

October

newsletter

Hello, friends and supporters of The SoulFisher Ministries (TSM). Happy fall! There are 9 weeks left of 2019! Now is an excellent time to reflect on everything we have accomplished this year and think about what we can still do to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. So far we have:

Purchased a new office building to expand our capacity to serve; Retained funding from 21st Century Learning Centers; Recruited over 40 volunteers to serve at the Special Olympics; Participated in our second Give STL Day to help provide supplies for ENAL students and basic needs for women in the AGAPE Supportive Housing Program; Helped improve MAP testing scores for students in the ENAL Program (over 45% scored Advanced or Proficient on all sections); Partnered with local businesses to help formerly incarcerated women earn livable wages; Received grants from the Lutheran Foundation, Spirit of St. Louis Women's Fund, Regions Banks, and We Raise Foundation to continue expanding our reach!

We want this year to end just as strong as it started. How can you help? **Volunteer** at our events and days of service, contribute to the on-going **Capital Improvement Campaign**, or simply spread the word about all the amazing things taking place.

Old Newsboys Day

November 21, 2019



Once a year in November, thousands of people from the community take to the street corners of St. Louis to distribute newspapers in the long-standing tradition of **Old Newsboys Day**. Old Newsboys is a non-profit organization that raises funds for other non-profits that serve at-risk youth. They have raised over 20 million dollars to benefit hundreds of local charities. TSM will be participating at the intersection of Lucas Hunt and West Florissant early on November 21st with a large group of volunteers. All are welcome to join! For information, please contact thesoulfisherministries@yahoo.com.

Employer Open House

The Employer Open House is Friday, November 8th. Formerly incarcerated men and women will visit USML, Affinia Health Care, and St. Louis University (SLU) to gain insight into the day to day lives of employees there. They'll be meeting with department heads and Human Resource (HR) associates at each of the locations to gain valuable contacts and employment information.

ENAL Photos

Photo's from the 2019-2020 school year are now available to view on our website. Be sure to check back regularly as the gallery is updated



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Featured Program Participant



"Hello, my name is Jody Hunter! While in prison I learned about The SoulFisher Ministries (TSM) and what they had to offer. I was excited when my application was approved. I had a good place to start my life again!

Since being released from prison, TSM has not only given me a new start, but a new apartment, phone, multiple bus passes, clothes and a full refrigerator every two weeks. The schedule is strict, but very doable. The classes you take help you move forward in the most positive way. Ms. Fisher is always there to help with every part of **these programs** with open doors. I have participated in career readiness, Identity, and Microsoft/computer skills, and I will soon be in Hands on Banking.

Let me tell you, I have learned so much! I'm excited about getting a second chance to find what I want to do, and where I'm going with my life. Having the skills and confidence that this program has given me has opened up a whole new walk of life and I'm ready to step into it!"

Event Recaps

Girls World Expo



On September 29th hundreds of young girls gathered at Harris-Stowe University to attend **Girls World Expo**. Girls World Expo is an event made by teen girls, for teen girls. It's a day of performances, seminars, and networking where young girls get the opportunity to talk to and hear from successful women in their community.



Employer Panel



The AGAPE Reentry Program's Successful Second Chances Employer Panel was phenomenal! Co-hosted by TSM and the University of Missouri Saint Louis (UMSL), and funded by Regions Bank, attendees heard from keynote speaker **Dr. Beth Huebner**, and HR directors Rita Mcmillan (SLU) and Melonie Kenny (Bailey's Restaurants), two employers willing to hire formerly incarcerated individuals. Attendees also heard from two justice-involved women, Shawntelle Fisher and Tracy Stanton, who are successful and productive members of their community regardless of the barrier of having a felony conviction.



ENAL students enjoying themselves at the Expo where they got to meet female influencers from St. Louis



Kendra Holmes (left) and Shawntelle Fisher (right) in the USML Millennium Student Center

A background image of a lecture hall with rows of black chairs and teal seats. Overlaid on this is text and logos for an employer panel event.

Future
AGAPE Reentry Program
Successful Second Chances
Employer Panels

Funded by: **REGIONS**
It's time to expect more.

Presented by: **UMSL** **The SoulFisher Ministries**
Restoration Is Possible, Success Is Real

To find out about future Employer Panels and learn how to register please visit:
<https://www.umsu.edu/services/hrs/AGAPE%20REENTRY%20PROGRAM.html>

Save the Dates

Friday, January 24, 2020
&
Friday, April 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Venues TBD

Click the image for more information!

Capital Improvement



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