

# 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, inmate*

**The HOPE  
Chaplaincy Program**  
provides spiritual support,  
emotional care, and  
practical help to inmates  
and staff of all faiths  
to empower them to  
restore their relationship  
with their God, rebuild their  
lives, and reconcile to their  
communities.

## WHO WE SERVE

The HOPE Chaplaincy Program serves inmates, inmates' families, and employees of the Allegheny County Jail and Shuman Juvenile Detention Center. HOPE Chaplaincy provides pastoral care, charity, worship, religious education, religious programming, and other support services for inmates of 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 more than 11,000 volunteer hours per year.

Our volunteer and paid chaplains visit inmates in all housing units, offering the opportunity for vital spiritual and emotional support for inmates 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 imprisoned 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 inmates, inmates' families, and employees through:**

- worship services;
- religious instruction;
- one-on-one counseling;
- grief counseling;
- special holiday events and celebrations;
- visitation; and
- referrals to resources and services.

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 inmates 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.

### *Make a Financial Contribution*

*"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, inmate*



*"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, inmate*



## SHARE YOUR RESOURCES

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

Checks should be made payable to "Foundation of HOPE" and mailed to: Foundation of HOPE, 950 Second Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Donations can also be made online.

For more information, please visit [www.foundationofhope.org](http://www.foundationofhope.org).

### *Donations*

The Chaplain's Office welcomes donations from individuals and faith communities. Please contact us for more details. Donations that we accept include, but are not limited to:

- paperback books in good condition;
- paperback scriptures of all religions;
- sweat suits for released individuals; and
- full-size toiletry items.

