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**Catholic Prison Ministries**  
COALITION

***THE PLACE TO GO  
FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRY  
SERVING PEOPLE  
AFFECTED BY INCARCERATION.***

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- **16** formation & education webinars
- Resources for ministry, prayer, restorative justice, advocacy
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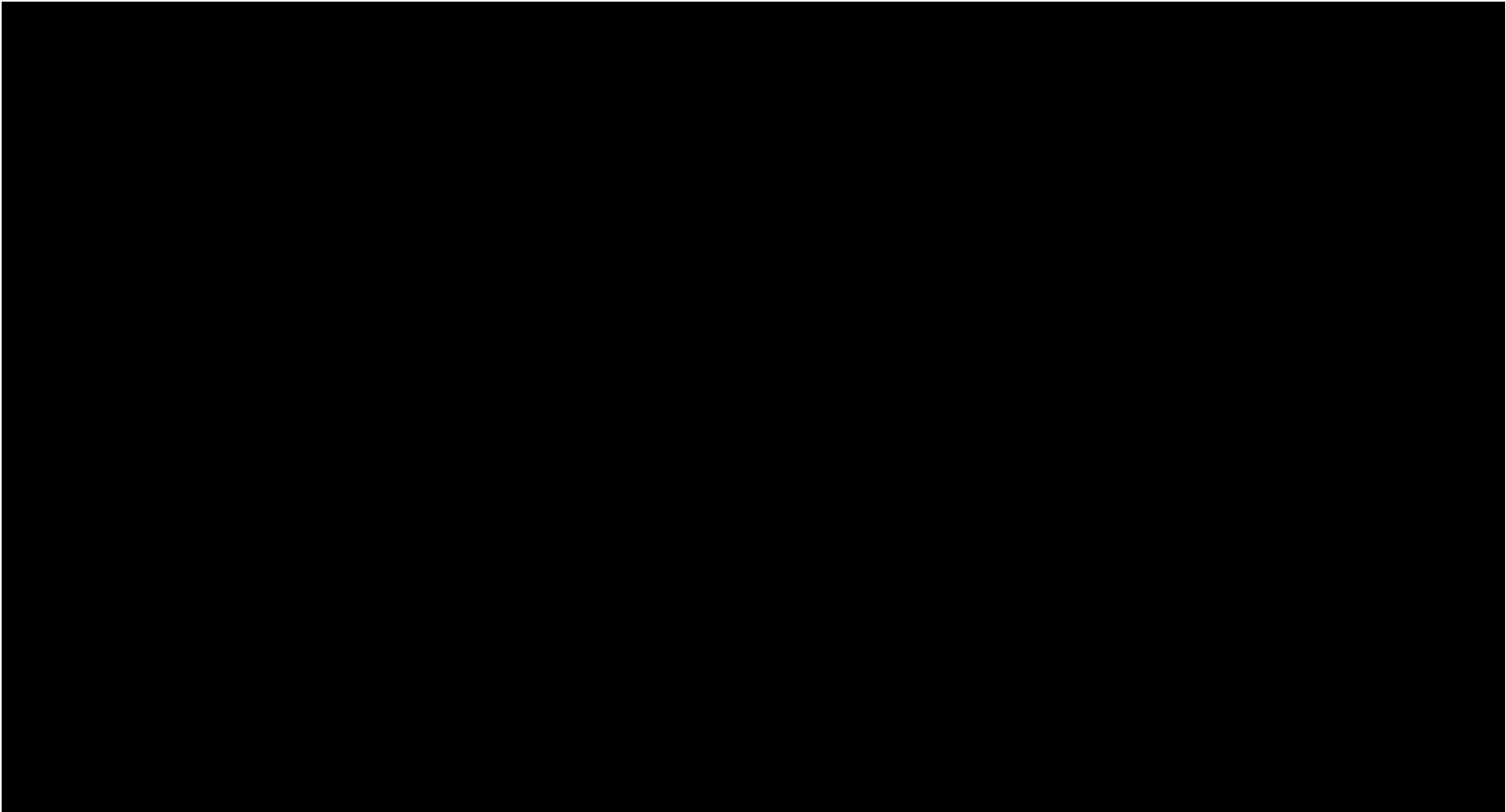


# CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

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# OUR MISSION AND VISION

Prison Fellowship's mission is to **restore those affected by crime and incarceration.**

Our vision is to see all affected by crime **reconciled to God, their families, and their communities.**

# THE PROBLEM



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# UNDERSTANDING THE CRISIS

**1 in 28** (2.7 million) children have a parent in prison. (The Pew Charitable Trusts, 2010)

Children of prisoners are at a higher risk for **physical and mental problems** such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, asthma, depression, and attention disorders. (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2007; The Osborne Association, 2012)

Children of incarcerated parents are **three times as likely** as other children to be **“justice-involved.”** (Central Connecticut State University, 2015)

# UNDERSTANDING THE CRISIS

Children growing up in father-absent households are four times more likely than their peers to grow up in **poverty** (U.S. Census Bureau, 2011).

Many children of prisoners experience **shame** and **loneliness** as a result of having a parent in prison.



