



BREAKING THE CIRCLE OF ADDICTION ONE LIFE AT TIME

The Living Forward Alliance would like to thank our donors for your generous support. Your gift has produced a return-on-investment by making a positive difference in the lives of our participants.

The impact of your gift is not only felt financially, but also in the sentiments of participants like Maria P. Maria completed our program and was able to find a job.

Maria told us, "I never had any money in my wallet to buy a soda and could not hold a job more than two months. Today I am working for almost a year, got promoted and have \$3k in my savings account to purchase a car... This job saved my life."

This means that you, our donors, are helping us save lives, one life at a time. Also, thanks to you we saved taxpayers \$1 million in the past two years by avoiding the cost for repeat offenders being returned to the corrections system. This newsletter will share our successes and challenges during the past two years.



Above: Class Three Mentees and Mentors

The service and education programs provided by The Living Forward Alliance give participants a singularly effective way to rethink their histories and rewrite their futures. This one-year program makes real freedom achievable. It triggers a positive and sustainable shift in beliefs and behaviors that enables them to obtain work, rebuild their families and reclaim their place in the community.

Here are the results of our work from the last two years:

- Three Classes were completed (60 mentees participants)
- 50 Volunteers worked with the mentees (40 mentors + 10 facilitators)
- 11 Mentees Reoffended within 12 months of discharge – (18.3% of mentees served)
- Seven pregnancies occurred within 12 months of discharge- (11.5% of mentees served)
- 25 Mentees were employed within 6 months of discharge- (41% of mentees served)
- 20 Mentees obtained their GED while attending our program – (33% of mentees served)
- 10 Mentees were granted early Probation Discharge for good behavior (16.5% of mentees served)



Class One graduate Brittany J. (center) and her mentor Layla (right) with Living Forward Alliance founder, Maria Francis.

Through our planning process, we identified several goals that will further our success in transforming our mentees -- transformation such as that of mentee Lori B.

Lori B. told us, *"I am doing real good, working lots of hours. I moved into my own apartment. I am happy and good things come to those who wait. Thank you for never giving up on me!"*

Living Forward Alliance goals for the next two years are:

- Increase the number of women we serve to 100 per year (50 every 6 months).
 - Return 60 mothers back to their minor children.
 - Increase our volunteer base to 80 mentors.
 - Increase our donations to \$ 250k per year and hire paid staff.
- Continue to create job opportunities and develop a Recovery Resource Center.
 - Save the State of Texas \$ 1.7 million per year starting in 2012.



Mentee Melissa B. taking a Strengths Test with Luiza.

Ways you can continue to support us:

- Volunteer your time – we need help with many tasks!
- Donate – you can make a secure, tax-deductible gift easily via our website www.livingforwardalliance.org
- Establish and promote a Fundraising Event on our behalf. To discuss your fundraising ideas, contact Maria Francis at mfrancis@livingforwardalliance.org
- Attend our 3rd Annual Breakfast Fundraising Event on October 20th, 2011. Details coming soon to our website.