

Project RETURN

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Helping men and women leaving prison make a positive and permanent return to our community.

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TABLE OF THE SAINTS



The Table of the Saints was born out of a Bible Study at the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center in 2009. It began with a few men coming but soon grew to twenty active members. The purpose of the group was to forge change in the community, beginning with the members of the Table of the Saints first.

Before their release from the Chaney Correctional Center members from the Table of the Saints were introduced to Rehoboth Miracle temple Church in the city of Milwaukee. As each member was released the bible study group was reformed outside of the prison walls. As time went by the members of the Table of the Saints realized they were more than a Bible Study group, they were agents of change in the greater Milwaukee area. The Table of the Saints searched for more established organizations to help guide them in their newfound mission. First they were introduced to MICAHA & WISDOM in 2010. The Table of the Saints joined MICAHA and became active members. Shortly thereafter The Table of the Saints started to partner with Project RETURN, working side-by-side on re-entry and mentoring those returning from incarceration. Over time the Table of the Saints developed more partnerships with several other organizations such as Parklawn Y.M.C.A., Mama Delta's Love House, Miracle House and In The Company of Good Men located at Cedar Hills Church.

In October, 2014, the Table of the Saints became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of the state recognized non-profit organization is to help men and women in their re-entry process. Along with mentoring and counseling, housing is a major problem facing those re-entering the community. The Table of the Saints is in the planning stages of opening a T.O.T.S Family House which will be a much needed residence for the returning citizens.

To learn more about the Table of the Saints please visit their web site at www.tableofthesaints.org.

NEWSLETTER

Project RETURN

Summer, 2015

Project RETURN participates in WISDOM sponsored Madison Action Day

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Action Day in Madison was a great day in which the over 800 people in attendance showed solidarity for those being affected by our criminal justice system. Those in attendance met, prayed, marched, and spent the afternoon in the state capital. With our People of Faith United for Justice partners, we are constituents of 30

of Wisconsin's 33 State Senate districts: we visited legislators or staff members of each of them. We talked about our 11x15 criminal justice campaign, passing driver's cards for the undocumented and supporting transit statewide. You can find the talking points for these issues on our website, prayforjusticeinwi.org.

I was happy to see so many EXPO members and people from Project RETURN to be in attendance, as well as Vincentians and some people from Voices of the Poor. The dynamic, thought provoking talk of Hannah Rosenthal and The Reverend Everett Mitchell empowered the crowd to walk forward for change in everything we do. I saw power being built and hope being restored. Returning Citizens know we have their back in trying to make it Just and Right for them for real restorative justice in our communities. They will also know that we will provide them the services they need to re-enter back into our community and be treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve.



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 From WISDOM

It's Not Too Late to Register for the 7th Annual  Golf Outing!



Shotgun Tee-Off - 8:00 am
 (Scramble Format)
Lunch - Noon
 (All proceeds to benefit Project RETURN)

- Donation of \$100/person includes:
- Golf Fees with Cart
 - Catered Buffet Lunch
 - Locker Room Facilities Available
 - Driving Range Opens at 7:00 am
 - Prizes & Golf Awards
 - Par 3 events
 - Continental Breakfast
 - Beer & Soda sold on the Course
 - Raffle Prizes to be Won

Get your foursomes registered today! Singles and twosomes also welcome as well.



Sponsorship Opportunities

All Sponsors will receive prominent recognition throughout the course and in promotional materials.

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 Recognition prominently throughout the course.

Lunch Sponsor \$1,000
 Recognition on all dinner tables.

Cart Sponsor \$500
 Recognition on all carts.

Par 3 Hole Sponsor \$250
 Custom created opportunity to uniquely promote your business on the course.

Practice Range Sponsor \$200
 Recognition throughout the practice range.

Hole Sponsor \$100
 Recognition at tee boxes or greens.

Surrogate Golfer Sponsor \$100
 Sponsor a current client of Project RETURN to golf in your place while still enjoying the cocktail hour and lunch.

For More Information Contact:
 Pastor Mark Thompson: 414-875-9407
 Wendel Hruska: 414-218-2238

Reservation Form

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INDICATE TYPE OF RESERVATION NEEDED:

- Golf and Lunch—\$100.00 per person
- Please contact me about a sponsor opportunity on the other side.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Payment should accompany reservation form

Board Member Profile: William Harrell

William Harrell joined the Project RETURN Board of Directors in 2010. Since that time he has provided valuable insight from the perspective of a former client and ex-offender. William has carried the legacy of Elijah O'Neal to not only in the work of Project RETURN but the advocacy work of MICAHA and the mentoring work of the Table of the Saints.

William was born and raised on the near north side of Milwaukee, though he would spend summers in Chicago. William, unfortunately, got into some trouble with drugs and was incarcerated in the state of Wisconsin prison system. It was at one of these institutions, the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center, that William was introduced to a man who would soon become known to William as "Father Elijah". Elijah O'Neal would volunteer his time to pick up men from the Chaney Correctional Center and take them to church with him at New Restoration Christian Church.



William (far left) with Thelma Murphy, Rodney Evans and Elijah O'Neal (seated)

"I was asked by Father Elijah if I knew about Project RETURN," states William. "I told him I had heard about it, but Elijah gave me far more insight as to the work of Project RETURN and what they do." It wasn't long before William was released from prison, joined New Restoration Christian Church, and came to Project RETURN as a client. After a couple of years, William was asked to join the Board of Directors, something he readily accepted.

"Project RETURN is very important to the community. I am proud of the support programming we offer through our AODA, Alumni and Women's Groups. This is powerful support programming to match an equally powerful employment program."

William routinely speaks in the community about his experiences being incarcerated and represents the interests of Project RETURN through his many affiliations.



Charles with his wife Ella

Board Member Profile: Charles Hampton

"I wanted to learn." That is the answer Charles Hampton gave when asked why he joined the Board of Directors for Project RETURN. Charles knew about Project RETURN, having been born and raised just a few blocks from where Project RETURN currently resides. Charles first came to know about Project RETURN while incarcerated at the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center.

"I wanted to sign up for the program because of what I was hearing from other inmates at the center." Unfortunately Charles would have to wait until his release to become affiliated with Project RETURN. Upon his release, Charles had found a support network through the Table of the Saints. The Table of the Saints provided Charles with invaluable feedback and gave him a purpose, a desire to help change the community for the better.

"When Table of the Saints became members of MICAHA, I was introduced to Pastor Joe Ellwanger and Wendel Hruska. The more I learned the more active I became, the more I realized I could help."

Charles joined the Project RETURN Board of Directors in 2010. "The Table of the Saints was growing. I needed to know how to manage and help the organization grow. When I was asked to consider joining the Board of Directors I saw this as a tremendous opportunity to gain knowledge that would greatly benefit me and Table of the Saints. But through the years Project RETURN has become very special to me in its own right."

"When I look at Project RETURN, I am most proud of the number of job placements we help with, the work that is put in to find new employers who will partner with us. It is a joy to come into the office, to see the hope generated by the work of the staff, to see a client begin to see themselves as somebody of worth and talent. That is what I love the most about what we do. I am most proud that I am blessed to be a part of this."