

**70x7 LIFE RECOVERY – GRAND RAPIDS PROGRAM CENTER**  
**Formerly: CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAPLAINCY**  
**PRAYER LETTER– May & June 2018**

**PRAISES:**

1. Criminal Justice Chaplaincy has now successfully merged with 70x7 Life Recovery. Our name and location has changed as well; please visit us at our new office located within the Kentwood Community Church-Wyoming Campus:  
**70x7 Life Recovery – Grand Rapids Program Center**  
**2950 Clyde Park Ave SW**  
**Wyoming, MI 49509**
2. We have completed over seven 2-week *Changes* classes, which is part of our workforce development program. And we are very excited to have launched our first Serving Together church partnership site where *Changes* class participants demonstrate positive work skills while volunteering. Successful participants are getting jobs through our New Day Staffing partner. We are making good connections with employers, getting referrals from a variety of agencies and clients are starting new jobs. We are thankful for these new connections!
3. Praise for the excellent attendance, networking opportunities and fellowship that we have experienced at our Reentry Networking Lunches. This lunch provides everyone attending with resources and support for returning citizens, connection opportunities with mentors, members from local churches, and other local service agencies, and with a good meal!
4. We are so grateful for all who contribute financially to this ministry. We are thankful for your prayers and words of encouragement.

**REQUESTS:**

1. We are now settled in our new location within Kentwood Community Church – Wyoming Campus and are feeling comfortable with our transition to 70x7 Life Recovery. We have, however, struggled with some technology glitches. Please pray we can get this issue resolved in a timely and cost-effective manner!
2. We have a need for a volunteer to do childcare on Thursday mornings. Our Take Charge Program has served now for nearly 32 years as a life skills and support group for female ex-offenders and other women who can benefit from the topics featured. The twelve-week Spring/Summer 2018 program launched May 3. Pray for the women attending that what they learn will be positively life changing. Pray for wisdom and insight for the speakers and blessings on the volunteers who faithfully help. Pray that new volunteers will step forward to assist! Contact Sarah for more information on volunteering: [sarahr@70x7liferecovery.org](mailto:sarahr@70x7liferecovery.org).
3. Mentor training is regularly available at our offices most Tuesday evenings; additional dates and locations are happily accommodated. Our need for mentors is growing as our programing expands. We know how crucial it is for a successful, smooth transition to have a mentor walk beside our participants. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to become a mentor! Contact Reuben at [reubenn@70x7liferecovery.org](mailto:reubenn@70x7liferecovery.org).
4. Housing is a tremendous struggle for many low/no income individuals, more so for those with a criminal background. Pray for those who are struggling to find safe, affordable housing.
5. Remember to lift up in prayer the children of the incarcerated. Pray for safe and stable home environments and loving Christian mentors for these kids, especially teen children, as they struggle with these difficult realities. During the summer months pray for the parents of these children as they find ways to keep their children busy in constructive ways often as they juggle their own work schedules, appointments and needs. Pray for those separated from their children as they deal with complex personal issues.
6. Pray for the participants of our 70x7 recovery class: CHANGES, as they prepare for employment. Pray for the newly launched Serving Together program site, that all goes well and that additional sites open their doors to our program.
7. Bicycle requests for transportation needs reach a peak during summer months. Men's large frame bikes for big & tall clients are always in demand. Donations of these types of bikes are especially welcome, along with new bike locks and new or gently used helmets. Contact Cheryl at [cherylw@70x7liferecovery.org](mailto:cherylw@70x7liferecovery.org).
8. Pray for the participants in our partnership with Goodwill through the Training To Work (T2W) program. Many of these ex-offenders are young men who would benefit from the support of a mentor. Pray these T2W participants will take advantage of this program and request a mentor.
9. As we navigate this new chapter of ministry, pray for continued blessings on the work we do, that we will have staff & resources to meet the needs presented, that donors continue to support these programs and those in them, and that changes being made will bless all involved now and going forward into the future.

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you so much for praying. Without your support, the work we do is not effective or long lasting. "The prayer of a righteous man (woman) is powerful and effective." James 5:16.