# HOW INCARCERATION IMPACTS FAMILIES

The vast majority of prisoners are held **more than 100 miles** from where their children live. (The Sentencing Project, 2009)

Travel to visit a parent in prison is often **long and expensive**; phone calls are **costly**.

Many children are angry with their parent for abandoning them and/or **wonder if their parent still cares** about them.

# HOW INCARCERATION IMPACTS FAMILIES

Caregivers bear the **emotional and financial weight** of caring for children - many times these are grandparents raising their second family.

Caregivers may struggle to **provide healthy** and cost effective meals.

Caregivers may not understand programs that are **available** to assist.

# ANGEL TREE

**Creates** a pathway to restoring relationships

**Ministers** to families during a difficult time

**Connects** children to a local church or agency that can bridge the gap that occurs during incarceration

# OUR IMPACT 2018

24,000

Prisoners participating in  
Prison Fellowship classes each month

268,000+

Prison Fellowship volunteers across the  
country

more than  
292,000

Children connected to a church in 2018 to receive  
the Gospel and a Christmas gift on behalf of an  
incarcerated parent

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# ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS

Angel Tree volunteers see their service as an answer to a divine call. To “**Love one another as I have loved you,**” John 13:34  
As **Jesus** cares for all people as members of his family; our volunteers reach out to the families impacted by crime as **brothers and sisters through Christ.**

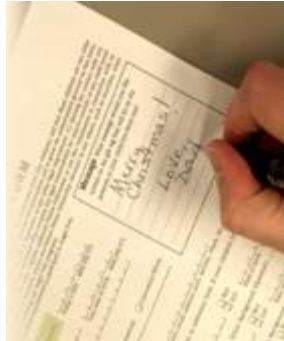
# LOVING THE CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

Mary Kay Beard, a convicted bank robber, safe cracker and found on the FBI's "Most Wanted List"... Also the person who together with Chuck Colson developed today's Angel Tree Program



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# HOW ARE CHILDREN ENROLLED?



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# ANGEL TREE MATERIALS



## DON'T FORGET!

Help Angel Tree families get a free copy of God's Word. Give the **Adventure Bible** request form to caregivers.



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Contact caregiver to confirm address and prisoner gift suggestion.

Org: Saint Mary Catholic Church      Org ID: 130189      Program ID: 111134

AppID: 14394310

<b>Prisoner:</b> Jose Villegas	<b>Caregiver:</b> Devine Hagberg	<b>Alternate Contact:</b> Leticia Barron
<b>DOB:</b> 05/31/1997	<b>Relationship:</b> Parent/Step-parent	<b>Relationship:</b> Grandparent
<b>Prisoner Address:</b> 13055 FM 3522 Chaplain's Office	<b>Address:</b> [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
<b>Prison Name:</b> Abilene, TX 79601-8759 Middleton Transfer Facility - TDCJ	<b>Ethnicity:</b> Caucasian	<b>Primary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>DOC#:</b> 02249632	<b>Language:</b> English	<b>Secondary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Ethnicity:</b> Hispanic	<b>Primary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Secondary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]	

Child:	Child ID	Birthdate	Age	Gender	Relationship	Ethnicity	Prisoner Gift Suggestion
Xian Maham	9103425	[REDACTED]	4	M	Stepfather		
Leeam Hagberg	9103426	[REDACTED]	3	M	Stepfather		

Message to Children: Merry Christmas From Jose

AppID: 14477845

<b>Prisoner:</b> Allen Watson	<b>Caregiver:</b> Nicole Herrera	<b>Alternate Contact:</b> Rebecca Hazlewood
<b>DOB:</b> 03/26/1985	<b>Relationship:</b> Parent/Step-parent	<b>Relationship:</b> Grandparent
<b>Prisoner Address:</b> 2661 FM 2054	<b>Address:</b> [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
<b>Prison Name:</b> P6 1D47 Tennessee Colony, TX 75884-0001 Coffield Unit - TDCJ	<b>Ethnicity:</b> Hispanic	<b>Primary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>DOC#:</b> 1834813	<b>Language:</b> English	<b>Secondary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Ethnicity:</b> Caucasian	<b>Primary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Secondary Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	
	<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]	

Child:	Child ID	Birthdate	Age	Gender	Relationship	Ethnicity	Prisoner Gift Suggestion
Neroli Watson	9208078	[REDACTED]	10	M	Father	Mixed White	Sports Equipment
Elena Watson	9208079	[REDACTED]	13	F	Father	Mixed White	Purses/Wallets

Message to Children: I Want To Wish You A Merry Christmas. I Love You To The Moon And Back. Love Your, Dad



# TYPES OF DELIVERY



Angel Tree Party



Home Delivery



Open House

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# SHARING THE GOSPEL



Each child receives an evangelism resource



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# COMMUNICATING WITH THE INMATE PARENT



**Write the inmate  
and share news of  
gift delivery**



**Consider  
communicating  
throughout the year**



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# ANGEL TREE CAMPING



- Angel Tree partner camp information
- Free tote bag and Bible
- Partial scholarship or reimbursement
- Postcards



