



Ambassadors for Hope Serving Children with a Parent in Prison

Summer 2019
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Ambassadors for Hope Scholarship

Recently, we established the Ambassadors for Hope Scholarship through an endowment at Millersville University. This scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior student who has experienced the incarceration of a parent or parent-surrogate.

The application process for this scholarship will include:

- submission of an essay that describes how parental incarceration has affected the student and their educational path
- financial need will be considered

We think that this will be a significant and tangible contribution to the betterment of the lives of those affected by parental incarceration in pursuit of higher education at Millersville University and will enable Ambassadors for Hope to have a long lasting impact on students impacted by this issue.

The current monetary target to establish this scholarship and to begin making awards is \$25,000. During 2019, we hope to make fundraising to meet this goal a priority. You can assist in this effort by making a contribution to the Ambassadors for Hope scholarship today, either in the form of a one-time contribution or by making a pledge to contribute on a regular (weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly) basis.

You can make a gift or pledge online by visiting <https://www.millersville.edu/give/make-a-gift.php>

It is also possible to support the scholarship through a bequest gift. More information available on how to accomplish such a gift upon request. Amy Spellman, Major Gifts Officer, in the MU Development Office, has been extremely helpful in explaining these options and making the necessary arrangements. She would be glad to work with you with regard to a contribution toward this fund. Her email address is amy.spellman@millersville.edu and her phone number is 717-871-5804.

The ExtraOrdinary Give!

The ExtraOrdinary Give is on November 22, 2019. We are extremely excited to be a part of the ExtraOrdinary Give for our third consecutive year! Thank you very much for any past donations and we look forward to all the success we see in our future!

Lindsey's Blog- the Family Services Advocate

As the months go by, Lindsey is continuing to make a great impact for children with incarcerated parents! She was able to:

- Provide a number of resources such as diapers, sneakers, belts and bus passes to those in need
- Provide a Build-A-Bear to ten children with an incarcerated parent. Each Build-A-Bear had a recordable device that allowed the child's parents to record a message that the child can listen to. Some of the phrases included: " I love you" or "I miss you"
- Set up support groups for children with an incarcerated parent, which will begin in August 2019.
- Present to all staff at Warwick School District to educate them on the trauma that children experience when a parent becomes incarcerated



Lindsey Ober, Family Advocate

You can reach Lindsey at 717-299-2831 or by email at lober@compassmark.org.

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT)

On June 8, 2019, Ambassadors for Hope conducted a SWOT analysis to identify our internal strengths and weaknesses, as well as our external opportunities and threats. We found that our strengths are our incredible board members, our partnership with Millersville University, the community collaboration, our services we provide, and the ability to work with data and different systems. We are in the works of creating new opportunities through multiple partnerships, raising public awareness, expanding funding, and raising the bar on our social media platforms.

If you have a question or suggestion for Ambassadors for Hope, please reach out to the following:

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Ambassadors Advisory Council: Robin Boyer, John Churchville, Robert R. Cooper, Dr. Mary Glazier, Mike Hansberry, Eric Kennel, Tara Lowe, Amy Marenick, Ken Marzinko, Tracy Rennecker, Dr. Carrie Smith, Jen Strassenburgh, Mark Unger

We meet the fourth Friday of each month.



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