

# OUR RISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE OFFICE SUMMARY

### (COLLABORATIVE EVENTS & DATA QUICK VIEW)

Hi all volunteers,

2023-24 fiscal year was a good year for restorative justice ministry. I'd like to share this summary of some happenings that took place over this past fiscal year.

- The Santa Ann City Jail and Orangewood Children's Home reopened for religious services after a long closure due to the COVID pandemic.
- We managed to navigate through service cancelations due to COVID in both the adult county jails and juvenile detention facilities and am happy to report all scheduled services have resumed.
- One dark happening of the year was the murder of Bishop Dave O'Connell, Restorative Justice advocate (friend) and chair for the California Conference of Catholic Bishops Restorative Justice Leadership Committee. He is greatly missed.
- 20 couples completed training requirements and were accepted into the ministry to complete their 40 + hours of service as required for their diocesan diaconate formation process.
- The Arab Coptic Church requested involvement with our ministry. Although they only have one or two parish community members incarcerated, not enough to schedule services as we do, they would like to serve our Catholic populations in the jails. Although they are not fully in line with the Catholic Church, they do not fit at all into the criteria set forth by the Protestant Christian faith. Therefore, after consultation with Fr. Al Baca, diocesan Episcopal Vicar Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Affairs, and with permission from Aux. Bishop Timothy Fryer, Coptic members have been welcomed into our ministry and can be assigned to lead Bible studies only at this time.

## OUR COMMUNITY REENTRY COLLABORATIVE PARTNER ACTIVITIES

**PROJECT KINSHIP (PK):** In 2023, we co-sponsored Orange County's largest public safety and community reentry conference hosted by our reentry partner **Project Kinship**. Conference attendance maxed out at 500 participants that included those formerly incarcerated, community non-profits, universities, and government agencies (i.e. juvenile and adult law enforcement/corrections, parole, judicial, social services, correctional health, the Public Defender, and District Attorney officials). [www.projectkinship.com](http://www.projectkinship.com)



Due to the successful reentry work of Project Kinship, the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. reconstructed the lobby of their Intake and Release Center (IRC) to accommodate Project Kinship staff waiting to assist inmates immediately upon their release. Theo Lacy Jail is set to be next for lobby reconstruction. In the meantime, Project Kinship representatives assist released inmates in a makeshift station just outside the Theo Lacy jail lobby entrance.

Project Kinship staff continue to provide prerelease assessments with inmates while in custody and have now increased their service time outside the jail doors to twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week assisting inmates immediately upon release.

Click here see video clip:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=Rv2LJTVAe\\_n14oPP&v=FI9KMNrF5CU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=Rv2LJTVAe_n14oPP&v=FI9KMNrF5CU&feature=youtu.be)

Click here for PK Newsletter: [Download the Latest Issue](#)



**HUB FOR REENTRY, INTEGRATION, AND EMPLOYMENT (H.I.R.E.):** We renewed our 2023-2024 fiscal year grant contract with community reentry partner H.I.R.E. hosting Orange Counties largest Reentry Resource Fair offering a huge verity of community services and resources (e.g. employment, social services & benefits, education, and much more) This year brook a record with over 500 formerly incarcerated men and women attending. Click onto video link to see more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYq8-W-uB3w&feature=youtu.be>

H.I.R.E. also provides mentorship for youth incarcerated in our O.C. juvenile detention facilities. Click onto video link to see more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzXBxUr00ZM>



LA Channel 4 News Coverage: <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/job-fair-to-help-formerinmates-recovering-addicts/2917028/> (may have to give a minute to upload)

Following is a rundown of services and resources H.I.R.E. provided over the past fiscal year:

- Hosted 10 subcommittee meetings (161 attendance)
- Provided 108 individuals with direct service assistance and 1202 people services through all of our programs/events. For those who obtained employment (that we were able to track) the average wage was \$19.38/hr.
- Provided monthly newsletters to partner organizations and funders/donors and posted regularly on social media
- Provided ongoing training to staff, interns, volunteers and board members including on service delivery, fundraising, data management and more
- Created a new 2024 strategic plan with advisory board



