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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday the 13th Karaoke Night @ 6-9PM Food 6-7PM, Karaoke 7-9PM Caritas Village 2509 Harvard Avenue**

**Shelby County Drug Court 260th Graduation**  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 @ 1:00pm  
201 Poplar Ave. - Auditorium

**SCDC 7th Annual 5K Race for Recovery**  
Saturday, April 25, 2020 @ 10:00AM  
East Parkway Pavilion of Overton Park

**Shelby County Drug Court 261st Graduation**  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020 @ 1:00pm  
201 Poplar Ave. - Auditorium

**Shelby County Drug Court 262nd Graduation**  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 1:00pm  
201 Poplar Ave. - Auditorium

**SCDC 2019 Hall Of Fame Recipients**

On December 18th 4 individuals were inducted into the Shelby County Drug Court (SCDC) Hall of Fame for 2019. Every year, two SCDC alumni are among the recipients for continuing to show a positive impact in the community after they have graduated from the program.

Marti McCord, who graduated in 2014, did the right thing and remained active in her home group, Worldly Indeed, after graduation. She is involved in service positions and is now chairperson of her home group. She is a volunteer speaker at treatment facilities and remains active in Drug Court functions, such as our annual Race for Recovery.

Derek Phillips, who graduated in 2016 has traveled through 12 states spreading the word of recovery. He was on the Host Committee for Tennessee Conference of Young People in AA, where Memphis had the largest conference of its kind in the state of Tennessee. He is the General Service representative for his home group, Worldly Indeed, and he has spoken at numerous area treatment facilities.

The other two Hall of Fame Inductees are community members who have contributed to the success of Shelby County Drug Court.

Joseph Ozment, attorney, has been an active member of the Shelby County Drug Court Foundation member for many years. He has been actively involved in raising thousands of dollars for the Drug Court and has placed many clients that were in need of treatment in the program.

Eric Elms, Shelby County Assistant Public Defender, has worked in the Drug Court for 19 years having assisted thousands of defendants get help for their drug problem. He has a true social conscience and receives great joy from helping others.



Hall of Fame Awardees (left to right): Joseph Ozment, Eric Elms, Marti McCord, and Derek Phillips.

## A Sober Holiday Tradition Continues...

Shelby County Drug Court Alumni Association held its 2nd Annual Hope for the Holidays Recovery Party on December 6, 2019 and it was another smashing success. The event, sponsored by Shelby County Drug Court Foundation, drew a great crowd of Drug Court clients and staff, family, friends, and members of the recovery community for the 2nd year in a row. Guest DJ Jim Killboy, kept the music lively and the guests dancing, while light refreshments and a coffee/cocoa bar were available for snacking. With the Christmas Character Costume and Ugly Sweater contests to usher in the holiday cheer; a great time was had by all. The SCDC Alumni Association meets monthly to discuss ways to give back to the community and host events in a safe, sober, and fun environment for anyone in recovery, their families, and friends. For more information on the Shelby County Drug Court Alumni Association and Foundation or to get involved, please visit our website, [drugcourt.shelbycountyttn.gov](http://drugcourt.shelbycountyttn.gov) or on Facebook.



## B.I.G. Features Judge Dwyer Talk about Shelby County's Response to Opioid Crisis

Business Interest Group For Memphis hosted a cadre of Law Enforcement officials from Shelby County to talk about how Memphis is responding to the opioid epidemic. Judge Dwyer, MPD colonels, and a SCSO Deputy Chief shared the stage to inform business and community leaders about the city's coordinated approach to widespread opioid use.

B.I.G. for Memphis is Phelps Security, Inc.'s community involvement initiative to law enforcement and business leaders together to make the Memphis area a better place to live. They have been serving the community for more than 50 years. Winners were awarded prizes and refreshments were served for an all around fun-filled night.



**Come One, Come All To A Night Under The Big Top Pegasus Ball**

Big Thank You to Mystic Krewe of Pegasus for a magical night at the Big Top to raise money for the Shelby County Drug Court 2019–2020. SCDC is honored to be selected as the named charity for the year. Visit their website for more information about their organization: <https://www.pegasusmemphis.org/> And follow them on Facebook to learn about their happenings and upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/mystickreweofpegasusmemphis/>



**DRUG COURT GRADUATES SAY HELLO TO JUDGE**

**SCDC Counselor Corner**

We are pleased to welcome our newest Drug Court staff, Zacchaeus Williams. He comes to us after 7 years at Juvenile Court in the Cease-fire Program for a change of pace.

Bryan Owens is currently enrolled in graduate studies at the Loewenberg College of Nursing program at the University of Memphis. Drug Court is proud to have a medical professional on staff.

Renwick Malone is strategically working to secure employment for Drug Court participants at a rate of 4-5 job placements per month since February 2019. That works out to about 48 job placements for Drug Court in 1 year.



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Caritas Village  
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Karaoke  
7-9pm

Everyone in recovery is invited