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### Crosspoint

On Wednesday, March the ninth, I had the privilege to visit Crosspoint, a nonprofit corporation based in San Antonio. Even though I appreciated the area's good weather, I was more impressed by the organization's closeness to the community and how it provided people with an opportunity to lead productive lives. In particular, its core values of hope, opportunity and restoration caught my attention. It has an efficient and effective model aimed at reintegrating people with psychological and emotional issues back to the community by giving them an opportunity. Specifically, this is mainly supported by a broad range of services and resources in the area coupled with a strong vision. Some of the services provided include mental health counseling, enhancing people's life skills, treating addicts of substance abuse and rendering transformational residential services. From what I witnessed, the organization's services are mainly aimed at helping the war veterans, mentally ill patients, homeless individuals and those in a financial crisis.

A quick look at the history of Crosspoint indicates that it was founded in 1963. It started off as a chartered non-profit corporation with a few San Antonio citizens being the founder members. Initially, its aim was to provide residential facilities which would be used as a platform to assist those with emotional and psychological problems. However, the primary motivation of the members was building residential houses. Specifically, Goldsmith house was the first and remained operational until November 2002. Pryor House was established and opened in 1967. Sponsorship from Myra Stafford Charitable Trust made this possible. Recently, this house has been transformed into a Recovery support home aimed at helping non-independent women. Most of these women have no resources to build their lives upon completion of substance abuse treatment.

Among the facilities that I saw in that place include Pryor, the Summit, Alvarez House, Hall and Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center. All these facilities house the different categories of people that I have mentioned above. The Summit serves as a residential for 95 veterans, and this is stipulated in a contract written in 2011. In addition, it is divided into three sections and holds 30 offices. As for the Alvarez House, it holds 29 residents and dates back to 1983 when it was known as the Augusta House for men. The Alvarez House has quite a history since it once served as the organization's headquarters until 2011 when the name was changed. 48 residents are housed in Hall, which was built in 1973 and bought in 1992. The core services provided by the Austin-Cullum Outpatient Center include substance abuse treatment, mental rehabilitation, and basic outpatient services. The health facility was initially stationed in Hall house but later moved to the Summit in 2011.

The main program offered by Crosspoint is correctional services with the aim of rehabilitating individuals. These individuals are mostly referred to the community by the U.S probation office, Federal Bureau of Prisons or even the Parole services. The staff is supposed to guide the ex-convicts in changing their behavior and provide a conducive environment for enhancement of life skills. Also, they ought to guide them on how to integrate smoothly into the community. The most surprising aspect of the recovery, however, is that each resident is required to undergo assessment and individualized program planning. Once enrolled, the indicators for measuring progress are monitored. In particular, these indicators include being employed, staying away from drugs, developing a residential plan and having a realistic budget. Among the jobs provided include community service work, counseling, supervising and psychiatry.