

“Letter From M.O.M.”

The Quarterly newsletter of **Moving On Ministry**

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“I Can Only Imagine”

As you receive this volume of **Letter From M.O.M.**, we are continuing with more of the testimonies of “How God Changes Lives” as well as some more of our own written articles. We can truly say that the “high” that many of our inmates have been trying to get through the wrong methods, is being surpassed by those putting God in **ownership** of their lives.

Watch our website
www.MovingOnMinistry.com

We are also affiliated with International Prison Fellowship
www.PrisonMinistry.net/movingon

Fellowship

With the crashing of the computer, we are building a new mail list. We got behind on letter replies, and may occasionally miss one. Please write back if we do not answer, and write clearly so we can get the mailing information correct.



Intentions & Wishes

The intentions of this newsletter are to allow an understanding of jail & prison ministries. It is our intentions to get input from those incarcerated as well as those “free” to visit. Life experiences of the faith and fellowship from those locked up in the facilities are always desired to let others know of the value of “visitation”. I am certain that each of us have many stories of the miracles God has done in our lives.

Our wishes are that we would have a list of supportive churches and programs that individuals might look forward to attending, once released.

A list of services, such as housing, employment and counseling services, as well as some individuals available for friendly fellowship are also much needed items (Resource List).

God’s Word says if a man stumbles, how can he continue lest there be another to help him up. **Ecc. 4:10** “For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him [that is] alone when he falleth; for [he hath] not another to help him up.” **Proverbs 24:17** “Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth, and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth:” **John 11:10** “But if a man walketh in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.”

Please help us with input for this newsletter as we strive to serve God. We appreciate any articles or input.

Pray for volunteers with the same passion as Bob, Linda, Eric, Irie, Jacob, Beatriz and other current volunteers have.

Heather Layne

(Song writer, Nashville and international recording artist)

Heather, Denny and family have moved to Kansas. Heather and Denny have offered to do some prison concerts on a quarterly basis.

Please have the chaplain or a religious volunteer contact us if interested in a chapel service, "Heather Layne concert" or a "Take it to the Yard" event



Many are familiar with the 56 page "**Resources From M.O.M.**" that has **approximately 650 listings in various categories (downloadable online).**

Ask for a copy of our **56 page (Over 650 listings) "Resource List"**

Pen Pals Brochure Discontinued

6" X 9" SASE with Postage is needed but verified indigent envelopes will be mailed as funds are available.

(Donations Welcome)

Newsletter \$1.00

Resources \$3/00

Sunday Dec. 18, 2016 – Calif. Men's Colony State Prison

Wasco State Prison - pending

Addresses to contact the Ministry Volunteers

Road Prison Ministry (RPM)
Attn. Jail / Prison Ministry
1021 S. Burke
Visalia, CA 93292

Prison Pen Pal
P.O. Box 235
East Berlin, PA 17316

Calvary Chapel Prison Ministry
Attn: Carmine Aleprete
P.O. Box 1965
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Little Lambs, Inc
John & Eileen Sala
P.O. Box 32
Sebring, FL 33871-0032

Otto & Jennie Ball
c/o Crossroads Ministry
P.O. Box 363
Hyde, PA 16843

3 G Company
Correspondence
P.O. Box 1022
Canfield, OH 44406

LaVoz de La Esperanza
101 W. Cochran St.
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Iglesia Puerta de Salvacion
202 Lafayette Ave.
Lindsay, CA 93247

Set Free Prison Ministries
Bible Correspondence Course
P.O. Box 5540
Riverside, CA. 92517-9986

World Challenge
P.O. Box 260
Lindale, TX 75771-0260

Jesus People Info. Center
4338 Third Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

A Cup of Water Ministries
Pen Pals
P.O. Box 161759
Ft. Worth, TX 71611

Crossroad Bible Institute
P.O. Box 900
Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0900

International Prison Ministry
Bible, Dictionary, Concordance
P.O. Box 2868
Costa Mesa, CA 92628-2868

Ministero de Prison
P.O. Box 543
Live Oak, FL 32064

El Concilio Del Condado
301 So. C St.
Oxnard, CA 93030

Missing M.O.M. ?

We must constantly remind individuals that we need to be notified of changes of address or facilities. If we get returned mail (about 20 each month), we remove that individual from the files. If you have, or you are going to be moved, please drop us a note to keep your file active. We get mail returned for bad ID #'s, no cell #, and no bed #.

