



January 2019

Wow! I can't believe the new year is upon us. I want to recap our last meeting December 18th. It was our pleasure to present a \$1,500.00 check from the men of OSP to HOME Youth Resource Center in Salem. They do incredible work and they were able to come in and share about the lives that they touch each and every day. We are proud to go and get \$1-\$2 all summer long during the Athletic Club Pioneer softball tournaments.



Next we kicked off our first meeting of our new Inside-Out Dads program. Andy and Mike were excited to meet with about 25 men to get this program started at OSP. These men have been so eager that one prisoner saw his counselor and wanted to stay at OSP to begin this program! Yes, we have dads who want to do better, we are working with community partners to secure more funding for more manuals, each manual costs about \$10 and our goal by next year is to have about 300 men registered! We have also partnered up with other clubs who want their members to get involved. The current parenting program offered by DOC is small and usually cycles

about 50-60 men annually, it also requires that men don't have work schedule conflicts and you need a recommendation from your institutional counselor. We can do better, if there is a dad who wants to be a better parent then we are going to find a way to get him the materials needed to be a better dad.

UPDATE: We received a generous donation of \$1,000.00 all of this will be used to purchase 100 Inside-Out DAD manuals, Thank you Al and Tim!

Then, yes, there is even more, Chuck and Paul came in for our newly developed Domestic Violence batterer's prevention workshop, the first of its kind at OSP, yes I am surprised too! This workgroup is not only going through manuals themselves but we want to reach out to men where they are at. If men want to learn how to have a healthy relationship then once again we need to find creative a new ways to make that happen. These DV manuals are \$25 and will also require some additional funding currently the men themselves are covering the cost which is a true testament of how much they believe in this type of programming.

Our club supporters, Terry and Scott are so awesome, Terry meets with prisoners to discuss co-dependency twice a month and Scott is always sharing mind-changing thinking with our members. We are truly blessed to have such incredible community partners. I know some of you are not able to attend but we think of you often.

But wait! That's not all, in early December I was contacted by a volunteer who is facilitating a financial responsibility course weekly. We wanted help to develop this program to reach more men, imagine that. So we met and in March he will start a new class of 20 men and they will go through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course work. Because this program uses both a manual and DVD series we could expand and find ways to get this to the men in-cell as well so yet again we're off and running!

This coming year will have many challenges. Developing programs that can be done in cell and keeping track of hundreds of participants will be unique, but it is time to think differently about programming. Our mission is to get men thinking about change as soon as they enter the prison system so that they can leave here better men and better neighbors!

If you have any questions about our events or dates don't hesitate to contact us and we'll figure something out.

If you would like to donate to any of the above mentioned programs, checks can be mailed to:

ODOC Central Trust
7th Step Club Account# 2433
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All my best,

Kyle

