

# Circle of Caring NEWSLETTER



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## Community Renewal International Circle of Caring



Thanks Everyone For A Great Ending To A Great Year!

## HIGHLIGHTS

On behalf of Community Renewal International Circle of Caring and Community Liaison, Nina Marie, we would like to pause and say Thank You for your support of our efforts during this year. We also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



- One of our major CoC goals is to make sure we are always doing something that strengthens this room, and to make a positive impact on the community.
- In order to make our community a better place, what can individuals do in these rooms do?
- Everyone can enter these rooms, but not everyone will. This isn't an individual effort, but rather a "we" effort. This is how we make a community livable again.
- When you enter this room, you are going to feel like family. The mission is that we became family and we trusted each other.
- It's all about the betterment of the community, and we strived to make sure you felt and had the impact of belonging. The connection was very intentional on our part.
- We hope to see you at our next meeting in January 2024, and again Happy Holidays!!

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# ATTENDANCE

December 5, 2023

## ADULT RENEWAL ACADEMY/CRI

Dr. Raymond Hicks

## COMMUNITY RENEWAL INTERNATIONAL

Pam Kimble  
Dianne Loridans  
Nina Marie  
David McCarter  
Dr. Russell Minor  
Robert Odom  
David Oliver  
Rebecca Taylor  
Wade Shemwell

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Monica Armstrong  
Rhoshunda Myles

## CITY OF SHREVEPORT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Celena Strickland

## ELLE FOUNDATION HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

Latericia Green  
Maranda Williams

## GOODWILL

Kayla Cayer

## MILESTONES COUNSELING SERVICES

Shawanda Martin

## NORTHWEST LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kelsey Meshell

## PHP OUTREACH AND 360 STAR MENTOR PROGRAM

Opa Marshall  
Candy Welch

## SHREVEPORT BOSSIER RESCUE MISSION

Charles Sligh

## START CORPORATION'S REGIONAL RECOVERY HUB

Precious Brown  
April Silvey

## THE HIGHLAND CENTER

Meagan Banai

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Nicholas Olsen  
Caleb Stacey



**Happy Holidays  
and  
Happy New Year!**

**Join us at the CIRCLE  
in January 2024**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**REENTRY SIMULATION**  
Presented by Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana in partnership with Louisiana DOC

**12/08/2023  
9 AM - 11 AM**

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT**

500 COMMON ST. SHREVEPORT, LA 71101  
Contact Kayla at [kcayer@goodwillnla.org](mailto:kcayer@goodwillnla.org) for more information or to register  
OR  
Register Here:

Do you know what it is like to struggle like those who are transitioning from incarceration back into society?

To walk in the shoes of those returning home gives invaluable insight for those of us who are tasked with helping these members of our community succeed!

The goal of this simulation is for you to gain an understanding of the significant obstacles faced by those attempting to navigate life upon release and returning home.

goodwill **FIRST** METHODIST CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

**Do you need employment?**  
**Are you a homeless veteran?**  
HOMELESS VETERAN REINTEGRATION PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU!

HVRP provide a core set of services determined by the needs of the Veterans to assist with reintegration of homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force.



### Program Implementation

- Case management/ intake and assessment
- Resume building
- Life skills and money management training
- Referrals to community resources and other agencies
- Transportation assistance
- Provide work attire (boots, tools, fees)



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*The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) is an employment focused competitive grant program funded by DOL-VETS.*



## MONTHLY BUS TOURS

One of our favorite days of the month is the third Thursday, when caring people from all walks of life join us for a tour to learn more about Community Renewal and how they can get involved! Make plans now to join us on Thursday, January 18, 2024 for our first tour of the year. Tours begin at noon and last 90 minutes with lunch included.

RSVP to Sherry Brown at [sherrybrown@communityrenewal.us](mailto:sherrybrown@communityrenewal.us) or 318.425.3222.