

Did you know there is a women's prison in our community?

The Halbert Unit is a 612-bed facility in Burnet, Texas. **Over 1100 female offenders pass through Burnet each year to complete a 6-8 month drug and alcohol recovery program.** Most of them are first time offenders, but some come from longer sentences to complete this program before going home on parole. These women will be returning to neighborhoods all across Texas.

Treatment Programs: Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF); In-Prison Therapeutic Community (IPTC); Recovery Programs by MTC.

Educational Programs: Windham School District, GED and Hospitality Programs

Community Work: Services provided to local agencies and schools, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Chaplaincy, AA/NA Volunteer Programs and Initiatives: Substance Abuse Education, Employment, Life Skills Classes, Parent and Family Reunification Programs and Classes, Support Groups, Mentoring, Faith-Based Classes, Services and Activities.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) runs this facility at 800 Ellen Halbert Drive in Burnet. Current TDCJ directors actively encourage and support the use of faith program volunteers to help offenders become useful citizens and to be reintegrated into society.

Let's build a place for their faith to take root.

Help with the Joseph's Hammer project

- **Chapel plans were finalized after a 21-month approval process with TDCJ.**
- **Since 2018, Joseph's Hammer has raised over \$1,800,000.**
- **We need \$700,000 to begin construction.**

Your donations will help transform lives for eternity.

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We're raising the roof!

Joseph's Hammer is in the last phase of fundraising for the 8,250-square-foot chapel facility for faith-based classes and related activities at the women's prison in Burnet, Texas. The new building will provide a place for volunteers to share God's love, healing and grace to this prison community.

Make a difference in the lives of these women, and you'll change the future of their children. The new facility will make room for dedicated volunteers to touch the lives of thousands of families across Texas.



Ellen Halbert was raped, stabbed, and left for dead in her own home. She responded by revolutionizing the Texas State Criminal Justice System, the world's largest. Halbert also lobbied for the State of Texas to build the women's facility in Burnet, Texas, and now wholeheartedly supports the faith-based programs.

Why is it important?

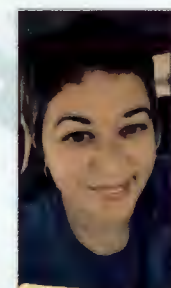
The recidivism rate at Ellen Halbert is one of the lowest in the nation. This is due to the special combination of rehabilitation, education and chaplaincy programs offered there. The State of Texas ran out of funds for a chapel when the unit was built. The chaplain often has to turn women away from special programs and classes due to lack of space.

In America, 2.7 million children (1 in 28) currently have a parent behind bars. Today more than 7 percent of all U.S. children have had a parent incarcerated at some point in their lives.

Testimonies



I feel like I have been given a second chance at life with all of the tools that I learned in this program. I now have love and compassion for people. God has restored so many areas of my life and is doing for me what I could not do for myself. My thinking has changed to consider the ripple effect of my behavior before I act. I have been home a little over a year now and have a life that I have always dreamed of. You have changed my life forever!
J.B.



I was at Ellen Halbert last year, and I would like to say thank you. You made a difference in my life, and I am still walking with God. I have two daughters graduating, one from college and one from high school. The Breaking Free Bible Study helped me to see myself as God sees me. Blessed,
D. M.

*Set me free from my prison,
that I may praise your name.
Psalm 142:7*