

**70x7 LIFE RECOVERY – GRAND RAPIDS PROGRAM CENTER**  
**Formerly: CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAPLAINCY**  
**PRAYER LETTER– July & August 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 are very excited to have new Serving Together partnerships with three more churches in the Grand Rapids area: Seymour CRC, Madison Square Church, and 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist, in addition to Community Recovery Church. Serving Together is a vital piece for our *Changes* class participants. Here they can demonstrate positive work skills and job readiness while volunteering at these churches. Successful participants go through to our New Day Staffing partner and to successful job placements. We are thankful for these new connections. Please pray for additional employer partnerships!
3. Our Summer Camp program helps qualifying children of our clients attend summer camp on scholarships. We have seven children attending this year. We are grateful all transportation needs for these kids have been met! Pray these kids and their families will learn more about Jesus and all will have all positive experiences.
4. We are so grateful for all volunteers, mentors and prayer partners who show such grace to our clients and staff. We are also very thankful for all who contribute financially to this ministry. We are blessed by your prayers and words of encouragement.

**REQUESTS:**

1. We have completed over eleven 2-week *Changes* classes, which is part of our workforce development program. Pray that all participants will take what they have learned to heart and incorporate these positive skills into their work places and daily lives. Pray they will stay strong and continue to make good choices. Pray that we continue to receive referrals for this excellent program.
2. We have had great attendance, networking opportunities and fellowship 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. Pray for continued blessing on this program!
3. The Take Charge Program, a life skills and support group for women, will complete the twelve-week Spring/Summer 2018 series at the end of July and begin the Fall series on Aug 30. Pray for the women attending that what they learn will be positively life changing and that more women will attend this Fall! Pray for wisdom and insight for the speakers and blessings on the volunteers who faithfully help.
4. 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 programming 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).
5. 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, especially for families.
6. Remember to lift 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.
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 that as we start work on a new grant, Road to Success, which provides case management & mentoring for men while still in jail, that all proceeds smoothly and participants fully benefit. Pray also as we consider programming for families of those affected by incarceration that needs will be met and funding will be available.
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.