

Quick Facts

# September 2016 Newsletter

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### 2015 Fundraiser ~ 2016 Fundraiser

Amounts received from last year's fundraiser: \$ 9,375.

*from everyone:* 35 gifts received. Amount contributed: \$5,455. Amount matched: \$3,920 *from the board:* 12 gifts totaling \$2,855 or 52% of the total.

Pledges-to-date for this year's fundraiser from the board

Pledges \$3,450, matching \$1,600, total \$5,050. Additional monthly pledges from the board: \$550 or a total of \$5,600 for the year Total support pledged from the board for 2016: \$11,650.

#### Facts and Rules for this Year's Fundraiser

- You must give online between noon on September 20 and noon September 21 to be matched. You may use a link that will be on our website. There is no time limit.
- EVERYBODY'S gift will be matched up to \$100 by the Patterson Foundation (\$100 donation + \$100 match = \$200). In the past, only new donors were matched.
- If you did not give during last year's fundraiser, your gift up to \$100 will be doublematched this year (\$100 donation + \$200 match = \$300).
- Minimum contribution is \$25. Each gift is 100% tax deductible. You may also send us a check but it will not be matched.

### Special Features for this Year

- **ADDITIONAL PRIZES** are in place that may benefit us as an organization. We have been put in a more favorable category with less competition where the following are within our reach:
- **FAST 50.** The first 50 organizations to get donations from 50 unique donors will get a grant of \$500.
- Three prizes for the highest total dollars of new donations from a small organization: \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,000.
- Three prizes for the highest total dollars of returning donations from a small organization: \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,000.
- Five prizes for the total number of unique donors from a small organization, regardless of the size of the donation: \$7,000; \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,500; and \$1,000.

# Donate online Sep 20-21, noon to noon.

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**We Struggle,** but with your help we can make this our best year. About a third of our annual expenses of \$25,000 are covered by this single online event. We do all that we do because our board and volunteers are so dedicated and pay their own expenses. We supply the books and certificates of graduation. We only have one part-time employee to run the office. We have been doing this for eight years. Our origins go back ten years as it took us two years to develop the program and train the facilitators.

**How were we able to do this? Contributions** from individuals account for the most of our income. Other sources in the last year were grants (\$3,920 from the Patterson Foundation and \$5,000 from an individual) and \$500 and \$1,000 donations from both churches and individuals. As mentioned, we have also had non-cash help such as Journey Assembly of God leasing our office suite to us for \$1 a year and paying for our heat, cooling, light, and internet. Without this we would have never been able to carry on such an extensive mission conducting hundreds of life-skill sessions and graduating 13,000. **The board of directors** are also the reason for our success. Not only do they fund a large portion of our costs by their direct financial support, they also are tireless in doing the work of presenting the lessons. They also recruit other workers and present our program to potential institutions. Finally, sheer **Perseverance** over a span of many years has produced many fruitful results. For example, prison chaplains that did not want our program were sometimes replaced by those that did, some of whom were already FIT facilitators. The dedication of our workers has not gone unnoticed. Officials have been impressed as they have watch them travel over an hour, one way, just to teach just one inmate!

**People believe in us.** Nearly none of our clients or institutions can pay for our services or materials. They are largely incarcerated, homeless, or in a shelter with addiction, relational, or personal problems and our facilitators keep on doing what they are doing because they see results. They do not shy away from the sheer size of the task at hand in helping these folks turn their lives around. If necessary, they would rather selflessly spend a lot of effort with a few people to get big results than to get the personal glory of helping large numbers of people to a smaller extent.

Next Leader Training is Saturday, September 10 in Naples, FL