Letters that Express it All

We like to post real life situations, because God works in real lives and He is the one that gives "Eternal Life."

For those of you that communicate with individuals that have computer access, we have added quite a bit to our web site. The "**Resource List**" (56 pages), the "**Pen Pal Friends**" (**discontinued**), ALL past newsletters ("**Letter From M.O.M.**"), inmate lookup links, and artwork are available to be viewed or you may download.

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

Readily Available Printouts

Please help with postage

I would like to add that we have shared many wonderful testimonies. Many individuals are afraid to share their testimony because they are not sure what to write or feel inadequate in their writing ability. God's Word says in **Jeremiah 17:9** that "**the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**" When the heart is changed by Christ it becomes the center of where God works from in our life

Sharing Your Testimony

There are 4 parts to an individual's testimony;

1. What my life was like before I met Jesus.
2. How I realized I needed Jesus.
3. How I committed my life to Jesus.
4. The difference Jesus has made in my life.

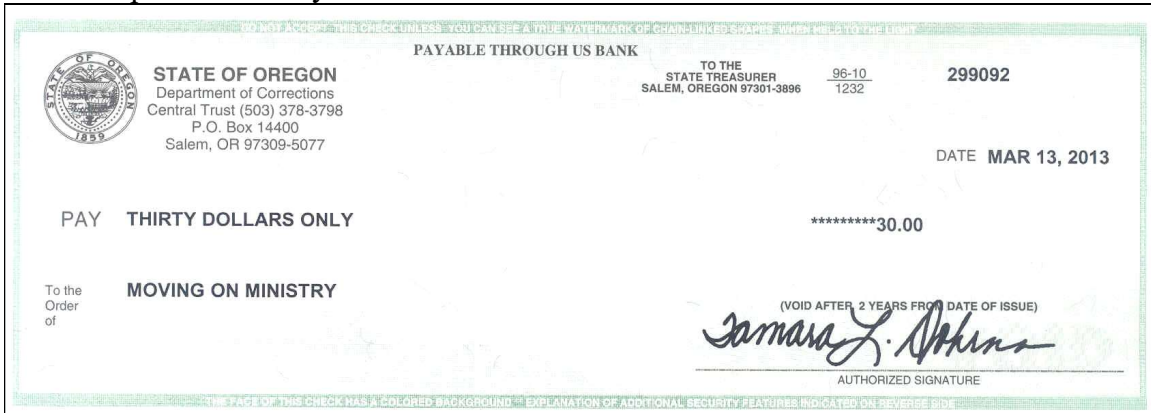
The importance is not what you have done, but what God is doing.

1. Your testimony Your life lessons
2. Your godly passions
3. The Good News

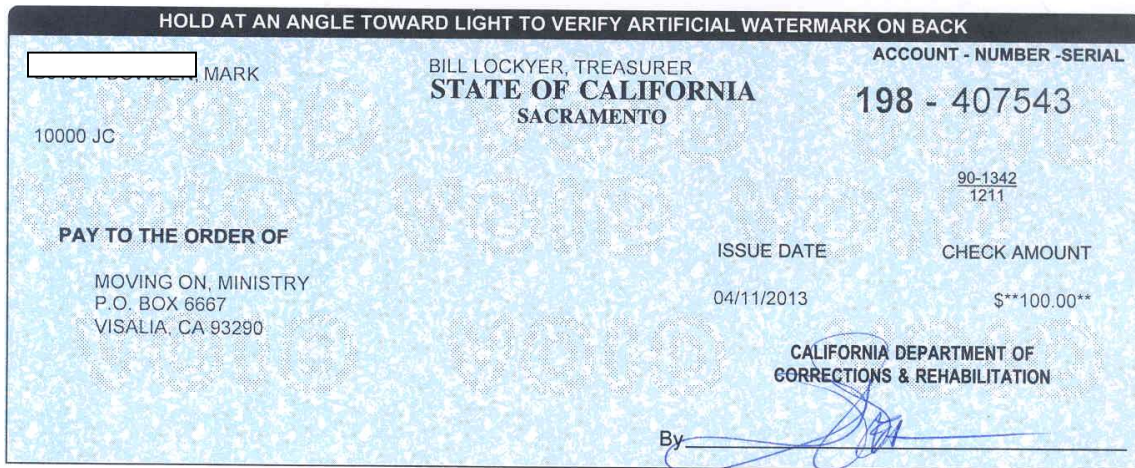
Bob told Linda they needed to do some work on the ministry: She got her tools.



