

# Foundation of HOPE Chaplaincy Program

Addressing Spiritual,  
Emotional, and  
Physical Needs

CHAPLAINCY



*"A note of gratitude and thanks for the wonderful service you provide. Hardened hearts and minds are softened by your kindness. You are the best! Thank you for the glasses. Godspeed."*

*~ Jim, participant*

**The HOPE  
Chaplaincy Program**  
provides spiritual support,  
emotional care,  
and practical help  
to incarcerated individuals  
and staff of all faiths  
to renew their faith, rebuild  
their lives, and restore  
positive relationships.

## WHO WE SERVE

The HOPE Chaplaincy Program serves incarcerated individuals, their families, and employees of the Allegheny County Jail. HOPE Chaplaincy provides pastoral care, charity, worship, religious education, religious programming, and other support services for all faiths.



Faith groups receiving services include, but are not limited to, Protestants, Catholics, Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, Jews, Buddhists, and Native Americans. Volunteers for the HOPE Chaplaincy Program contribute thousands of volunteer hours per year.

Our volunteers and paid chaplains visit all housing units, offering the opportunity for vital spiritual and emotional support for incarcerated individuals of a variety of faiths, including those in mental health and disciplinary units.



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## OUR HISTORY

Professional chaplaincy services for all faith groups have been contracted by Allegheny County since 1985.

The efforts of hundreds of volunteers and dozens of religious groups to care for the incarcerated are coordinated by a Director of Chaplaincy Services. Chaplaincy staff members represent all major faith groups and ensure that all persons, regardless of religion, have access to needed clergy and resources.



## OUR SERVICES

**The Chaplaincy Program supports the incarcerated, their families, and employees through:**

- Worship services;
- Religious instruction;
- One-on-one counseling;
- Grief counseling;
- Visitation;
- Referrals to resources and services; and
- Special holiday events and celebrations.

Chaplaincy staff members are available for panel discussions and presentations to groups. Please contact us at (412) 350-2057 for more information.

## Foundation of HOPE Chaplaincy Program

*The Chaplaincy Program relies on the support of our region's faith communities to help us meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of incarcerated individuals and staff.*

*Please contact the Chaplain's Office if you would like to partner with us in any of the following ways:*

### SHARE YOUR TIME

The Chaplain's Office recruits and trains mature volunteers from the community to:

- Lead worship services;
- Conduct faith instruction classes;
- Do individual visitation as Volunteer Chaplains; and
- Process 'inmate requests' and perform office work.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, willing to attend an orientation to correctional ministries, and pass an institutional background check.

*"Your office does what it does because you care for our well-being. On behalf of all the inmates in the past and future... I say thank you!"*

*~ John, participant*

### SHARE YOUR RESOURCES

#### **Make a Financial Contribution**

Tax-deductible financial donations are used to purchase religious texts, hygiene supplies, holiday gifts, and other items.

Donations can be made online at [www.foundationofhope.org](http://www.foundationofhope.org).

Checks should be made payable to "Foundation of HOPE" and mailed to: Foundation of HOPE, 540 Suismon St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

#### **Donations**

The Chaplain's Office welcomes donations from individuals and faith communities. Please contact our office for details on in-kind donations.



*"Thank you so, so much for sending me a Bible. I know He is with us always, yet being able to pick up and read His word is very comforting to me."*

*~ Andrea, participant*

