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Greetings Volunteer Mentor,

You are receiving this letter because you either directly signed up to become an ex-offender mentor or because you have been identified as a person who might be willing to make a positive impact in the life of another person. You may already be aware that one-third of all released prisoners return to prison within six months of release, while two-thirds of released prisoners return to prison within three years of their release. Pro social modeling is a key factor that many ex-offenders lack. Most of them return to the same family environment they left upon their incarceration as well as to the same negative friendships. However, your service as a mentor can make a difference!

All that is required is that you make an 18 month commitment to mentoring a specific ex-offender, have two face-to-face meetings with them per month, and four additional contacts per month – either by text or phone. The time commitment of your service will be minimal as compared to its positive impact.

However, in order to ensure that you will be following safe and proven mentorship practices I have arranged for Ms. Myra Lowry, who is the Reentry Affairs Administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons throughout the Southeastern United States to come to our area from Atlanta, Georgia in order to provide an informative training session for ex-offender mentors in our area. The training has been scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 18th at 6:30pm. The training will be hosted by Pastor Robert Brown of New Life Christian Fellowship, located at

3861 Hilton Drive, Mobile, AL  36693. The need for mentors is great so please don’t hesitate to forward this letter on to other persons you think may have an interest in serving as a mentor as well. Many thanks for your service to our community and I look forward to seeing you on September 18th.

Sincerely,

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