

Social Justice Advocacy Actions by: Jeremy Gillentine

1. I have worked with Clients who were unable to afford their sessions. I arranged for a church to cover the cost of the client's sessions at a discounted rate and then advocated for the client to receive additional sessions when they ran out.
2. One of my clients had gotten into an altercation with his mom. After several weeks of meeting together, I was able to submit a letter to the judge to advocate that the judge considers the efforts made by my client to improve his outlook and demeanor and the progress he had made.
3. I helped one client to go get the testing needed to access the accommodations needed at their university due to dyslexia and ADHD.
4. My dissertation is focused on mutually satisfying sexual intimacy in Christian married couples. This is an area needing to be addressed because often the sexual needs of women are overlooked. One hope is that the work produced may help other couples to have a better focus on "mutually" satisfying sexual intimacy.
5. I was able to help one client who had felony assault on his record to find a place to rent. He had been trying for some time and was repeatedly turned down. This client was on the verge of being homeless but is now renting a room where he is safe and comfortable.
6. Many times, I have helped clients to see they have value and helped them to self-advocate for needs at school, work, etc. Many of these have been with clients I see at an alcohol and drug rehab facility who believed they are somehow second-class citizens because of their repeated poor choices. Several of the clients have been helped through positive self-talk word list to help them begin this process of thinking better of themselves, to then be better equipped to stand up for themselves.
7. I have sat with clients and helped them to role play various conversations regarding interactions with family members, co-workers, employers (future and present) etc. to help them to be confident in their ability to self-advocate.
8. I have worked with various groups to help provide the funding for the counseling services I provide at an alcohol and drug rehab residential facility.
9. I have presented information to a group to help to understand that alcohol and drug addicts are worth the effort and specifically trying to help overcome the perception that those people will always let you down. Even if this were accurate eight out of ten times, I encouraged them to consider each person as the two who were successful. I was able to connect this directly to the grace that God shows to us.

10. I advocated for a young teenage single mother of a newborn whose parents had recently died to be placed in a mother and her baby program that a children's home has implemented.