What is My Club?

My Club is a faith-based mentoring program ministering to the special needs of the children of incarcerated and recently released parents.

Our vision is to support and encourage our kids, by facilitating their character development, spiritual awareness, teaching them practical life skills, and helping them develop a healthy vision for their futures. At every meeting, My Club members learn and grow, along with their peers—who face similar challenges.

My Club kids have bonded with their mentors and with one another, creating a strong sense of family at our meetings.

We are making a multi-year investment in our My Club members and their families.

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Reducing Crime:

One Changed Life,

One Changed Family,

One Changed Community at a Time.

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Did You Know?

Which states have the most children with incarcerated parents? Kentucky, followed by Indiana. Too many of these kids live in unstable homes. They've witnessed criminal activity, seen their mom or dad arrested, and may otherwise been abused and neglected.

We're Doing Something About It

We started My Club in the summer of 2015 for the children of incarcerated parents.

We did not tell them why they were in the Club - we did not want them to feel like rejects. At our very first Club meeting, when Suzanna Jacobson started sharing her family's story of prison ministry and how addiction affected her family, the kids' hands shot up. They wanted to tell their own stories, and quickly realized they had something in common; their mom or dad had spent time away from home and in jail. They immediately bonded with one another.

An observer might think My Club is like any other after-school program. It is much more than that—a safe place for our kids, where they are not judged, teased, or rejected, but loved, nurtured and encouraged. Where hurting kids share their pain, and begin their journey to wholeness. Where a kind God and caring mentors help them discover their gifts and talents, expand their universe, learn to dream big dreams. Where kids have a hope, and a future that does not include following their parents into addiction, crime, and incarceration.

What Makes My Club?

Psalms 1:3 "He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers."

Mentoring

Whether it's on a club meeting night, or one-on-one during the week, mentoring is a critical part of what we do. My Club kids need a safe place to go where their can be heard, gentle words are spoken, and encouragement rules the conversation of the day.

"It's just, it's somewhere I can go to share my feelings, and like, I can just share out,"

Mindsets for Success

Our in-house curriculum focuses on the "stinking thinking" many of our members encounter daily. My Club mentors lead group discussions addressing the unique issues our members face. The kids ask lots of good questions, and are deeply engaged in the conversation. Members learn how to journal, read and study the Bible, and judge their own behavior.



Community Partners Program

Creating opportunities for members to expand their world is a favorite part of My Club. Special guests bring their favorite hobbies, present cultures from around the world, and introduce career paths that encourages creating new life goals and passions.

Why We Do This

My Club is not about a short-term change or a quick fix—it's about being part of a long term solution to break the cycle of addiction and incarceration. It's about being willing to say "you matter" when a child believes the whole world doesn't care.

"I wish every night was My Club night. I feel safe here, I don't want to go."

Can You Be an Honorary Member?

When you support My Club with your time, your prayers, and your financial support, you are saying yes to being part of a young person's life who is used to being rejected, sometimes by those closest to them. When you become an Honorary Member, you are a partner helping to "Reduce Crime; One Changed Life at a Time."

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