Partial Reprint from May 2013



Autumn, one of the Lady inmates at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility sent us this \$30 check. Nearly brought tears to our eyes. Last year we also had Francisco, an inmate back east that sent us \$10 per month for 6 months. Ray (and his wife Alicia) an inmate released from Corcoran (in 2010) about 2 years ago, have been sending 80 stamps every time we are doing the newsletter mailing. Aleric, a California inmate, trades packages of “soups” for stamps and sends M.O.M. pre-stamped envelopes twice a month.



The above check for \$100.00 was received from Mark, an inmate at Corcoran State Prison. As Bob opened the envelope, all he could say was “Oh My God.” Linda went into tears as she opened the envelope. It never stops amazing us of how much the inmates believe in the ministry (more than those on the outside).

PLEASE Pray that the churches, friends and relatives of inmates would become supporters of this Jail/Prison ministry.

This newsletter got mailed to about 750 individuals (\$.47 stamp X 750 = \$352.50), plus 750 envelopes (approx \$18) and paper to print approx 1000 copies (4000 sheets = \$42.00) plus toner and printer wear. Let those on the outside know of how much good M.O.M. does.

Life's a Gift

To avoid the devils deed
For God's seed
My eyes are fixed on His treasure
As I take every measure

The past is dead
Be strong and look ahead
Smile through the day
Knowing it's the only way

With the right gear
There's nothing to fear
The days may be hard
It's just the pulled card

No need to shift
Life's a gift
Knowing God's the one
Who says when you're done.

Melinda Seitz

Linda and Chaplain Bob



Here is a picture of Linda and Bob (before shaving beard and mustache).

The story I just read had me in tears and at the same time my heart ached for "the child" that had to go through all of the pain of this horrible situation. This is a friend of ours that I had asked if she would share this with you all. She is a very strong woman that throughout her life has used this "negative" for encouraging others for the "positive" for God's Glory. She has encouraged so many broken hearts by sharing all of this heartache that she had endured during her childhood. Be prepared to allow the Lord to use this story to also open your hearts to what the Lord has in store for you.

In the Precious Name of Jesus, Linda @ Moving On Ministry

GUILT AND SHAME

By Jan September 2016

Many of you, sadly, have been mistreated, abused, raped or molested as a child. I was molested from the age of two and a half as I had to be left with someone while my parents worked in the cotton fields. I was raped by this man and his friend at the age of four. : (I had my first out of body dissociation. (going somewhere safe) My older sisters took me to church when I was three and it was there that I met Jesus. He is my savior. This man that was supposed to take care of me instead tortured me and held me over a ditch that ran along the back of his property and said that if I told anyone he would kill my family and throw me into the water that looked like a river to me at that time and that I would drown and no one would look for me because no one cared. : (

My oldest sister told me that one of my brothers came in and found him (the molester) doing inappropriate things to me. My brother took me to the field and told my parents never to take me back. He was only sixteen years old and they did not believe him. He was hit by a drunk driver that ran a stop sign. He was thrown out causing him to hit his head on a pole and was killed.

At the funeral I wanted to get my brother out of the box and I would get in and everyone else would be okay. (this is six year old thinking) I was put in a box many times with my offender. I learned to slow my breathing and more ways to dissociate. (go somewhere safe)

Shortly after my brother was killed we moved to a town where my aunt lived. I was the youngest of nine children. I went to six different schools from first to sixth grade.

When I was eleven years old my father (a supposed Christian) raped me and I had my second out of body dissociation. Later he beat me badly with a belt to remind me not to tell. Up until this time my mother had always whipped me with a switch and told me she would "cut into the blood" ---- and she did. I never knew what it was that I had done wrong for getting whipped. : (

I'm telling you all this to tell you that after my dad raped me, I had a vision. I was in a room - no windows - no doors - no way in - no way out. I was naked in the middle of the room. Jesus came into the room, lifted me up, put a white gown on me and told me that the "Guilt and Shame" did not belong to me, that it belonged to those that raped and molested me.

