



*Master Magician David Blaine performs exciting tricks for Crossroads residents.*

## **Master Magician David Blaine Visits Crossroads Juvenile Center**

On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Juvenile Justice, residents were mesmerized by a visit from the Master Magician and Illusionist, David Blaine. Born in Brooklyn, New York, David Blaine has performed magic on stage for celebrities all over the world, but gave his best performance standing next to juveniles at Crossroads Juvenile Center in Brooklyn, performing *street magic*. The Magician is known for his mysterious, theatrical style, deep monotone voice and astounding illusions.

Blaine has been buried alive, drowned alive, frozen in ice, and suspended five stories over Times Square in New York City, but the most magical moment was the look of astonishment by youth and staff alike at Crossroads after witnessing the magician up close and in person.

Blaine expressed the importance of developing programs where residents are taught tricks as opposed to just being entertained. Blaine expressed that if we can get the residents interested in other activities such as magic, in his case, this may be a vehicle to keep them out of trouble.

“The opportunity to witness David Blaine doing his craft not only brought out the child in all of our residents, but staff as well, creating an enthusiasm that resonated throughout the facility for days following the actual program.” Deputy Director of Programs, Andre Mullings said.