- Continued to develop/implement evidence based/informed curriculum.
- Has a PhD student volunteer and other students from UCI now assisting through 2024
- Hosted 2 fundraisers and wrote 30 grants/LOI's so far this year, funded \$60,000 so far (have several pending a response)
- Hosted youth resource fair to over 153 youth/families providing food, resources, shoes, haircuts, and much more
- Five lived experience mentors provided leadership/insight to 126 community youth (group and individual)
- Launched a life skills program, starting with a financial workshop series in partnership with First IC Bank and BMO Bank
- Connected 195 people with Cal Assist programs for food, housing and other services
- Chapman University students created a marketing/PR plan for us to put into action in 2024
- Grew to over 1,100 members representing over 200 organizations

Click video clip to see more: <https://youtu.be/xYq8-W-uB3w>

**PHOENIX ARISE:** We entered into a first-time grant contract with Phoenix Arise Reentry Organization, in partnership with St. Boniface parish, hosting Criminal and Gang Anonymous (CGA) 12 step support group programming, held weekly at the parish, in addition to a retreat for those formerly incarcerated. [www.phoenixariseoc.org](http://www.phoenixariseoc.org)



**St. Boniface Parish 12 Step CGA Support Group**



**CGA now offered to in custody youth at YGC**



**Phoenix Arise Reentry Resource Fair**



**CGA Retreat for formerly incarcerated**



Phoenix Arise 2003-2024 Reentry Family Resource Events



**WHEN:**  
Thursday,  
March 21, 2024  
5 pm - 7 pm

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE EVENING FAIR**

- Basic Needs
- Employment
- Higher Education
- Immigration
- Mental Health
- Rehabilitation treatment

**Open to all...  
Food, prizes, activities,  
information & MORE....**

**WHERE:**  
Saint Boniface Catholic Church  
120 N. Janss St, Parochial Hall  
Anaheim, CA 92805

For more information contact:  
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**REGISTRATION ONLY**  
For Vendors/Organizations

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Phoenix Arise invites you

## Voices of Redemption:

*Amplifying the Voices of Second Chances  
Conference 2024*

Let's come together and showcase the transformation of lives  
for the ones who are still trudging the path to get here...

**April 28th, 2024  
at University of California, Irvine**

We are looking for one of your clients to draw the logo  
for the event. Someone who needs to see their talent  
from a different lens. Someone who will be positively  
affected when they see their hard work on shirts, tote  
bags, flyers social media etc...

For more info [phoenixariseinfo@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixariseinfo@gmail.com)

## CRIMINALS & GANG MEMBERS ANONYMOUS



**12 STEPS PROGRAM & LIFE COACHING**

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS ON THE LAST THURSDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

ST. BONIFACE - ROOM 2, 3, AND 4  
**120 N. JANSST.  
ANAHEIM CA. 92805**



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## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIRECTORS STATEWIDE COLLABORATION

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SYNOD: “Journeying with Hope, Finding Hope with Restorative Justice”



Orange County Attendees

In April 2024, we co-hosted the first ever restorative justice synod, held at the San Diego diocese, in a statewide listening and dialog initiative with agency and community members impacted by the criminal justice system.

Agency and community attendees included representatives from the judicial system, parole, law enforcement/corrections, those formerly incarcerated, victims, university law professors, and community reentry non-profit organizations.

Orange County attendees included representatives from District Attorney’s office, Public Defenders office, Probation Dept., Sheriff’s Dept., Social Services, a news agency writer, and our reentry non-profit partners Project Kinship, Phoenix Arise, and Humanworks Inc. (See photo above)

Joining us were Bishops Joseph Brennan, (Aux.) Ramon Bejarano and Armando Ochoa of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops Restorative Justice Committee, in addition to jail Chaplains, priests, religious, and deacons. 105 attendees in all.

