



LifeChangers Legacy
Prison and Reentry Mentorship Program
Chebar Ministries Inc.

“Walk Along Side”
Mentorship Program
Overview

DESCRIPTIVE

Purpose: To walk along-side an inmate, (a student of LCL – your mentee), in and coming out of prison who are in need of life enhancing social, developmental, Christ-centered spiritual and emotional support. We are to consistently provide the encouraging companionship and guidance each student needs to return to their community knowing they have a better second chance with hope and a successful future.

Matching Process: Matches will be made on the basis of interests, skills, background, knowledge and temperament of both individuals, those within the gates “Returning Citizens” and the mentor. We have a specialized software match assessment tool each will fill out and will be matched upon.

Correspondence: *You are to correspond with your mentee via email and video visit during the duration of the 4-phase workbook courses.* Continue to ask them how important this course is for them. If your mentee has not corresponded with you within 2 weeks, you are to contact Pamela or Diana Ashworth through the emails below, then you are to tell the inmate they will be released from the program if they do not respond within a week and will not be allowed to reapply for a year. We have too many mentees that are serious about change on a waiting list to receive a mentor and a workbook.

Benefits for Mentors:

- Training in trauma-informed counseling, communication skills, the role of a mentor, diversity training, correspondence development, and much more.
- Training in workbook-text materials, which include, TREM (Trauma Recovery Empowerment Model), Cognitive Behavior, Critical Thinking, Stages of Change, Emotional Intelligence, Criminal Thinking, the Word of God, and much more.
- Increased skills in working with the less-fortunate, the disenfranchised, the marginalized, in other words, God’s loved and chosen people.
- Insight into the life of an incarcerated person (Returning Citizen) and how to become part of the healing culture in Christ through us, as it is in heaven.
- The privilege and opportunity to interact with a broken and wounded person who is open to being guided and loved by a caring sister or brother in-Christ. We are His representative and are to disciple.

Matthew 25:36 “I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Mentor Duties/Responsibilities:

- Responsible for ***weekly*** email correspondence (JPay Emails) with the assigned mentee for the agreed-upon time frame (i.e., at least one year or completion of the “I See ME Free” workbook -text)
- Bi-weekly cards or letters, these are vitally important. They need a physical touch as well.
- Evaluation of student weekly engagement from workbook, via email, to gain insight into student’s personal progress.
- Monthly video chat with student inmate, will be going in weekly soon. (Must be on their approved visitation list first)
- Personalized incentive package ordered to mentee when workbook is completed -equivalent to \$50
- Monthly on-line reporting to LCL Mentor Portal for mentoring accountability, and mentor/mentee continuing assessments and development
- Monthly reports of incentive packages & emails to students/mentee’s is recorded, for measurable outcomes
- Act as a resource, a guide, and a support system to disciple your student/mentee
- Serve as an example/role model, the representative of Christ He has called us to be.
- Accept and relate to the mentee where she or he are right now and encourage them, who may not share your same perspectives of lifestyle and values
- Respect the mentee’s right to confidentiality, encourage them to share their story when they are ready
- Guide mentee to discoveries in Christ and to God-dependence through your personal relationship & experiences in Christ.
- Work closely with LCL staff through phone contact, emails, personal conferences, and group meetings with follow-ups.
- You are required to attend Monthly Mentor Zoom Meetings, unless otherwise discussed with management. **You choose which meeting to attend: Tuesday at 10am; or Thursday at 7pm; or Monday at 7pm.**
- Compile weekly assessment notes from emails onto your Mentors Weekly Worksheet Portal with detailed records of all interactions with mentee
- Try to make contact with mentee’s family member(s) or friends to bring restoration and reunification (if asked or if applicable).

Mentor Requirements/Qualifications:

- Christ heart of love in Truth
- Commitment, *Commitment*, **Commitment to walk alongside the duration of courses**
- Empathy
- A willing spirit
- Openness to cultural differences
- Ability to follow while leading others
- Good listening & communication skills & reflective listening through email
- Honesty
- Patience
- Compassion
- Encouragement
- Non-judgmental
- Teachable
- Humility
- Resourceful- connecting with others for mentee needs

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