

Annual Race for Recovery 5K Scheduled!

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March 19, 2016 5K

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SHELBY COUNTY DRUG COURT FOUNDATION

The Shelby County Drug Court Foundation is pleased to announce the annual Race for Recovery 5K has been scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at 10:30am. The entire event will be held at the historic Overton Park in Midtown. All proceeds from the 5K will go toward providing much needed services for drug court participants.

We would love to have you or your organization as a sponsor for the race! All sponsors will have their name or logo included in the registration packet and the opportunity to advertise inside the runner's registration packets. There are four different sponsor levels available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor you can find more information by clicking the 'sponsor' link below.

All ages of runners and walkers are welcomed to participate in the race. Race participants may plan on gathering at the East Parkway Pavilion in Overton Park before the race starts at 10:30am. A brief awards ceremony will be held after the race. Packet pick up will be held at the HART Center (1384 Madison Ave) Thursday and Friday (3/17 & 3/18) between the hours of 3:45-6:30pm. Register anytime by clicking the 'registration' link below.

Sponsor Link: <https://drugcourt.shelbycountyttn.gov/content/race-recovery-2016>

Registration Link: <https://www.racesonline.com/events/race-for-recovery>

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SCDC Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Inducted

Please welcome the SCDC Hall of Fame Class of 2015! Four new inductees were honored during the annual Hall of Fame Ceremony on December 9th, 2015. All four inductees were recognized for their ongoing contributions to the Shelby County Drug Court program. All four inductees have given many years of invaluable volunteer service to the court. Your inductees are:

Jeremy Mitchell graduated from the Shelby County Drug Court in December of 2011. For over 3 years, Jeremy has gone to weekly meetings at Lakeside Behavioral Health to speak with others about recovery. Jeremy is a vocal supporter of drug court and has given numerous talks about his path to recovery. Jeremy credits Judge Dwyer and the drug court team for the happiness he currently enjoys in his life. Jeremy is a Union Electrician and was recently married to his wife Angela.



(From left to right: Jeremy Mitchell, Debbie Sweeney, Angela Parkerson, Marvis Adams)

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Debbie Sweeney has served as a board member of the Shelby County Drug Foundation since 2003. For the past 13 years, she has given countless hours of her personal time providing support and services to the SCDCF. Debbie currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Division of Nursing at Baptist College of Health Sciences.

Angela Parkerson has been working for the Shelby County Drug Court since 2006. She currently serves as the Program Coordinator and is responsible for overseeing all drug court operations. During her time with SCDC, Angela has worked hard to grow program funding in order to improve and increase treatment services offered by SCDC. In addition to her full time position as Program Coordinator, Angela also serves as Treasurer for the Tennessee Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Marvis Adams graduated from the Shelby County Drug Court in May of 2010. After graduating from drug court, Marvis began a career as a licensed drug and alcohol counselor and has been active in the recovery community. Marvis has been a valued employee of several treatment centers in the Mid-South. He is also an Army veteran and is currently works to provide recovery services to veterans struggling with substance abuse.

Alumni Foundation Helps Homeless During Cold Snap

January 20th, 2016-

During last week's freezing temperatures, dozens of Shelby County Drug Court Alumni Association members spent an evening reaching out to the homeless in Downtown Memphis. A thoughtful group of alumni members and active clients met at Jacob's Well, a recovery based church in Downtown Memphis, to prepare the delivery of food and care packages for the area's homeless.

Lead by alumni member Rebecca Kennedy, the group cooked up chili and soups, then portioned meals for 92 people before traveling to a handful of homeless camps downtown. In addition to food, participant Hannah M. put together 50 care packages loaded with hygiene products, snacks, and socks. The group stopped at a handful of camps and were received warmly by homeless citizens braving the freezing cold.

Bryan Owens, Chair of the Alumni Association, explained why the group decided to reach out to the homeless. "It was 27 degrees outside. It was cold. But we weren't just handing out food and blankets. We wanted to get to know these people. We talked to them, prayed with them. A few even reached out wanting help with an addiction problem and we were able to refer them to local services and halfway houses. We care about our homeless brothers because many of us have experienced what it's like to be homeless. It was inspiring to see active drug court clients and alumni group members getting directly involved like that."

Founded in 2014, the Shelby County Drug Court Alumni Association is comprised of former program graduates who want to give back to Shelby County. "We're a group of ex-drug court clients that want to stay sober and remain law abiding citizens," says Owens, "we want to give back to the community and inform Shelby County citizens of the importance of this program."



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