

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2016-1447

DATE: December 6, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 6th day of December, 2016, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes the dedicated employees, volunteers, and community partners of the Dallas County Juvenile Department who work together to uplift and give Dallas County's youngest residents the promise of a better tomorrow. Together, they work to create opportunities for personal growth and enrichment and instilling a sense of pride in their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Dallas County Juvenile Department is to assist referred youth in becoming productive, law abiding citizens, while promoting public safety and victim restoration. As one of the largest juvenile departments in Texas, the Dallas County Juvenile Department is committed to "putting youth first" when making decisions for the youth who join the formal juvenile system each year. In 2015, 5,900 youth were referred to Dallas County's Juvenile Department; and

WHEREAS, Café Momentum and Dallas County Juvenile Department proudly collaborate to benefit at-risk youth. Café Momentum's exceptional post-release program inspires Dallas County youth to tap into their creativity. Café Momentum is a socially innovative program, a culinary training facility, that not only helps youth learn valuable skills, it also helps them address basic needs such as healthcare, housing, and legal support. These young adults receive life skills training, build self-confidence, learn responsibility in a supportive, safe environment that allows them to dream and discover hidden talents. The recidivism rate for Café Momentum clients is 15% compared to 47% for other juveniles, saving taxpayers \$172,800 per successful client; and

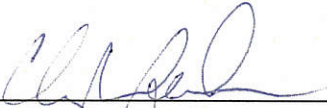
WHEREAS, Café Momentum will be featured on The Hero Effect, a docu-series on the Oprah Winfrey Network, celebrating everyday heroes making an impact in their communities. Dallas County juvenile offenders have an advocate, friend, and champion in Mr. Chad Houser, founder of Café Momentum; and

WHEREAS, Kristine Colunga, Ka'Juan Jolly, Jedarrrian Jones, Isaac Nuncio, and Dayton Swift are currently working with Café Momentum and are all making positive strides in the program.


- Kristine Colunga attends Mountain View College and hopes to be a nurse one day. Ms. Colunga is a proud mother to a baby girl and uses her past to motivate her.
- Ka'Juan Jolly's goal is to obtain a culinary degree and open his own restaurant. Mr. Jolly has learned important life skills and strives to be an excellent father to his son.
- Jedarrrian Jones is in ninth grade and eventually plans to earn a business degree. In just a short time, Mr. Jones has developed amazing customer skills that routinely results in positive feedback from Café Momentum's visitors.
- Issac Nuncio will be graduating from high school in January and is applying to Brookhaven College to enroll in Ford Motor Company's Automotive Student Service Educational Training Program. The support and encouragement Mr. Nuncio receives at Café Momentum helped him believe in himself and see a future for himself.
- Dayton Swift is taking advantage of every opportunity while working at Café Momentum. Mr. Swift's dream is to become a professional chef. He uses his past experiences as the reason for his success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby celebrate the young men and woman who chose to overcome difficult circumstances with resilience and courage. We wish you every success! When the sky is the limit, there are no limits. The Dallas County Commissioners Court thanks the Dallas County Juvenile Department staff and volunteers for their service to our most precious commodity, Dallas County youth and future leaders. Sincerest gratitude to Café Momentum for believing in second chances and looking beyond the stigma.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 6th day of December, 2016.



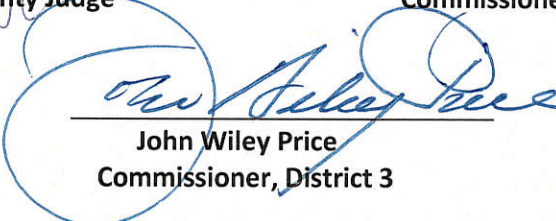
Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge




Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
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Mike Cantrell
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Commissioner, District 3



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