



NEWSLETTER

Violence Prevention Program



Joliet Township

Ozzie and Peggy Mitchell Center
Formerly known as Peter Claver Center
172 S. Chicago, Joliet, Illinois 60432
Monday –Friday, 9am–6pm
Saturday, 12pm – 8pm
Closed Sundays
Additional times by appointment only

Phone: 815-726-4781

www.joliettownship.net/services/violence-prevention/

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In this issue, we highlight the strides made by our programs since our launch on October 2nd, 2023, highlighting key achievements and community impact.

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PEACE OVER VIOLENCE: END-OF-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

In the brief time since our launch on October 2nd, 2023, we've achieved significant milestones, demonstrating our commitment to building safer and more resilient communities.

Key Achievements:

- **Participant Support:** We've assisted 59 participants, addressing urgent needs and expanding our reach in the Joliet region and rural counties.
- **Case Management Success:** An impressive 86% of participants are actively engaged in goal-setting with our case management team, fostering long-term positive outcomes.
- **Community Outreach:** Our team completed 544 canvassing hours, revitalized the "Sons of Thunder" basketball group, and actively participated in community events.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Responding to 18 incidents, our team engaged in community mediations, contributing to peaceful resolutions.
- **Education Initiatives:** Our team participated in the Local Active Shooter Conference, focusing on PTSD and community violence intersections.

Recent Event Recap:

- **Re-Entry Fair (November 30th, 2023):** We hosted a successful event at 2400 S Glenwood in collaboration with Will County Workforce. The fair provided expungement information, job opportunities, and community resources. The fair was organized by Nicole Lurry, with the generous support of Will County Workforce and Michelle Stiff.

As we reflect on our journey, we thank our dedicated team, partners, and community members for contributing to a safer future. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW SIGNAGE: OZZIE & PEGGY MITCHELL CENTER



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM: LATREAVETTE MCCLINE, LSW



We are delighted to introduce Latreavette McCline as the newest member of our esteemed team. As a qualified mental health professional and Licensed Social Worker, Latreavette brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization.

Latreavette graduated from Aurora University, earning a master's degree in social work with a specialization in healthcare.

Her professional experience addresses homelessness, severe mental illness, trauma, community mental health, geriatrics, youth in alternative settings, and individuals who have been convicted of a crime. Employing Mindfulness Therapy, Latreavette adeptly combines diverse therapeutic modalities to tailor interventions and meet the unique needs of each individual.

We are confident that her expertise and passion will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission, fostering safer environments, and making meaningful strides toward a violence-free future. Please join us in welcoming Latreavette as we embark on this important journey together.

TIBH TEAM TRAININGS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The TIBH team has been meeting with local agencies and other Reimagine Public Safety Act Grant awardees in the area. They are excited about the upcoming partnerships where they can serve the Joliet Community with trauma informed care.

In preparation for the upcoming caseloads, the two therapists thus hired have been engaged in rigorous trainings for both Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). These are two evidenced based methods which have been proven to reduce symptoms of trauma.

They are honored to be given these opportunities and looking forward to the ways in which these practices will help the Joliet community!

JUSTICE FOR WIVES FOUNDATION ANNUAL YOUTH

CHRISTMAS TOY & COAT GIVEAWAY PARTY



**16TH
DEC
2PM-5PM**

**SACRED HEART BANQUET HALL
329 S. OTTAWA ST
JOLIET IL, 60434**



**PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO
REGISTER CHILDREN
AGES 6MTH - 14 YEARS OLD**

**Registration Link
<https://forms.gle/QdHcks3nBQnha1G6A>**

Registration

Open Nov 5, 2023 - Close Dec 5, 2023, or until all registration spots are full

Contact us @ justiceforwivesfoundation@gmail.com

www.justiceforwives.com

JUSTICE FOR WIVES FOUNDATION ANNUAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS TOY & COAT DRIVE

Please Give a Little Joy to Our Local Children

We are looking for donations of new (unwrapped) toys & new coats for local children in our community.
Ages 6mth - 14 years old

So the kids may enjoy playing on this lovely Christmas day, and making sure they stay warm all winter long give them some toys and a coat.



ACCEPTING NEW
COAT'S & UNWRAPPED TOY
DONATIONS THROUGH
DECEMBER 12, 2023

LOCAL PICK UP IS
ALSO AVAILABLE

DROP OFF LOCATION
MT EBAL BAPTIST CHURCH
221 CAMERON AVE
LOCKPORT IL, 60441

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BELIEVE IN YOUR POTENTIAL



Teen Achievers and Young Adults Jobs in the Trades Workshop

Saturday, January 27 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Joliet Junior College- Room U-1024
1215 Houbolt Road
Joliet, IL 60431

Free and open to the community, the Y's Jobs in the Trades workshop will provide area participants with important resources they can use to prepare for life.

Guest speakers will include representatives from:

- Joliet Junior College
- Contractors Association of Will and Grundy Counties
- Will County Workforce Development
- Wilco Career Center

In addition to listening to engaging guest speakers, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about union trade apprenticeship programs and tuition reimbursement programs.

Refreshments will also be served.

REGISTER TODAY!

Visit www.jolietymca.org or contact Mission Advancement Director Donnie Chestnutt at (815) 782-0800.

Scan here to register!



REGISTER EARLY AND ENTER TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD.
ATTEND THE EVENT FOR ADDITIONAL RAFFLE PRIZES.

GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA
749 Houbolt Road | Joliet, IL 60431
(815) SAY-YMCA | www.jolietymca.org





CREER EN TU POTENCIAL



**Adolescentes triunfadores y adultos jóvenes
Trabajos en el Taller de Oficios**
sábado 27 de enero | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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Gratis y abierto a la comunidad, el taller de la YMCA brindará trabajos en los oficios brindará a los participantes del área con importantes recursos que pueden utilizar para prepararse para la vida.

Los oradores invitados incluirán representantes de:

- Colegio Júnior Joliet
- Asociación de contratistas de los condados de Will y Grundy
- Desarrollo de la fuerza laboral del condado de Will
- Centro de carreras Wilco

Además de escuchar a los interesantes oradores invitados, los participantes tendrán la oportunidad de aprender más sobre los programas de aprendizaje sindicales y programas de reembolso de matrícula.

También se servirán refrescos.

¡REGÍSTRESE HOY!

Visite www.jolietymca.org o comuníquese con
Avance de la misión Directora Donnie Chestnutt at (815) 782-0800.

Escanee
aquí para
registrarse!



REGÍSTRESE TEMPRANO Y
PARTICIPE PARA GANAR UNA
TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$50.

ASISTA AL EVENTO PARA OBTENER
PREMIOS DE RIFA ADICIONALES.

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