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Expanding Perspective. Impacting Lives.

ImpactWorkshop



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Shining Light Ministries' Impact Workshop offers inmates an opportunity to develop life skills and confidence while deepening their Christian faith.

This is done through our professional artists directing selected inmates in developing and presenting a high-quality performing arts presentation designed to bring hope to other inmates.

Objectives:

1. Develop life skills and confidence
2. Strengthen Christian faith
3. Expand perspective of others

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Includes:

- Shining Light's team includes 7-9 trained young artists and staff.
- Working with facility staff we will select 10-25 inmates to participate.
- Our team will spend 35-40 hours working with inmates.
 - ⇒ Preparation time is scheduled around facility and inmate schedules.
 - ⇒ 50% of time is spent in team building exercises and discipleship.
 - ⇒ 50% of time is spent in rehearsals.
- This effort culminates in a high quality presentation for other inmates by the inmates and our team.
- The presentation creates an opportunity for inmates to serve others and is designed to offer hope that leads to action.
- The presentation includes drama, music, dance, and spoken word.
- To conclude the Workshop we spend several hours in reflection and application with our team and the participants

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We Seek:

- Facilities with strong Christian programming.
- Long-term relationships with facilities and existing ministries.
- To provide an exceptional, professional experience for inmates.

Equipment:

- To provide a high-quality experience and presentation, and to maximize the impact of this program, we provide up-to-date tools for the program.
- Keyboards, guitar, CD players, etc. are needed for rehearsals.
- State-of-the-art lighting, sound, and staging is used for dress rehearsal and presentation. A 4-6 piece band is also used for the presentation.
- A full equipment list, including photos, will be provided.
- References from security staff in other prisons are available. (also see recommendation letters enclosed)

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Outcomes:

1. 100% reported being equipped to be more successful in a job in the following ways:
 - ⇒ More confidence in their abilities
 - ⇒ New positive outlook in ability to work with a variety of people
 - ⇒ More confidence to try new things
 - ⇒ More understanding of different kinds of people
2. 100% reported discovering new interests or abilities.
3. 100% reported gaining a new perspective of other people.
4. Significant increases in programming participation are typical.

“increasing religiosity is consistently linked with decreases in various measures of crime or delinquency.”

- from More God, Less Crime by Byron R. Johnson, Baylor University

What is Needed

1. Support

- from top leadership (warden, administrator)

3. Space

- Large group rehearsal & meeting space
- 3 smaller rooms

4. **Meals** (when in the facility during meal times)

- 7-10 students and staff (add 5-7 staff for final presentation)

Participant Recruiting & Selection

Inmate Selection Requirements:

- Positive group skills & ability to work with others
- Willingness to serve others before self
- Ability to fulfill short-term commitments
- Interest in personal Christian faith development
- Not scheduled for release
- *Performance experience is helpful, but not required*

Selection Process: (for 12-24 inmates)

Step 1: **Announcement** by SL and/or facility staff

Step 2: Interested **residents apply**

Step 3: SL **reviews applicants** with facility staff

Step 4: SL **interviews** selected applicants

Step 5: SL & facility staff make **final selections**

Funding

We offer the Impact Workshop at no cost to the facility. We are supported by individuals, businesses, churches, and grants.

Our Budget for each Workshop is:

Food & Lodging	\$5,500
Transportation	\$3,000
Equipment	\$2,000
Staff	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$15,500