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## RESOURCES FOR ANGEL TREE CHURCH COORDINATORS

Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word is required to download and view the files on this page. **(Please click on the + to view more resources)**

GENERAL RESOURCES



ANGEL TREE FORMS



HOSTING AN ANGEL TREE PARTY



GOING BEYOND CHRISTMAS



CAREGIVER RESOURCES



OTHER RESOURCES



ONLINE ANGEL TREE TRAINING



# HOW IT WORKS

- Sign up at [angeltree.org](https://www.angeltree.org) or call **1.800.55.ANGEL (2-6435)** for more information.
- Designate an Angel Tree coordinator, recruit volunteers, and plan your ministry with tools provided by Prison Fellowship.
- Explain the opportunity to the rest of the congregation or initiative.
- Once you receive the children's information, contact the caregiver to verify details.
- Members of your church will **purchase and wrap gifts** for children, at a **\$20 value per child**.
- Deliver gifts and **the Gospel** to children at their homes or at a church-sponsored Christmas party.

# IT STARTS WITH A GIFT ...

More than a Christmas event

Provides an opportunity to **share the Gospel**

Connects children with their incarcerated parents

Creates a pathway to **positively impact** at-risk children

Can change a life forever



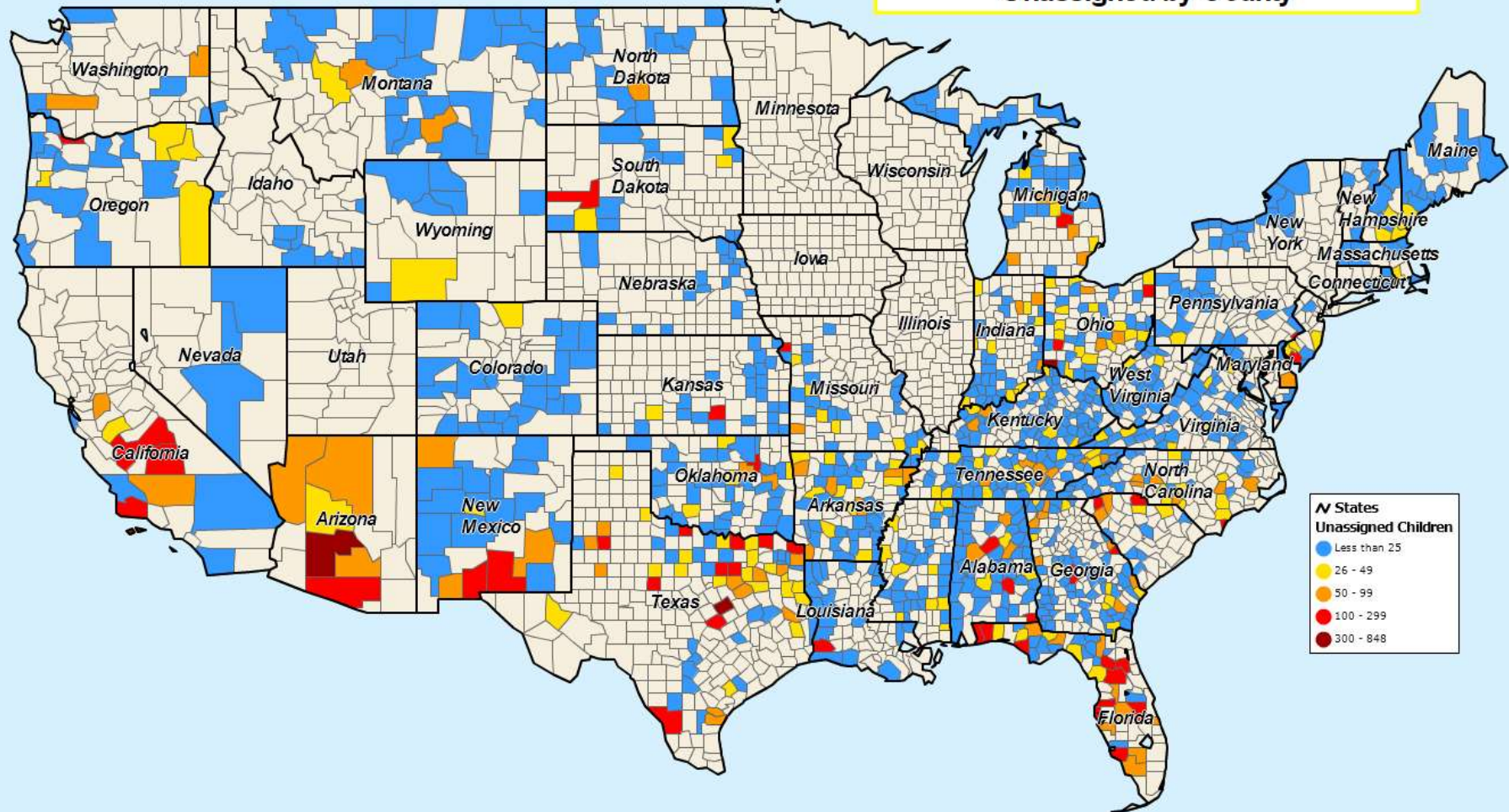


# Praise Reports

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# Unassigned by County





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