer of the year 2020. He will co-sponsor with Seminole UMC. As always, many thanks to all our apartment sponsors and their dedication to Exodus House and our residents. We really couldn't do this without you.

Congratulations to our thirteen 2020-21 graduates. We are happy to welcome our newest resident Claudia and her children, Evian and David.

We also welcome Blake Lemmons, our new Client Navigator. He is going to be a great asset to our office and residents.

Please call Robert to arrange pick up of any donations locally, in Edmond and surrounding areas or drop your donations here at Exodus House.

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PENN AVENUE REDEMPTION CHURCH

At this writing, the weather is very cold and a bit icy! I pray each of you is warm, dry, and healthy.

We have been blessed beyond measure by being awarded some grants. We received a CJAMM grant last year, which included partial matching funds; two grants from the Small Church Ministry Commission: one was a technology grant, which purchased our camera for live streaming; the other was funding for our Main In Ministry Program: our correspondence Bible study to our incarcerated members. In addition to those grants, we received the Petree Grant for the Fall 2020 funding cycle. The funds were issued in January 2021. This grant will fund our Redemption Re-Entry, a program of mentoring and resources to help participants reenter society successfully.



We have established closer relationships with North Care and Red Rock, Community Behavioral Health Centers. We are providing clothing to their clients as well.

We were adopted by Church of the Servant for their Angel Tree in December. They provided hats, gloves and hygiene for those incarcerated. We are so thankful for Margy Milewski for her hard work on our behalf. Our thanks to Robin Wertz at Exodus House for their generous donation of bus passes.

We continue sending hygiene sacks to those incarcerated at CWCCC, OKCCCC and OKROC. Hygiene items are always appreciated! *Thank you!*

Blessings,
 Marcia Manning

TULSA EXODUS HOUSE

Greetings from Exodus House & Parsonage House in Tulsa!

Daniel and I would like for you to know, all is well here in Green country.

Something Beautiful, Something New.....

Renewal of our minds, hearts, and souls...
All we had to offer Him, was brokenness & strife
And He made something beautiful of all our lives.
God is continuing to build and rebuild lives.

Surrender is a must.....

These past few months have been bone chilling cold but that hasn't stopped this ministry, and all of our volunteers from being the hands and feet of Jesus. Churches have closed due to COVID-19 but thanks to some awesome people who donated tablets for all the apartments, we all have learned how to ZOOM church services, 12-step meetings, our counselors and our Bible studies. Being connected is awesome. Perhaps this is our new normal; to ZOOM from our safe living rooms.

We must trust God with the outcome of whatever unfolds.

We have several residents enrolled in college classes; two who are taking computer classes with the Renaissance program. Four more new residents yet to come this month.

Lots of work still needs to be done here in Tulsa especially at The Parsonage House. We need a group to take on the project of the clean out drain to be installed at the Parsonage House. The Parsonage House is in need of window treatments. They also need an economy size washer & dryer. A crew of merry maids would help greatly.

Our apartments at Exodus House has a dire need of bathroom wall heaters installed. The window units in the living area just does not accommodate the whole apartment for heat, nor cooling in the summer.

Please call and check on your resident, engage in conversation with them. They are new to being loved; invite them to a ZOOM meeting.

All our residents are still in need of bus passes; it takes a while to land a job after incarceration.

If you feel the call to help with any of these needs, please call me (918) 231-4013.

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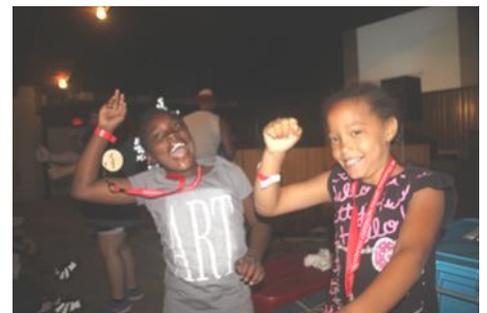


Despite freezing temps, a new fridge was delivered by Boston Ave UMC.

NEW DAY CAMP

Recently some of the New Day Camp deans and CJAMM staff met via ZOOM and it was decided with the uncertainty of COVID by early summer that we were better off postponing now and putting our efforts into planning camp for **Fall Break - October 14 - 17, 2021**. Leaders will arrive on Wednesday evening, October 13th for training and setup. Campers will arrive by 11 am on Thursday. Recruitment information will be mailed out soon. Please respond as quickly as possible so we can get an idea of staff numbers. Of course, we will continue to monitor the situation so we don't put any of our staff or campers at risk. If you are not on the recruitment list or have moved, please contact Kristin Terrell-Wilkes at (405) 525-3522 or by email at office@cjamm.org.

We will have an entirely new list of needs for a Fall camp too including sweatshirts, socks, rain jackets/ponchos etc. We are still thinking of things! A full list will be published on our website soon. Scholarships are always needed. We suggest \$250/camper but will accept any amount. We appreciate your continued commitment and prayers for New Day Camp.





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A Passionate Board

CJAMM welcomes three new board members to our family....Tracie Tuck-Davis, Michael Eric Owens, and Craig Stinson.

As a CPA, Tracie is a businesswoman with a special love for children. She has been active with New Day Camps since the beginning, founder of Lawton Boys Home, active with Angel Tree for Prison Ministries, and numerous other civic and social organizations. She is the founder and board president of Stanley Bruce Davis Foundation.

“My ultimate goal is to be an instrument of God to assist children to know they can have full lives without violence, drugs and alcohol,” she shared.

Michael had a successful career in the United States Navy. He is a scholar, writer, musician, and speaker. Currently the President of M.E.O. Consulting, Michael also serves as the Executive Director of the Ralph Ellison Foundation, serves on the Oklahoma Civil Rights Commission Advisory Board, and on the Board of Advocates for the African American Studies of the University of Oklahoma.

“I have dedicated my life to empowering others and CJAMM is the perfect organization to continue this work,” according to Michael.

Craig is no stranger to CJAMM as he previously served on the board for 12 years while in his role as Director of Connectional Ministries for Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Retired after 42 years in the ministry, Craig says he has three personal goals for each day – to create, to redeem, and to sustain. “Now that I’m retired, I can fill my days with other things that I’ve been passionate about,” he shared.



Tracie Tuck-Davis



Michael Owens



Craig Stinson

He tracks dinosaurs, chases solar eclipses, and stalks dead people where he writes and publishes vignettes about interesting people in his family tree.

The CJAMM board also elected new officers in January. Officers include Scott Davis, Chairman; Lew McGinnis, Vice Chair; Tracie Tuck-Davis, Treasurer; and George Warren, Secretary.