



## Directors Corner

*May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018*

On April 28th we had our annual LifePoints Gospel Sing. It was held at Five Points in Washington. The evening opened with group singing and then three groups shared their talents in a selection of songs. The attendance varies from year to year and the attendance was down a bit this year. We were able to live stream the event and to archive it. A large number of people across the country and across the world were able to listen live and many others were able to listen at a later time. It will be archived on our web site (<http://www.aclifepoints.org/GospelSing.asp>) for people to listen to at their convenience.

The event is held as a fund raiser but more importantly it brings people together in a bond of support for the work of Apostolic Christian LifePoints. There was a testimony by a parent of someone at Timber Ridge. It is very touching to hear the family experience of having a child with special needs and knowing when to seek a place for them to live. It is also heartwarming to hear them share how they are able to trust staff to care for their family member and how it becomes part of their life.

In May the new CILA on Jay Avenue will open and four new people will come into the agency for services. Two of the new people will be from out of state. As a part of being considered there is an admission interview. It is another chance to hear the heart of the person who wants to come and to hear their family share what life was like at home, what their needs are now, why they want to come and the things they have to work through in order to pass some of their responsibility from family to staff.

In the process of these changes we learn what it is like to be responsible for someone who continues to have support needs after adulthood. We never hear parents complain. We know they have had to expend a great deal in time and resources in order to meet these needs but they have adjusted to them as the “normal” for their family. It is an example of love and a reminder to each of us to embrace the role God has given us. It is easy and tempting to look at others and think that role would be easier or more desirable but we believe God chooses well and our task is to find contentment and acceptance in the place he has chosen for us.

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