IT DID NOT BELONG TO ME! ☺ Wow! This is true for you too. Let Jesus come into your heart and free you from all of your guilt and shame. No one had, nor has, the right to hurt another human being ever. Let it go and let God do his work in you. TRUST- It really works. HE is AWESOME.

By the way I am now 71 years old and love the Lord with all my heart. I have facilitated many classes for over 7 years in regards to sexual abuse, physical and mental abuse and the Lord gets all the glory through all of this. God bless you in all you do and say that it may glorify the Lord.

In Christ Jesus, Jan (Published by permission)

From a co-worker of Linda who was asked to review her time during all of her training as a new employee. She was to write a letter to herself. As soon as I read it I had to ask Jany if we could print this very encouraging letter as I believe that it would apply to all. Thank you so much Jany. Most of all, THANK YOU LORD for allowing Jany to continue to encourage all who read this. Here goes:

WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE?

Dearest Beloved;

I see the desire in you to excel in your work. None of this comes as a surprise to ME because I created you with those attributes. By Now, you have had the chance to get your feet wet (somewhat) in actual "hands-on" work. I watch as you eagerly absorb all of the material in your quest for knowledge & perfection. Don't be in such a hurry that you continually beat yourself up for falling short. Although your goals are important it is even more important to be loving to yourself as well as equally patient. Never, ever forget! "Do your work as unto Me-God, not human masters". I will lead you and guide you on your new journey, also..... Do not compare your achievements with anyone else. You are uniquely created & I have a different standard for everyone. People have different reasons why they are driven to a goal. Yours must be to always please ME> I love you, I embrace you, I am proud of you!

Sincerely, GOD.

Through Jany's eyes. :)

September 2016

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Dear Chaplain Bob and Linda.

Hello and good day to the both of you.

I pray all is well with you both and that Bob is taking some time to actually retire. At least I pray he is getting a little R&R in. I want to thank you both for the newsletter I just received on 7/21/16.

Boy I don't ever recall seeing Bob's hair that long at all, and I first met you both way back in 2006-07 at old Corcoran. But I actually met Bob at West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga (Southern California) in 2004-05.

Anyways, just sending my love and respect to you both . . . The Christians here are deep, there are at least 75 to 80 of us and this place has less than 600 inmates. But there are several other religions here as well. The Muslims are the next largest and us Messianic Jews are the smallest with only 8 of us. We are all here and don't even have a chaplain. We do have a religious coordinator that knows little about any of the religions, which makes it hard for us to worship in the proper manner, but as time goes on, it is all coming together, slow but true!

Well it's good to see some pictures of Bob and all that's been going on with M.O.M. Please keep up the excellent work. May Yah continue to bless you both and M.O.M.

Richard Bell

Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda

I hope this letter finds you and yours in great health. I got good news to tell you. By the grace of God, I will be granted a release date of **/**/**

I hope to continue to be a productive member to my community. I was so inspired by meeting you. And I hope so much to give back to our youth. I will continue to do my best to keep youth from committing crime.

Sorry for such a short letter, but I wanted to let you know I appreciate all your newsletters that I receive from you. I hope to thank you in person soon. Till then, God bless.

Song Thongthipvoravong

Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda

Hello Brother Bob & Linda. Your letter has brightened my day. I was having a very bad day. Some prisoners here are like spoiled children and stubborn. My patience gets tested to its limits more often than not and I have almost lost it a few times, especially this last time. It took everything I had in me to not get out of control. Right when I thought I was going to lose it, I felt this peace and calmness. I do not want to do the things I used to do and do not want to lose my demands because it will get really bad for me (my soul). Thank you so much for writing. Your letter came at a great time. I am truly blessed with your presence in my life. Thank you and thank God for sending you to me. Thank you for the pictures. The bikes are awesome. I hope one day I can own one of my own.

Luis Rodriguez

Dear Chaplain Bob and Linda,

Hello and a very blessed day to you! I hope when this arrives that both you and staff will be in the very best of health and in great spirits.

I want to sincerely thank you and staff for taking the time to put your newsletter together with so many great articles and then distribute out to all the many, many grateful inmates. I always find something in each newsletter that is helpful and inspiring, which makes me want to be a better person. So from the bottom of my heart I thank you for that. Keep up the good work.

