Mission Statement

Crossthreadz is the primary program of Searchlight Ministries, Inc. Searchlight Ministries is a non-profit faithbased organization that exists to serve youth by providing hope, fostering success, and showing love. We are about serving. And serving is about moving our resources and ourselves in response to human need.

Officers of the Board of Directors

Chris Padot – Executive Director

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Fact: Crossthreadz has higher success across performance measures than the national average for at-risk youth mentoring.

Crossthreadz is a volunteer driven organization that raises its operational budget from donors and fee-for-speaking services.

What is Crossthreadz?

Crossthreadz is designed to help all youth. But we specialize in at-risk youth or as we like to think "youth who just need to be loved and provided guidance by role models." As the number of divorces increases, the pressures on kids heightens, and kids turn to solve their issues in a myriad of ways, Crossthreadz is there to direct kids toward smart choices and to their fullest potential.

We serve youth via three methods:

- Training and Speaking Services (character-building, making positive choices, drug/alcohol abuse, avoiding gang recruitment, volunteerism, leadership, educational choices)
- One-on-One, Group, Formal and Informal Mentoring
- Creating Community Events (sports, bands, speakers, teachers, urban, sub-urban)



2010 Annual Report (FY Jan 1, 2010-Dec 31, 2010)

Serving Youth by Providing Hope, Fostering Success, and Showing Love.



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2010 Events/Speaking

St. Louis, MO – at-risk youth 1000 seater Historic Granada Theatre. Crossthreadz served as co-promoter and target audience achieved of kids with piercings and tattoos.

Abilene, TX – "Stop the Violence, Start the Love" festival in gang-ridden area. Chris served as keynote speaker for this few thousand person event.

West Phila, PA – West Philly Community Event for area youth.

Frenchtown, NJ – Crossthreadz was again part of the Revelation Generation Festival with 25,000 plus attendees. Dr. Blacksmith serves each year as one of the emcees.

One of Chris' favorite 2010 memories was speaking to hundreds of homeless folks in Texas. He almost missed his plane because the line to see him went through the building, around hallways and out the door. These were homeless folks who were touched by Chris' testimony and love for them.

2010 Mentoring

The Public/Private Ventures research shows that weekly mentoring for one year produces the following results: less likely to initiate drug/alcohol use, less likely to hit someone, decreased truancy, improved self-esteem, and improved relationships with parents.

Crossthreadz mentors over one dozen atrisk youth from many different states via one-on-one sessions, group meetings, phone calls, formal activities, and informal hang-out sessions. Our mentees have faced suicidal tendencies, gang recruitment, parents in prison, no father/mother, physical abuse, alcoholism, drug addiction, etc...

We again held over 200 mentoring sessions in 2010 - defined as one hour of phone or face to face meeting time. These sessions were conducted with Crossthreadz team members.

Crossthreadz co-produced an Easter Egg Hunt for both the little and big kids. Over 100 people attended.



Volunteers & Donors

Over the last few years, Crossthreadz has directly recruited and benefited from well over 100 volunteers (some long-term and some for a single event) and dozens of donors being committed to helping at-risk youth!

Results

We are so proud of our results – we would love to share the "success" story of any one of our mentees!

One mentee used to steal food to survive when he was 6 years old and his parents would leave him with no adult supervision. His mother has been incarcerated on and off for years. Under Crossthreadz mentorship, he is now the recipient of a full ride \$300,000 scholarship to an elite university.

After Chris speaks, he regularly has kids come up to him in tears or sharing stories of abuse. Crossthreadz is able to direct these kids to the right places so they can receive adequate, proper help.

Another mentee who grew up with an incarcerated parent is now a young singlemom who completed her high school diploma! Her high school principal told a Crossthreadz mentor that less than 50% of the freshmen at her high school graduated as seniors. But wait, there's more – this mentee just finished her associates degree in December 2009!

Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ending (December 31, 2010)

ENDING NET ASSETS	\$	487
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Statement of Activities

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES		
AND GAINS	\$11,422	
Total Expenses and Losses	\$11,424	