

Please join us in the powerful experience of a Truth Be Told Graduation on Tuesday, November 30th. Your presence will help heal the hearts of an invisible group of women behind bars in Gatesville, Texas.

Truth Be Told provides transformational tools to women behind and beyond bars. You are invited to participate as a compassionate and supportive witness at this presentation and celebration of incarcerated women who have completed Truth Be Told's first semester of TALK TO ME classes at Gatesville's Hilltop Prison.

When: Tuesday, November 30, 5:30-7:30 pm (must arrive by 4:15 for briefing)
Where: Hilltop Prison (a minimum security TDCJ women's prison), Gatesville, TX

Please RSVP by Monday, November 15, by sending an email to office@truth-be-told.org
We will then contact you to gather additional information required by the prison for their pre-screening process. Please provide us with your home and cell phone numbers when you RSVP.

We will be limited to 17 guests, so the first 17 to respond with full name and contact information will be accepted and put on the list. We will send an email to those who RSVP with further information about dress code, directions from Waco and Temple to Hilltop prison, and dinner afterward for those who want to attend and debrief.

MORE ABOUT THE TRUTH BE TOLD GRADUATION

All TBT programs focus on Communication skills development, Community building and Creativity. The creativity in our classes becomes a tool for redirecting emotional turmoil into creative arts and outlets other than depression or aggression.

This graduation celebrates the inmates' completion of a fifteen-week course called the Talk to Me (TTM) class series. Beginning with Part 1, two classes (TTM Speaking and TTM Circle) learned skills of public speaking and writing, to tell the story of their PAST: the experiences they had and choices they made that brought them to prison. Four of the students have been chosen by their peers to tell that story to you on Graduation day.

In Part 2, TTM-Discovery class, the two classes joined to form a larger community of women sharing the value of personal and spiritual growth and using the same tools. Their attention is focused on the PRESENT with the tools of deeper self knowledge, and more creativity: art, movement, meditation, creative writing, and extemporaneous speaking.

At this graduation, you will hear every participant's voice as the women perform or share in some creative way what they have discovered about themselves as they've faced the trauma and secrets of their past, and moved into a safe community for truth telling and character building.

For inmates, the experience of being listened to by respectful and compassionate witnesses is rare. TBT graduation witnesses are typically deeply moved by the courage and honesty of these women. The mutually supportive community that has developed among the women is also inspiring. A Truth Be Told graduation is often a transformative experience for both inmates and guests. We especially need guests from Waco, Temple, and Gatesville to witness this journey with us.