

Fr. Martin's Reflection – October 22, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We welcome back the members of the Corona Self Help Center who will again be speaking to you at all the Masses next weekend, October 28th & 29th.

Over the past years your support has been invaluable. Donations have been used to support their work allowing them to continue to offer their services for free. Thanks to your generosity, many people are on the road to recovery. Your support is still desperately needed to enable them to continue their vital work with individuals directly affected by drug addiction and their families, as well as the communities in need of their services.

Your contribution truly makes a difference in helping this organization to carry out its mission of compassion and service. If you can support them in any way, know your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HISTORY OF CORONA SELF-HELP CENTER INC.

In 1982 at the "2nd International Congress of Alcoholics Anonymous 24 hours" in Mexico City several mothers, hopeless with their children's addiction approached our founder, Mr. David Cervantes and asked him; why aren't there more recovery options for drug addicts like those for alcoholics? This was the inspiration for a movement that would make an overwhelming difference on thousands of men, women and children who suffered from drug addiction. Drogadictos Anónimos (DA) a grassroots self-help organization was founded in 1983, becoming an effective alternative way to recovery from addiction, growing into a unique organization transcending frontiers and languages. Currently operating 36 facilities throughout Mexico serving over 4000 individuals and their families, following one simple principle of "One recovering addict helping another" offering a radical and spiritual impression on individuals who had not found the solution to their addiction. In 1999 a group of addicts that experienced firsthand the consequences of their addiction and initiated their recovery in one of our existing groups in Mexico City migrated to the United States. Once here in the U.S. together with other members in need of their own sustained recovery founded and incorporated The Corona Self-Help Center Inc. as a 501 (c) 3 Community based organization. We currently operate in high need areas where residents are exposed to high crime and poverty rates like South Miami in Dade County Florida and the Tri-State area of New York. With two recovery residences in New York, (Staten Island and Corona); and three in South Florida (Miami and West Palm Beach) serving over two hundred individuals and their families. We are currently in the process of opening a home in New Jersey. "God saw it was necessary and created The Corona Self-Help Center, Inc." Thank you again for all your support.

All donations are tax deductible.

Any questions, please call (908) 731-5300

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