



To All of Your Wishes Coming True

Dear Family & Friends:

2014 was an eventful, rewarding, and yes a stressful year. Both JC and I have seen what may happen when we submit and align our will to the Almighty. It was not so very long ago, exactly four months that both of us were willing to walk away due to the restraints and constraints of funding. When God gives you something to do, He plans it to happen in His time, not ours. And so the journey continues.

Living Stones' desire is that the children and families of incarcerated parents have **"their wishes come true, too"** and with your gifts today, makes tomorrow a possibility for them. As the poem states-

***"Star light, star bright, First star I see tonight,
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have this wish I wish tonight."***

Together as partners, we may grant these children that wish.

As we move forward into the New Year, Living Stones is constantly reminded that our work is not yet finished. Both JC and I thank our Board of Directors who encourage us and push this engine with their time, talent, and treasure that helps us believe **"that we can do all things."**



There are also no words to express the tenacity and energy our volunteers bring in being our hands and feet to maintain this mission. It has kept us on the mark. Together with our interns from Florida A&M University as well as Florida State University, Living Stones is accomplishing mighty and wonderful works for our children and families.

The future is brighter. Living Stones is preparing for an awesome upcoming year to continue to bless our many adopted **"children."** **Partner with us**, so you also may experience and witness the children blossoming into good fruit. Your continued investment and support helps our children and families move to the next level of their success.



***"People don't care how much you know,
until you show them how much you care!"***

Cordially,



Gary and Josephine Montgomery
Founders, Living Stones International



Highlights of What Your Investment Accomplish in 2014:

Children of Inmates' Special Bonding Visits:

7 visits to Gadsden Women's Facility, Liberty Correctional Institution (CI), Wakulla CI Main Unit/Work Camp, and Wakulla Annex

Results:

- 101 children attended
- Bonding with 65 incarcerated parents
- 39 caregivers attended with children
- 62 volunteers and staff assisted as Social Observers for the program



Ministry:

- 1st Sundays Gadsden Re-Entry
- 2nd Sundays at Wakulla CI Annex, both morning and afternoon services
- 4th Sundays at Jackson CI
- Benevolence Assistance to 9 families
- Parenting Engagement classes taught prior to COI bonding sites

Presenter & Sponsor:

- Workshop presenters for Florida Juvenile Justice Association (trade association for Juvenile

Children of Importance (COI) After School Mentoring & Tutoring Program:

12 children participated in Monday and Thursday homework sessions, math and spelling drills with support from 12 students from Florida A&M University and Florida State University



Results showed improvement in one letter grade for 75% of children (9)

- Working on improving math grades for 25% of children next marking period (3)
- 5 of COI students during summer participated in 4H Club at Florida A&M University in August 2014

Interns / Volunteerism:

- 2300 volunteer hours valued at \$48,300
- 1,200 community service hours for ex-offenders
- 1,000 hours for fulfillment of probation requirements
- 6 interns: 3 BSWs and 2 MSWs from Florida State University and 1 intern: BSW from Florida A&M University

Living Stones send warm thanks to DJJ and their awesome volunteers

Justice professionals)

- Presented COI Program at The National Faith Symposium (sponsored by Department of Juvenile Justice, Children and Families, and Corrections)
- 2nd Annual Family Fun Day serving lunch to 1,300 individuals in a carnival atmosphere within the Bond neighborhood
- 2nd Annual Family Holiday Dinner providing a meal to children of inmates and their family, with gifts to over 75 children
- Distributing 50,000 lbs. of Farmshare food with Representative Alan Williams to 2,000 households

Grants:

- CHSP
- United Way
- The Beatitude Foundation
- Christian Prison Ministry
- Bi-Lo Holdings Foundation

Training:

- Chaplaincy training for 28 individual for Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

in assisting Living Stones with our 2nd Annual Holiday Family Fun Food & Fellowship Dinner & Toy Give Away.



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- Volunteer training for 45 individuals for Florida Department of Corrections



2nd Annual Holiday Family Fun Food and Fellowship Toy Give Away

Thanks to our Partners and Sponsors who made a difference in the lives of Children of Inmates this season by taking boxes and supporting our Toy Drive. A special Kudos goes out to Florida A&M University from the Office of the President and The Communications Department for collecting toys for our children.

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