

Living Stones' International

1st Annual Family Fun Day Sponsor Booklet



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Family Outreach Ministry Serving Families in Crisis

1st Annual Family Fun Day

Saturday, June 22, 2013

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

(850) 765-0320

www.welivingstones.org

HELD AT WALKER FORD COMMUNITY CENTER

2301 PASCO ST, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32310

Founders of Living Stones

As an organization in our community that works with the target population of families in crisis, we are asking you to sponsor our 1st Annual Family Fun Day, June 22, 2013, at Walker Ford Community Center; making the beginning of summer as a memorable event for families and children. We also want more than your sponsorship, but need your time as volunteers to help us create a fun atmosphere.



Gary & Josephine Montgomery

The Vision

In 2007, Living Stones International was established as an outreach ministry and non-profit **501(c) (3) organization** strengthening healthy relationship among family members; engaging fathers to be active in the lives of their children; actively engaging ex-offenders in the job/career market and as entrepreneurs; mentoring couples, both seriously dating, engaged, and married; and educating the community on the importance of family.

The Family fun Day is a fundraiser to maintain Living Stones' programs such as Children of Inmates, Fatherhood Initiative, Mentoring at-risk youth, and Parenting/Marriage curriculums.

Many of the families we serve are from the Bond community. As you may be aware, the Bond Community is situated in one of the highest crime areas of Tallahassee. Many of our children are negatively influenced by crime and violence perpetuated there.

Living Stones wants to demonstrate to children and families that they can have food, fun, and fellowship in their neighborhood. We want to build trust and make this event the beginning of them having a safe and fun summer.

Testimonies

T.S. is a student at FAMU with a 4.0 grade point average in architecture. His testimony is his life was changed while he attended the InsideOut Dad parenting class on what it meant to be a father, how and why to establish goals and maintain them.

CJ, whose father is serving a life sentence and an ex-offender himself at age 21, now attends Lively Technical School after enrolling in Living Stones' ex-offender support program. He's looking to pass his Electrician Helper license.

One particular Children of Inmates' son, EC, who did not see his father in ten years decided to attend his first bonding visit in December at Wakulla Correctional Institution. In doing so, his decision to attend college was made on the spot after visiting with his dad.



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

June 22, 2013

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to commend all of the families participating in Living Stones International's Family Fun Day. You have my best wishes for a great event that encourages and strengthens families.

Thank you for your continued and dedicated service to the families of your community. Your efforts to help family members pursue their dreams are greatly appreciated. On behalf of the people of our state, I appreciate your compassion and caring attitude for the families you are serving.

The community service of dedicated Floridians like you is essential to making our state the best place to live, work, and play. To assist you in reaching this goal, I am focused as Governor on three priorities for our state: making Florida the No. 1 place for businesses to succeed, keeping the cost of living low for families and businesses, and making sure our schools prepare students for the career or college of their dreams. As a result, Florida's economy is moving in the right direction because we have the right strategies in place.

I wish you an exciting and enjoyable Family Fun Day and a great beginning for a tradition to continue for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Alan B. Williams
Democratic Whip
District 8

Committees:
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Energy & Utilities
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May 14, 2013

Mr. Gary Montgomery, Master Chaplain
Living Stones International
604 Eugenia Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Dear Chaplain Montgomery,

It gives me great honor to commend Living Stones International (LSI) for coordinating the first Annual Family Fun Day scheduled for June 22, 2013 in the Bond Community. LSI outreach programs are priceless to the families you serve and this event is no different. This well thought occasion is perfect for bringing together families for fun, food and fellowship.

LSI has been strengthening families in the Big Bend Community for over 5 years by counseling couples and stressing the importance of fatherhood. Programs, such as, Fatherhood Initiative, Teen Dads and Children of Inmates has had an immeasurable effect. Providing fathers and teen dads with much needed parental skills, mentoring to at-risk youth and marriage counseling are invaluable to the community.

Thank you for being a role model and a mentor to many. You exemplify the wealth of talent and leadership with which our community so desperately needs. Through your positive efforts you have touched the lives of many people in our community and contributed to making Leon County and the surrounding area a better place to call home.

I wholeheartedly support the Living Stones International efforts and I would like to encourage others to assist you as you address this critical issue in our community and if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Warm regards,

Alan B. Williams

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June 22, 2013

Greetings Master Chaplin Montgomery and Living Stones International:

As Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, and on behalf of its citizens, I am pleased to express my support for the upcoming "*1st Annual Family Fun Day*" event at Walker Ford Community Center in the Bond neighborhood.

On a daily basis, my goal is to work towards the betterment and enhancement of this community for our citizens. Tallahassee is a special place, because we have citizens of all backgrounds that make it their personal goal to contribute to society. Due to this fact, I can truly say that the load I carry as Mayor is much lighter.

The Bond community means so much to me, because it has such a rich heritage. Moreover, many years ago, as a college student I was a resident of the Bond Community. Therefore, as Mayor of this great city, I support the mission of Living Stones International; to provide services and overall aid to the citizens of the Bond Community that need it most.

As you celebrate this wonderful occasion, it is my hope that it is a wonderful source of fun, fellowship, and empowerment for all in attendance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John R. Marks, III". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John R. Marks, III
Mayor, City of Tallahassee



From the Desk of Andrew D. Gillum
City Commission, Seat 2



May 3, 2013

Gary Montgomery, Master Chaplain
Living Stones International
604 Eugenia Street
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Greetings Chaplain Montgomery,

It is great that our community has people like you and organizations such as Living Stones International who are willing to work in the trenches to reach those who may not have ready access to opportunities that come so easily to others. Thank you for your efforts to bring hope, awareness and possibility through programs such as your Children of Inmates, Fatherhood Initiative, Teen Dads, mentoring at-risk youth, and parenting/marriage curriculums. Additionally, your inaugural June 2013 Annual Family Fun Day should help to bring a "brighter and lighter" side to life for the persons you are seeking to reach.

