

BREAKING BARRIERS BUILDING BRIDGES QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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THE MAIC RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS PINNACLE AWARD AT THE 2025 GRIND AWARDS

The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) is proud to celebrate its Executive Director, Mrs. Aisha K. Davis, as a recipient of the 2025 Pinnacle Award at the Grind Small Business Awards Ceremony. The Grind Awards honor individuals and small businesses who remain committed to their “grind” consistently putting in the work and making a meaningful impact in their communities. This prestigious recognition was presented during an evening of elegance and honor on Sunday, November 9, 2025, where Mrs. Davis, her team, and fellow honorees were celebrated for their outstanding contributions to community advancement and transformation.

The Pinnacle Award is the highest and most prestigious honor presented by The Grind Awards. It recognizes exceptional leaders, entrepreneurs, and organizations whose sustained excellence, impact, and commitment to community development set them apart as true pillars of influence. Pinnacle Award recipients exemplify visionary leadership, resilience, and a lasting legacy of service embodying the very essence of “the grind” through their dedication to uplifting others while achieving remarkable success.

Under Mrs. Davis’ leadership, MAIC has continued to expand its reach and deepen its impact across Mobile County, advancing justice, reconciliation, and compassionate service through faith-driven collaboration. From reentry and chaplaincy programs to advocacy, community partnerships, and interfaith unity, her leadership reflects a tireless commitment to restoring dignity, creating opportunity, and building pathways to second chances for those often overlooked.

This honor not only celebrates Mrs. Davis’ leadership and service, but also affirms the powerful mission of MAIC and the collective work of its staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Together, they continue to demonstrate what it truly means to live “the grind” serving with purpose, leading with integrity, and transforming lives through compassion, faith, and action.



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MAIC FEATURED ON STUDIO 10

MAIC Executive Director, Aisha Davis and Longtime Volunteer, Retha Niedecken recently joined FOX10's Chelsey Sayasane on Studio 10 to share exciting details about the "Season of Giving & Gratitude" Holiday Gala, a beautiful evening focused on hope, second chances, and strengthening our community.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY GALA!

The 2025 Season of Giving & Gratitude Holiday Gala was an evening filled with excitement, compassion, and extraordinary generosity. Set in the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf with a view of Mobile Bay, the Master of Ceremony, Attorney Greg Harris II, guided the evening's events with grace and enthusiasm, while The Excelsior Band entertained us with unforgettable musical experience. Guests participated in the silent auction, danced, and enjoyed food and drink. During the evening, MAIC honored volunteers who have served our Neighbors in the Chaplaincy Program and The Neighbor Center:



- **Louise Wilber – Lifetime Achievement in Advancing Education**, an award for building a legacy of learning and second chances within the Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program
- **Margaret East – 2025 Volunteer of The Year**, an award for her outstanding service, unwavering dedication, and inspiring commitment to the Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program
- **Archdiocese of Mobile Prison Ministry Volunteers – 2025 Extraordinary Service & Dedication**, an award for the Ministry's long-term service, support, and unwavering dedication to the Chaplaincy Program and providing second chances.

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN ADVANCING EDUCATION

Louise Wilber

MAIC Chaplaincy Program

Building a Legacy of Learning and Second Chances

2025 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Margaret East

MAIC Chaplaincy Program

Outstanding Service ~ Unwavering Dedication ~ Inspiring Commitment

2025 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE & DEDICATION

Archdiocese of Mobile

Prison Ministry Volunteers

MAIC Chaplaincy Program

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MAIC is grateful to everyone who donated to, and worked, the Silent Auction. It was an enormous success, and fun was had by all. We also want to thank our extraordinary neighbors who courageously shared their personal journeys with The Neighbor Center. This unforgettable celebration reflects the power of unity, generosity, and compassion in action. The evening was made possible through the generosity of the sponsors, and we thank them for their invaluable support:

- Mobile County Commissioners
- Mobile County Sheriff's Office
- CRE Mobile
- State Rep. Adline Clarke
- Ephriam & Associates
- StandUp Mobile
- Promises of Life
- A Place Called Home

We also extend heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated MAIC staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors, whose hard work and commitment brought this vision to life. Please visit our website: www.mobileareainterfaith.org/photos to view photos from this exciting evening.

Stuff the Box



Hygiene Items Needed are:

Large or Small Toothpaste in Tube | Large or Small deodorant Stick | Large or Small Soap Bars | Shampoo/ Clear Bottle - VO5 or White Rain - Large or Small | Conditioner/ Clear Bottle - VO5 or White Rain - Large or Small
White Undergarments and Crew Socks | Large Print Soft Cover Bibles in NIV and KJV

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MAIC EDUCATES YOUTH ON OPIOID AWARENESS

Celine Aubert, Peer Mentor and Case Manager with the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC), recently visited the Semmes Boys & Girls Club to lead an important discussion on “The Dangers of Opioid Use” with middle and high school students. The presentation focused on prevention, awareness, and empowering young people to make informed and healthy choices. We extend a special thank-you to the Boys & Girls Club for inviting MAIC to engage with their students. Opportunities like these are vital in addressing the opioid epidemic and reinforcing that prevention is key.

MAIC ANNOUNCES THE PASSING OF OUR FOUNDING DIRECTOR, MR. DAN WILLIAMS

Mr. Dan Williams played an instrumental role in launching several faith-based initiatives that continue to serve our community today. His dedication and vision left a lasting impact that will be felt for generations.

Dan dedicated his life to community service. Dan remained a devoted supporter of the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) even after his retirement, consistently encouraging and uplifting the mission of interfaith collaboration and service. His legacy of faith, compassion, and commitment to others will not be forgotten. Dan lost his battle with Multiple Myeloma on December 30, 2025.

Dan Williams will be deeply missed by his family, friends and colleagues. Most of the people Dan served (the homeless, inmates, poor, and marginalized), may have never known or even met Dan Williams, but each of them will continue to be blessed by his grace and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to the Mobile County Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program in care of Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC), 3929 Airport Boulevard. Mobile, Al 36609.

