



RIVERSIDE *Today!*

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

In preparing information for a Support Riverside House campaign, I came across some compelling statistics about recidivism.

Consider the following:

- In Florida, it costs an average of \$73.00/day to house an offender. At Riverside House, the same offender costs an average of \$35.00/day
- Due to jail overcrowding, less-violent offenders are likely to be released early and without supervision or transitional services.
- Research shows that locking up offenders for longer periods of time does not correlate with a significant reduction in crime.
- According to research on mental health illness, there are about 33% more mentally ill people in jails than there are in mental hospitals.
- As federal funding for law enforcement and incarceration has increased, funding for anti-drug prevention and treatment funding has decreased.
- Offenders released from privately-operated residential reentry centers are 30% less likely to be re-arrested than those who are released directly from prison.
- According to the Federal of Bureau of Prisons, 51% of all offenses are drug related, and non-violent.
- Of the estimated 200,000 inmates housed in federal prisons at any given time, only 5% are in programs like Riverside House.

It's easy to see why programs like Riverside House are crucial to society. I ask that you share these statistics with friends and family.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of Riverside House and dedication to giving ex-offenders a second chance.

Sincerely,
Cleveland Bell III

Statistic resources: Department of Justice, BOP fact sheet; Florida Department of Corrections; Departments of Corrections, Washington DC; Florida Department of Labor; and Riverside House.

FATHER'S DAY EVENT- HOSTED BY CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOC. - A HUGE SUCCESS!



Riverside House residents and their families attended our Father's Day event hosted by the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA). The well-attended



Yvette Forbes



Child of a resident

event began with a welcome and prayer from Chaplain Yvette Forbes. Mr. Cleveland Bell, executive director of Riverside House, and his wife along with Bob Hertig, vice president of Servants for Christ Chapter of CMA continued the welcome with words of encouragement. Additional notable guests included chief operating officer, Larry Silvester and his wife.

Two members of the CMA, Leon and Richard, as well as prison ministry advocates, Patsy and Dean, also spoke offering exceptional insights through their testimonies and gospel message. Following spectacular presentations, residents and their families were treated to a parade of roaring motorcycles as CMA members arrived.

The evening featured a delectable spread of barbeque dishes and sweet treats, including chicken and ribs prepared by Peoples Bar-B-Q, macaroni and potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, pineapple upside down cake, blueberry duby, and peach crisp pie.

We would like to say thank you to Mrs. Silvester who took fantastic photos. Another special thanks to Kipri Johnson of Kip's Mix who graciously donated delicious desserts, including pound cake and mini sweet potato pies. For more info, please visit: www.kipsmix.com. Last but not least, we would like to thank our in-house kitchen staff



Resident family members



Joyce Wilson



Yvonne McClindon & daughter



Tammie Jackson and Ana Lopez

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STAFF!

June/July Birthdays: Riverside House would like to wish a very happy birthday to Mrs. Tammie Jackson. May you be blessed with many more healthy and happy years.

June/July Anniversaries: Congratulations to Miss Ana Lopez on her first anniversary as a case manager with Riverside House. Thank you for your dedication to our organization.

JOB OPENINGS

Please note that our resident monitor position is currently filled and we are only able to accept applications and resumes at this time.

To apply for this and other job openings, visit www.riversidehouse.org, and click on the "Job Opportunities" link. Applicants can review a brief description of available jobs and download an application form. Applications may be submitted along with a resume to Riverside House via email to: info@riverside-house.org.

For additional employment information, contact Marta Orozco at (305) 326-9799 ext. 109.

For more information on Riverside House please call (305) 326-9799 or visit www.riversidehouse.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Aftercare Prayer Breakfast**

Central Miami, Location TBA

Our Aftercare Business Breakfast will focus on providing encouragement to graduates of Riverside House as well as to assess their needs and provide referrals for education and employment.

For more information regarding recent and upcoming events, contact Carmen Bell, Riverside House communications coordinator, at (305) 326-9799 ext. 113.

DONATIONS

As a nonprofit organization, Riverside House depends on the generous donations of supplies and financial contributions to keep our programs running and our residents on track. We are eternally grateful for your contributions.

CLOTHING CLOSET: In an ongoing effort to provide supplies for the men and women of Riverside House we collect item donations. We are currently in need of 2XL, 3XL and 4XL men's dress shirts as well as shorts, underwear and shower shoes. To make arrangements to drop off your donated items, please contact Yvette Forbes, chaplain or Carmen Bell, communications coordinator, at (305) 326-9799.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: All donations are tax deductible. Credit cards (Visa and Mastercard only), checks, and cash donations are accepted. Mail your monetary donation to:
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