It is a personal goal as well as my passion as an elected official to help secure opportunities for youth that promote social responsibility, civic awareness, and leadership development. Yet, I realize as a familiar mantra states, "It takes a village to raise a child." It also takes "each one to reach one" to raise a community. Thank you for your efforts to help make Tallahassee a great place to live and work for all of our citizens.

*"There are those in our lives who encourage us to be a bright light in times of darkness.
Their presence demands attention and their courage ignites confidence in those around them."
-Antonio Jennings-*

Sincerely,

Andrew D. Gillum
City Commission, Seat 2

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Programs & Services



Children of
Inmates



Fatherhood



Mentoring



Marriage

Accomplishments

- In September 2012, Living Stones was appointed by Harbinger Media to showcase a first run movie, “Unconditional”, starring Lynn Collins and Michael Ealy. It featured these stars dealing in the same conditions many of our families find themselves, poverty, incarceration, and living in fear.
- As of February 2013, Living Stones has taught 934 total men, of which 630 were in the InsideOut Dad class at the Wakulla Correctional Institution.
- Increased volunteer hours by 300%, working with a dozen faith based agencies and two dozen volunteers ministering to at-risk youth housed at the Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center.
- Provided bonding visits for forty children, fifteen mothers/caregivers, and twenty-six incarcerated fathers at Wakulla Correctional Institution.
- As a Farmshare partner, Living Stones has provided over 24,000 pounds of vegetables and fruit to families since February 2013.

Current Sponsors:

Platinum Level: Chick-Fil-A at West Tennessee
Law offices of Mutaqee Akbar, PA
Refreshment Services Pepsi
The Service Network: Children of Inmates

Gold Level: Open

Silver Level: Anita Davis c/o Jake Gaither Community Center
Eric and Dr. Andrea Friall
Harvest of Life Ministries
Vino's Pizza

Sponsors Support Provides

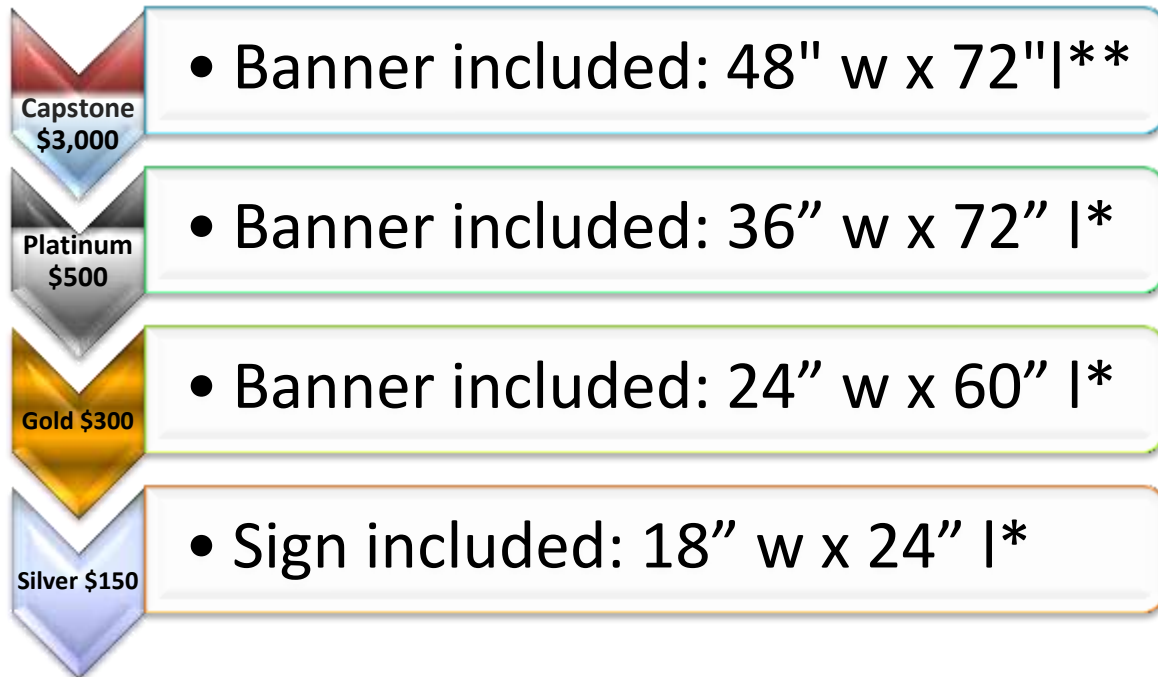
- hot dogs & hamburgers
- bouncers
- tents, tables & chairs
- stage for performers
- clowns & face painting
- popcorn machines
- snow cones & ice cream trucks
- insurance & security
- advertising & promotions
- maintenance supplies



Fun Activities for the “Whole Family”

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| • Live Performances/DJ | Hula Hoop Contests | Basketball |
| • Vendors | Swimming | Best Face Painting |
| • Antique Cars | Games | Balloon Animals |

Sponsorship Levels



(Capstone, a sponsor of total event, with listing on all promotional materials**)
(*Includes listing on promotional materials*)**



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We give you three easy ways to sponsor:

- Visit us on the Web
- Mail it to us
- Stop by the office