With closing again I thank you and staff for your time, patience and hard work. May all your days be filled with joy, peace and much happiness and may God continue to do His work through you and continue to protect and bless you all. **Enoch Hall**

Dear Moving On Ministry,

I hope and pray that this letter finds you being blessed exceeding abundantly, above all that you could ask or hope for. And that your loved ones are doing well, both spiritually and physically. As this letter leaves me, God continues to bless me in ways seen and unseen. We truly do serve a mighty, mighty God.

God is truly using this ministry richly. As you continue to press towards the mark of the high calling, know that your labor is not in vain. In this journey, there are going to be times that you really wonder if you are really making a difference, and if your labor is in vain. . .

Thank you for all the spiritual goodies and words of wisdom you enclose. It's always a very nice spiritual snack. As always I continue to be blessed by the newsletter. This is truly a labor of love for you. It flows through each and every newsletter. I have no doubt that God continues to be very pleased with your reasonable service.

I had a very bitter sweet visit the other day. I was blessed to see a first cousin who I had not seen in about twenty-five years. She was about 10 years old the last time I saw her. It was really a great blessing along with also seeing my nephew. However, my sister who lives in Georgia, who has been taking care of my parents for the last couple months, couldn't get in because of the metal under-wires in her bra. It's so sad that there wasn't some kind of way that they could have been human enough to find a way for me to visit. We normally see each other once a year when she is in town. She had to get back home. So if the world and me are still here next year, that is when I will be able to see her again. I have to admit that I really am very angry about this. I don't care what they do to me, but I really take offense when they mess with my family.

Carroll Watkins

Technology – Progress or Regrets

Dear Chaplain Bob & Linda

I want to thank you so much for the birthday letter. As always, birthday cards and letters from y'all are greatly appreciated. Well my thanks don't stop with birthday cards and letters. I enjoy reading all of your periodical newsletters. I don't get a whole lot of actual mail, so when I do get your letters . . . you know how it is these days, not many people remember we have a postal service. It's all emails and cell phones strapped to their heads. My family is no exception. I get all the family support one could hope for. We talk on the phone almost daily. But I do believe they all, would rather pull out their teeth for giggles than to write. **Raymond Foster**

Thanks a bunch for sending the July-Sept "Letter from M.O.M." and the Resources Booklet as I requested. That was super of you two and I really appreciated it. I've read and re-read your newsletter already a couple of times. I really enjoy the honest feeling and straight forward approach, and Bob your bike is cool. I was wondering if there's any way I could help out. I'm looking to be locked up for a few years and I'll have plenty of time on my hands.

I don't really serve God right, but maybe I could someday. I try hard to be a decent person when I am clean and sober, and you two make me want to act better – so thanks for that!

I'm sorry I don't have any funds or stamps to help you with, but I will sooner or later. Then I'd love to be on your mailing list. I like to write poems. If you two can send me next month's letter, I'll write one especially proper for you two. **Randal Carder**

Hello Bob and Linda. I want to first thank you from the bottom of my heart for sending me your Resources Guide full of all sorts of wonderful information that has helped me during my incarceration. Your services are truly a blessing. I believe God is using his angels to assist your church for giving us inmates the tools to change our lives for the better.

I have a brother that is in dire need of your M.O.M. Resource Guide, whom is also incarcerated and currently residing in the Los Angeles jail. Will you please send him a current copy of your Resource booklet? I can assure you that my brother needs it the most.

God bless you and thank you. **David Balderama**

M.O.M. Ministry “Do’s and Don’ts”

What we don’t do:

- Send money to you or family
- Trade personal information
- Contact people for you
- Look up information on people
- Spend time doing research for you
- Set you up with individuals for romance

- M.O.M. is NOT a dating service**
- We Do NOT do legal work
- Will not give our phone numbers
- Will not accept collect phone calls
- Might not send pictures
- Pen-pal list / service discontinued**

What we will do:

- Chapel service at prison facilities
- Ministry program for churches
- Transitional Planning class
- Send newsletters with S.A.S.E. (\$.47)

- Send 56 page resource list with S.A.S.E

- Contact Heather Layne about concert

- Take it to the Yard event
 - Platform speakers
 - Motorcycles
 - Concerts
 - Magicians

- Print testimonies & artwork.

