

Intern with Free Hearts:

Interns will be doing publicity (media releases, pitching stories, scheduling interviews, blogging/vlogging, etc.) and working on our newsletter.

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About:

Free Hearts provides education, support, and advocacy for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers and children of incarcerated parents. We are located inside McGruder Family Resource Center at 2013 25th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37208. The descriptions of our programs are below:

1. Support Groups (Mothers) - We have a weekly support group inside CCA Women's Facility in which we work on life and parenting skills, and connect the ladies to resources. We also continue the relationship in a mentor and resource assistance capacity upon release.
2. Support Groups (Children) - We have weekly support groups inside of MNPS middle schools (McKissack & Jere Baxter) in which we work on life and leadership skills, and will be phasing into additional schools and grade levels with each upcoming semester.
3. Workforce Development Program - We have a workforce development program that starts inside the facility and runs simultaneously with the workforce development program outside the facility so that they can continue the program upon release. This program is a partnership with SNAP in which they pay for any additional education and training that the ladies need, along with transportation.
4. Storytelling For Public Policy Program - This is our advocacy program in which we are building the capacity of mothers and children directly affected by incarceration in order to center their voices to advocate for public policy that enhances the well-being of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers, their families and communities.