

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Reentry Faith-Based Mentors and Mentees of the Year--February 20

Testimony of Challenges and Successful Reentry--Dynamic Faith-Based Choir

Media Interviews Available--Hundreds in Attendance

New radio show with CSOSA Director Nancy Ware on reentry in D.C. available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/audio/2014/01/reentry-d-c-upcoming-events-interview-nancy-ware-200th-radio-show/>

Television show (*with footage from previous event*) available at <http://media.csosa.gov/podcast/video/2012/09/faith-based-initiatives-for-offender-reentry-dc-public-safety-television/>

**WHO:** Faith-based mentors and the men and women they assist.

**WHAT:** A focus on those returning from prison that made successful transitions with the assistance of faith-based mentors.

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 20, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capitol St. SE, Washington, DC 20019. Parking available in the rear.

**WHY:** Each year, approximately 2,300 men and women return from federal correctional institutions (via CSOSA supervision) to the District of Columbia. Faith-based volunteers provide support, encouragement, fellowship and resources. Many credit mentors for their successful adjustment. CSOSA supervises and assists approximately 14,000 people on parole, supervised release or probation daily.

**Background:** The Faith-Based Initiative began in 2002. As of June, 2013, 154 faith institutions and 224 mentors remained actively engaged with the program, resulting in 183 mentees being matched with a mentor. Approximately 788 mentees have successfully completed the program since August 2007.

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