

THE NEW GATE

WINTER 2024

Drug Free-Fun

Roberta has discovered she doesn't need drugs to have a good time. After two incarcerations, she's on a good path now as a client at Exodus House Tulsa. She's also getting her dog grooming license through Muddy Paws. Their Pets Helping People program trains women with criminal backgrounds and prepares them for careers in the pet care industry. After graduation in June she plans to open her own shop in Jay, Oklahoma.



Vola, Christian's an Overnight, Single Dad



A few days after being released from prison, Christian receives a phone call. The caller tells him there's a four-year-old boy who is nonverbal, and he could be Christian's son. They could do a DNA test, but Christian needs to be prepared to take custody of him. Christian was excited about taking the DNA test but was nervous about being a parent. The results came back -- the little boy was his son.

Christian was already facing the challenges of reentering society. Now, he would also face the obstacles of being a single father. Some of these challenges included getting the boy properly diagnosed to find the correct approach to helping him develop properly. As well as finding a safe daycare environment for him.

At first, Christian struggled with these challenges, as anyone would. This wasn't a traditional entrance to fatherhood. However, Christian has prevailed against all odds. Since living at Exodus House, he has maintained a full-time job. He has put money toward his savings each month. He also purchased a vehicle while being in our program. He's done all this while being a single father.

He has gotten his son properly diagnosed and is in therapy to help him grow. He is in a wonderful daycare program. Currently, he is the only child living at Exodus House, so he is filled with love from all the residents and staff. He is referred to as the Exodus House baby. He brings such a light to all of our lives at Exodus House Oklahoma City.

We're excited to continue watching Christian grow as an individual and a father.



New Day Camp – Serving a
Dose of Love and Fun

June 3-7 just very well could be
a life-changing week for about
100 kids

That's the next New Day Camp for
children with incarcerated parents.

For the kids, it's abundant food,
splashing time in the lake, Bible
stories and songs, recreation and
play time, laughter, and even a
comfortable bed with clean sheets,
and a fresh towel for their shower.



It cost's approximately \$100,000 to
produce New Day Camp.
To sponsor a child, the cost is \$850.

We need volunteers and supplies including twin size sheets,
pillowcases, blankets, bath towels and toiletries.

Applications for camp can be found at
www.cjamm.org/new-day-camp/.

Donations can be made at www.cjamm.org via PayPal or credit card.

Donations can also be mailed to
CJAMM. P.O. Box 1149, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

Any questions, reach out to CJAMM at (405) 525-3522
or by email at office@cjamm.org.



**Exodus House and
CJAMM's
EMPTY BOWLS,
FILLED SOULS TULSA**



**THURSDAY
APRIL
4TH
6 PM**

Join us for soup, silent
auction and success
stories

**MEMORIAL DRIVE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
7903 E. 15TH
STREET
TULSA**

Each guest will get to choose a souvenir bowl and get it filled with the soup of their choice—a symbolic event to demonstrate how we are giving **our CJAMM family** something warm, comforting, and healing in their lives.

Table Sponsors:

Soup Tureen \$3,000 – and up
Ladle \$1,000 – \$2,999
Special Ingredients \$500 – \$999

Individual Tickets:

Bowl Sponsor \$50.00

Please complete the attached registration form, choose your level of sponsorship and mail your check to
CJAMM, PO Box 1149, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.
Payment and donations can also be made online at
www.cjamm.org.

Can't attend? Table sponsorship and donations are still greatly appreciated.
Thank you!

How will you serve?

CJAMM is in the business of caring for those who have served time.

We should all be striving to make this world a better place.....using our time, talents, resources, and love.....
to serve our friends and neighbors!

At Exodus House Tulsa, there's such a need for space for clients that we've been exploring EXPANSION plans for several months so we can expand the number of clients we can serve. We'll tell more about that at our upcoming *Empty Bowls, Filled Souls Tulsa* event scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m. at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

We need your help.....to better serve. Would you buy a ticket to the Empty Bowls event? Would you buy a table? Even if you can't come, would you buy a table so others can come hear how those in need are being served? Would you consider volunteering your time and talents at Exodus House? Or at New Day Camp (the summer camp we do for children with incarcerated parents)?



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