For those wishing to get a mailed copy of current newsletters, please send donation (if able), stamps or S.A.S.E. and request the current newsletter. The newsletters (all 94 volumes) are available on the web site;

www.MovingOnMinistry.com

as well as the 56 page “Resources From M.O.M.” list. You can have a loved one or someone with internet access print the newsletters or Resources and mail them to you, or send a 6” X 9” S.A.S.E. with \$.89 postage and donation of \$ 1.11 printing for Resources.

Suggested donations for printouts.

Newsletters	\$1.00 (or 6 stamps)	Resources List	\$3.00
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Please distribute this information to your visitors and inmate loved ones.

We had heard a rumor that FRIENDS OUTSIDE was closing the Visitor Centers at all prisons, due to the CDCR not sending FO the necessary allotment to pay their staff.

I called the Executive Director of FRIENDS OUTSIDE, Gretchen Newby, who confirmed sadly that it is not a rumor, but true.

FO is now scrambling to stay open or find a way to re-open.

My understanding of the facts...

FRIENDS OUTSIDE is mandated by Legislature through Cal. Penal Code...to exist to assist in a variety of areas, (go to www.friendsoutside.org) with the Visitor Centers of a vital importance on the grounds of each prison. HOWEVER... FO was audited a few years back (by CDCR) and charged with claiming certain deductions that were later deemed not valid...and despite a legal challenge by FO, it was determined FO owed these deducted items back to the State (CDCR). (somewhere in the \$100,000+ range)

CDCR Finance has demanded the payment, and began deducting monies from their allotment, leaving FO to pay employees late and soon to be unable to pay their employees coming October 2016.

Meetings and negotiations are ongoing, but the question of value and quality of this program can't be disputed.

FRIENDS OUTSIDE is vitally important!!!

Our Visitor Centers PROVIDE:

-Visitor Centers are located outside the prison walls but on prison grounds, and usually are adjacent to the visitor parking lots. Visitor Centers provide childcare, transportation, appropriate clothing, information and resources, and a restful and welcoming place to stop for a moment before and after visits. They are open during regularly scheduled visiting hours and on designated holidays.

-Childcare

-Write to Me program

-Visitor Centers offer a comfortable, welcoming place of respite. Centers offer comfortable seating areas, restrooms, children's toys, changing tables for babies and a well-trained, understanding staff.

-**Visitor Centers** loan appropriate clothing, ensuring that the visit can still take place and that the visitors feel comfortable. Clothing is available for men, women and children in a wide range of sizes.

- **Passenger van transportation** between the institution and local public transportation terminals is provided for visitors, who may arrive at a transit station located some distance from the prison

-**Resources and Information:** Visitors may need directions, information about local restaurants or motels, or public transportation schedules. Families may also be in need of emergency assistance such as shelters, food banks and social services. Friends Outside staff offer support and assistance.

Information regarding visiting rules and regulations: State prison rules and regulations can be confusing and intimidating. Friends Outside's Visitor Center staffs are available to explain regulations and help visitors to comply.

- remove barriers and facilitate family visiting

- provide a welcoming environment that encourages successful family visits and support s eventual family and community unification

SAVE FRIENDS OUTSIDE!

Gail Brown

Inmate Family Council

www.ifc-solano.org

Solano Prison

(916) 743-1654

Note from Bob:

We are seeing a lot of ministries and churches fold up. Some of the churches have lost their "boldness" and thus have the members with non-committal attitudes. These individuals just think of the church as a place for social gatherings. Many of the churches and ministries are closing doors because of the increasing cost of operation and lack of income/donations to support them. A quick look at the Resources available shows the trend of closure for these much needed outreach

The national 2-1-1 initiative seeks to reserve these three digits nationwide as quick, easy to remember telephone number for finding human services answers.



2-1-1 Information & Referral Search

2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referral. Call 2-1-1 for help with **food, housing, employment, health care, counseling** and more. Learn more about your local 2-1-1 by looking it up here.

Step 1

Type in ZIP Code OR city OR { State}

(ZIP Code and city are optional, but give better search results.)

[View All](#)

[Reset](#)

[Search hints](#)

- [Print list](#)

Click the Agency Name to view more detail

Learn more about 2-1-1 by visiting www.211us.org

We are amazed at how many do not know of the **2-1-1** national phone number. GREAT number to know when released or for that loved one on the outside of the walls having a hard time getting by.