

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Living Stones' Open House  
October 26, 2017



### LIVING STONES OPEN HOUSE

When: October 26, 2017

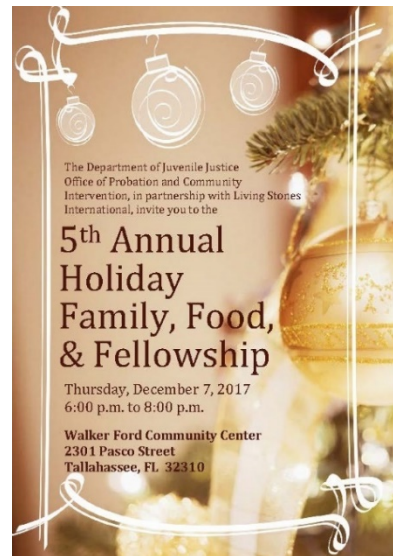
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Time: 5 PM—7 PM

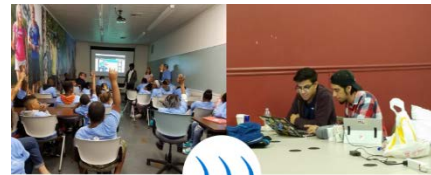
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5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Dinner  
December 7, 2017



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February 17, 2018



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# Stones' Report



## Disaster Preparedness

The calm before Storm Irma as with all storms creates havoc for people, families, and their belongings and inside of the eye there is peace. The email that was previously sent out that you opened was to extend our hands to your families in time of need during this storm.

Yet there is another preparedness that is not on our radar. Those who are returning from prison as our neighbors. There are at least 1,000 men and women returning to Leon County that will need jobs, housing and support. Did you know...in Leon County, Living Stones, through our research, has found 2,000 children growing up with a dad, mom or both in prison? AN ESTIMATED 2.2 MILLION INMATES IN THE NATION'S PRISONS ARE PARENTS TO 2,700,000 MINOR CHILDREN, PER PRISON FELLOWSHIP. 600,000 ARE RETURNING TO COMMUNITIES THIS YEAR.

Crime in Tallahassee is rising. There is a direct correlation that if we are not preparing them before they leave prison to assimilate as our neighbors, then the consequences of 30% returning to prisons is what costs us billions of dollars. Joining with Living Stones, a leader in this field, enables us to prepare these moms and dads, engage them to be more active in the lives of their children, and provide an environment for their success in our communities.

Are you helping these moms and dads for preparedness coming from prison? Ask yourself that question today. Yet, PREPAREDNESS works well when we are proactive. Living Stones has made plans to assist incarcerated moms and dads eighteen months before release directly helping them to build their re-entry plan; assisting them with building a healthy relationship with their children; bridging the gap with their caregivers so both are accountable for parenting; and accessing resources in partnerships with other organizations, businesses, and communities to transition moms and dads back to their neighbors successfully.

Be a part of the solution today. Join us in assisting moms and dads leaving prison transition successfully into our neighborhoods. Please visit Living Stones' website, [www.welivingstones.org](http://www.welivingstones.org) for further information to volunteer some time, write those donation checks, give online securely, or call us about planned giving, too!

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**Living Stones' mission** is strengthening healthy relationships among family members; engaging fathers and mothers to be active in the lives of their children; mentoring engaged and married couples; and advocating the importance of family to our legislated and government officials. The mission is based on 1 Peter 2:4-9, being "lively stones." "Lively Stones" care about what is happening to moms and dads coming out of prison.

As Living Stones International (LSI) celebrates its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, board and staff make way for the next ten years, we are asking our supporters, partners, and individuals to continue to pray for us to serve His people with our best. Know that the next ten years paves the way to a bold new path for Living Stones and its "Stone Builders."



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## Return on Investment



Living Stones serves children and families of inmates with programs and services that provides intervention and preventive measures. As stakeholders and partners, your funds help Living Stones achieve the following results in 2016 / 2017:

1) **350 children** attending special quarterly bonding visits with their moms, dads and grandparents at 5 state prison facilities.

2) **95 families** and their children offered targeted case management by staff of Living Stones and referral services to collaborative partners.

3) **45 children** attended Children of Value After School Tutoring & Mentoring Programs

4) **300 families** participated in breaking of bread for Annual Family Holiday Dinner while Living Stones with leadership from DJJ Office of Probation and Community Intervention gave away toys/gifts to over 500 children.



Continue to support our programs and services through online giving at [welivingstones.org](http://welivingstones.org) or remit payment to: **Living Stones International, PO Box 6747, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6747.**

Call (850) 765-0320 to tour our facility.

## LSI Programs & Services



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Living Stones International (LSI), is a faith-based children, family and social service organization, that works with children and families who have an incarcerated parent. It is our mission to Strengthen 1 marriage, Save 1 Family, and Raise Up 1 child at a time.

Our programs and services build and improve healthy relationships. LSI delivers a comprehensive, program to address the effects of parental incarceration on children and their families. Services include one-to-one, group and mentoring services to justice-involved youth who are fathers and mothers in addition to services for the entire family.

*LSI builds on protective factors* by improving family relationships, parenting skills, and the children's social and life skills. See the programs and services LSI provides below:

- **Children of Value (COVE)** - a no cost after school program featuring academic tutoring, mentorship, group talk, arts activities and education about the benefits of living healthy. Participants receive transportation to and from LSI, nutritious snacks facilitated at a safe, supervised environment. COVE meets four times weekly.
- **Children of Inmates** - LSI is a collaborative partner in the Service Network for Children of Inmates, which provides wrap around and bonding services for children throughout the state impacted by parental incarceration. LSI coordinates quarterly special bonding visits for children and families in correctional institutions in the Greater-Tallahassee region.
- **Growing Together** - a gardening program created in partnership with Florida A & M University. Growing together combines family-time with healthy nutrition and outdoor exercise.
- **Parents Engaged for Life** - helps parents to understand that health family environments lead to healthy, productive children. LSI utilizes several curricula that will aid parents with tips, better



communications, setting boundaries, and providing the level of support their children and families need to thrive and survive.

- **Invest in Children and Civil Citation of Leon County** - the newest addition to our programs. Invest in Children is a preventive and intervention program for children in our community to impede their involvement with the juvenile justice system. Civil Citation is also a preventive measure ensuring children receive a second chance to remediate a misdemeanor in lieu of community service and completing LSI's program.
- **Community / Neighborhood Partnerships** - component alleviating delinquency in school and community/neighborhood centers. The focus is to teach anger control and conflict management and where necessary assist with homework. The goal is to help avoid the delinquency behaviors that happen so often during the 3:00 to 6:00 pm time. A pilot program was initiated at Maryland Oaks, mobile home park, where LSI reaches out to 69 children that live there with upcoming partnerships to come.

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