



Dismas Charities - Good Neighbors



Dismas residents painting a railroad overpass

Over the past 45 years Dismas Charities, has developed a firm and deserved reputation as a valued neighbor and community and corporate partner to businesses and citizens where we locate our programs. To support the delivery of our broad array of services, Dismas often purchases vacant or dilapidated buildings and *totally* refurbishes them, often creating the most attractive structures in the neighborhood. Since 1964 Dismas Charities has invested over \$56.9 million in buildings and improvements in neighborhoods across Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, Mississippi, Arizona, Alabama and West Virginia. We have also logged over

\$302 million in salaries, goods and services purchased in those neighborhoods, and taxes paid. Because Dismas firmly believes in shopping and hiring in its own backyard, the local community realizes the gains. Additionally, government statistics show that property values are enhanced, and crime decreases.

Dismas Charities prides itself in being able to walk arm-in-arm with community leaders who understand that our role is not simply to re-integrate offenders into their communities. Rather, we become actively involved in the community around us so that the name Dismas Charities is synonymous with civic pride and enhancement.

Following is a small sampling of hundreds of letters of support we receive every year. We're very excited about our successes and the work we do. And we firmly believe that once you take a serious look at our agency you'll agree wholeheartedly.

Raymond J. Weis

**President/CEO
Dismas Charities, Inc.**

As a resident of Old Louisville, I know the importance of good neighbors. Your property is always well maintained and always quiet. For that, I want to personally thank you. When I purchased my current property within a block of Dismas Charities, I must admit I did have some concerns about the neighborhood. However, those concerns were never with Dismas. I know how your facility is run, and I know the neighborhood is stronger for your presence here. We really are indebted to you. As always Dismas is neat, orderly and quiet. It stands as a shining example of strong leadership in a top-notch facility. You have no idea how strongly you affect (the community).

Jerry Birschbach
Neighborhood Leader

When your facility first opened, we were apprehensive concerning your presence next to our facility. Once we were familiar with your mission and the attention that you paid to security, you eliminated our concerns. Since your organization arrived next door, we have not experienced incidents of any kind associated with your presence. You run a tight ship and we look forward to our continued association with Dismas Charities.

Tony Smith, Western Refining
Tucson, AZ



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The excellent quality of your work in operating a community corrections center under contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons has increased economic development...increased public safety (and) the crime rate decreased significantly. It is a credit to have such an organization as professional as this operating in Las Cruces (NM).

Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

Dismas has actually increased the value of the areas in which they invest. Their goals and mission are true to the heart....

Joe Adame, Mayor of Corpus Christi and
President of Joe Adame & Associates real estate
Corpus Christi, TX

Dismas Charities shines as one of the bright lights in our community, quietly providing a residence, job training and life skills to people who otherwise would face overwhelming challenges in their attempts to regain a place in society. You give confidence and dignity and most of all hope, to people who have paid for their mistakes and want a second chance. I thank you, and I know the citizens of Hattiesburg thank you for all that you do to better life here in the Pinebelt.

Deborah D. Delgado, Councilwoman
City of Hattiesburg, MS

...I remember fondly the partnership the City of Owensboro and Dismas developed together when I was Mayor of Owensboro from 1988-1995. I'm very proud that our community embraced Dismas and that we had a special partnership between City Hall and Dismas. When I left City Hall and became president of the Owensboro Chamber, we extended those partnerships in new ways. I was thrilled with the way Dismas fit in with our community and worked with the community in ways that were mutually beneficial.

David Adkisson, Former Owensboro (KY) Mayor
President/CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

I have been exposed to community corrections across this country and in my opinion (your facility) is one of the top centers in the country.

Joe R. Williams, Secretary of Corrections
New Mexico Corrections Department

Dismas has been with us every step of the way. Other agencies have dropped out, but not Dismas. Every time we meet, someone is with us to personally explain the benefits of Dismas. At one year, our recidivism rate was twenty percent lower than the national average. Dismas is a great resource. In addition to providing necessary services, they also hold offenders accountable. It is a rare combination. The Director and her staff are...a truly caring group of individuals.

Carolyn L. Miller, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney
Lexington, KY

Dismas Charities has demonstrated a commitment to its facility through ongoing renovation, expansion and equipment. The El Paso Police Department is proud to support the efforts of Dismas Charities El Paso.

Richard D. Wiles, Former Chief of Police
El Paso, TX

Dismas maintains a high level of accountability...an asset to the community.



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Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, TX

I have ... been a witness to the vast improvements a neighborhood undergoes when a Dismas facility is opened and in operation. Not only does Dismas bring about positive changes in the lives of people, it has a tremendous reputation for bringing new life to a community.

David P. Schneidtmiller Jr., President
Tri-City Distributing, Inc.
Louisville, KY

The importance of Dismas Charities Inc. cannot be overstated. The benefits derived from participating in the program are many, and because of you and your staff's professionalism and dedication, the opportunities for our successful re-entry into society are greatly enhanced. I applaud your organization's professionalism, dedication, patience, and commitment to change. Dismas Charities Inc. has proven to be an invaluable resource for personal growth and development.