The group table conversations were powerful, inspiring, and transforming. It’s absolutely amazing what can happen when people whose experiences and perceptions are so radically different come together and listen to one another with respectful curiosity rather than judgement, by the grace of God. God listens to us, we listen to one another. For more on the story, click onto the O.C. Catholic News article PDF link:

[Journey of Hope Synod-San Diego 2024.pdf](#)



Journey With Hope Synod Photos



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S LIGHTS ON PROGRAM – 20 YEARS OF SERVICE!



Shortly after accepting the position at the diocese with the restorative justice office, I gathered St. Vincent de Paul Society executive members and proposed a partnership with our office to assist those released from jail during the night hours. Out of our conversations birthed the Light's On Program. A donated RV stocked with supplies we parked outside the County Jails Intake and Release Center located in downtown Santa Ana during the night offering those released from jail resources and to help keep them safe, sober, and get them off the street.

The Lights On program went into service in June 2004 and continues to provide an immediate nighttime safe refuge offering essential provisions to those released from jail.

At a reentry conference this past year, I ran into Santa Ana City Mayor Valerie Amezcua, a former colleague of mine before her political career. During our conversation I mentioned 2024 being Lights On's 20<sup>th</sup> year in service to the community. I suggested a possible acknowledgement for their live-saving work, and she enthusiastically agreed. She instructed me to contact her office with information and she would issue an award for Lights On's contribution to the city of Santa Ana. The award was presented on August 12, 2024, at a St. Vincent de Paul Society quarterly conference gathering.



Lights On Ministry assisting those released from jail during night hours

# QUICK VIEW RJ/DM FY 2023-2024 DATA SUMMARY

(See full Annual Report for more details)

## In fiscal year 2023-2024 Volunteers provided:

1,655 Juvenile Services      2,797 volunteer hours

2,388 Adult Jail Services      5,393 volunteer hours

**Total Combined number of Services = 4,043**

**Total Combined number of volunteer hours = 8,190**

## Ministry Overview Presentation Attendance:

Totaled Attended:      28

Joined the Ministry:   16 English   6 Spanish

% Joined:              78%

## Number of Volunteers in the Ministry:

Adult Ministry:      81

Juvenile Ministry:    40

**Total:                    121**

## Number of Volunteer Trainings provided:

Specialized RJ/DM Methodology Trainings:   21

New Volunteer Ministry Overview:    6

\*Total number of volunteer training hours completed:      600

\*Additional onsite training hours provided are not reflected in these numbers.



<b>Number of Services provided:</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bible Study:	304	281	<b>585</b>
Communion Services/Masses:	705	260	<b>965</b>
1-to-1 Visits & Reconciliation:	359	325	<b>684</b>
Sacramental Prep. Sessions:	14	24	<b>38</b>
Sacraments of Int. Received:	2	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total number of services:</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>2,274</b>

<b>Number of Bibles distributed:</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Vietnamese</b>	<b>Total</b>
CJX:	300	160	0	<b>460</b>
Theo Lacy:	144	220	2	<b>366</b>
Santa Ana City Jail:	18	30	0	<b>48</b>
Juvenile Facilities:	150	2	0	<b>152</b>
<b>Total number of Bibles:</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,026</b>

<b>*Number of incoming Bibles purchased:</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Vietnamese</b>	<b>Total</b>
	696	320	0	<b>1,016</b>

\*Number of incoming Bibles may not reflect number of outgoing due to left over stock from previous year.

<b>Material and Supply distribution:</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rosaries:	9,000	300	<b>9,300</b>
Catholic publications:	3,500	375	<b>3,875</b>
Pencils:	120	288	<b>408</b>
<b>*Paper copies total:</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>14,140</b>	<b>15,840</b>

\*Paper Copies include: Scripture reading handouts, volunteer training and restock materials and application paperwork. made are an estimate and do not include number of Scripture reading handouts printed at the facility and distributed by correctional staff to those who cannot get out for services and volunteers who print copies from home and take them in for adult jail services for their services.