F.L.C., Former Resident

I feel that Dismas Charities...operates according to the highest ethical and program standards. The program has a strong role in the local community, serving as a role model of how a corrections facility should be run. The local operation also complements the excellent reputation which Dismas Charities holds nationwide, under highly qualified and professional leadership.

Stephen L. Enders, Director
West Texas Community Supervision & Corrections Dept.

I am pleased with the amount of contact Dismas Charities has made with various local organizations in our area...Dismas has a great history of working successfully in many communities across the country....

Henry Garrett, former Mayor
Corpus Christi, TX

We are proud to be the neighbor to Dismas Charities...located behind our hotel. The property always looks great and the ladies are quiet. We believe Dismas Charities...is a very valuable asset to the community and a great inspiration on others to come.

Fairfield Inn Hotel, Former Manager
Owensboro, KY

I am excited about the prospect of working with Dismas Charities in providing a resource for mentoring troubled youth in our community.

T. R. Bellamy, Chief of Police
Greensboro, NC

... Dismas applicants are usually among the most literate and professional that we hire. Secondly, the availability of Dismas staff to us has always been outstanding. All levels of staff at Dismas are consistent and immediate responders, and daily follow-up is a reliable part of our relationship.

Gail Magruder, Director of Human Resources
The Telephone Centre, Inc.



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Greensboro, NC

In addition to helping an individual respect one's self, Dismas also instills the need to respect others in every way possible. A prime example of this are the beautiful landscapes and well maintained facilities that Dismas operates. Many of these facilities are the shining star in their neighborhood! Dismas Charities is an organization that gives back to the community and encourages the men and women in their programs to give back as well. Helping these men and women acclimate into society as productive, caring humans is a skill in which Dismas excels.

Marianne Butler, Councilwoman
Louisville, KY

...an important asset to the community.

William B. Green, Publisher
Laredo (TX) Morning News

As a federal law enforcement officer for 29 years along the Texas border I have seen what drugs and crime have done to our families and communities. Your work contributions are indispensable.

Juan M. Escobar
Texas House of Representatives

Thank you, not only for the great outpouring of generosity our mission children received...but also...at Christmas time and at the beginning of each school year!

Sister Theresa Sarich, OSU
Santa Monica Mission, Laredo, TX

It is my belief that (Dismas) is successful not only because of the guiding philosophy and principles of the organization, but its selection of well-trained people of high quality, commitment, and dedication. Time and again, we found you and your program to measure up to the highest levels of the established standards.

Steven Trowbridge, Former City Councillor
Las Cruces, NM

If it were not for Dismas Charities ... these individuals would be revoked back to prison. Instead, a partner such as Dismas, provides these clients a second chance. Dismas ... is good at what they do and that is Healing the Human Spirit.

Eric Buckley, Branch Manager
Kentucky Department of Corrections

...a peaceful and productive program....

Lt. Mike Nichols
Lubbock County (TX) Sheriff's Department

There are so many ways this community is helped by the work of these men and women. We count on them for regular community service projects...countless neighborhood association projects and various local park clean-up efforts.

Jerry E. Abramson, Mayor
Louisville, KY



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I am a strong advocate for business involvement in the improvement of our city, preferably neighborhoods in East Lubbock. I not only commend Dismas Charities for assisting individuals...but I applaud your efforts to enhance the appearance of the establishments as well as the appearance of nearby properties.

Floyd Price, Councilman
Lubbock TX

Dismas has operated successfully in our community by providing a safe and effective reentry service for returning offenders (and) has been extremely conscientious in its cleanup and beautification efforts, and I truly appreciate the hard work and time you have invested in this commitment to the community.

Tom Martin, Mayor
Lubbock, TX

In addition to providing excellent services, Dismas strives to be an outstanding neighbor for the community. All facilities are immaculately maintained and are often the most presentable buildings in the neighborhood.

Dennis Horlander, State Representative
Commonwealth of Kentucky

I was so pleased with (residents) work and their accountability...that I've made referrals to other businessmen who have also hired them. The community as a whole has benefited from the facility, as many of the men and women who have been released, I've seen out in public, and all have high praises for the facility and how it literally changed their lives....

Robert Hodges, Owner
L&B Lawn Services
Memphis, TN

...over the years, we have shared a working relationship with your facility which has been beneficial to our staff, but more importantly, to the clients we both serve. We have found your staff to be professional and accommodating while working toward the mutual goal of assimilating prisoners into society as productive citizens.

Ellen S. Moore, Chief U.S. Probation Officer
Macon, GA

I have received nothing but complimentary comments regarding you and your staff.

William C. Morrow, Former County Judge
Midland, TX

As a new business owner...I am pleasantly surprised and amazed of the low key presence of your facility. Your lot is always clear of trash and debris, in which I appreciate very much. No one could guess or ever think that your place is a facility that houses individuals who have just been recently released from prison. I am pleased to be your neighbor and appreciate your efforts in maintaining such high standards.

Fitzgerald Moore, Owner
M&M Detail Shop
Nashville, TN