

**THE HOPE FOR PRISONERS TASK FORCE**  
**Application for Renewal**  
**August, 2017**

The Hope for Prisoners task force was formed over 10 years ago

- to raise awareness of mass incarceration in our society,
- to affirm the worth and dignity of those in jail and prison in our community and state
- to support programs that assist individuals in overcoming the obstacles they face after release
- to provide programs that assist the children and caretakers of those who are incarcerated.

This task force is currently involved in the following volunteer activities:

- Programs that serve inmates in the Monroe County Jail including the Read to Me program, and volunteer participation in offerings such as AA, NA, and support activities that involve individuals and groups.
- Assist the local non-profits, Courage to Change and New Leaf New Life, tutor those pursuing a high school degree or preparing for college.
- A new program entitled KIDS WITH ABSENT PARENTS (KAP) is underway that reaches out to children of incarcerated parents. Girls Inc and Big Brothers Big Sisters are serving as partners in this program that will
- Independently or in partnership with other Task Forces, raise awareness of incarceration and issues related to it by organizing forums, movie viewings, study groups around such topics as the opiate crisis; the increasing number of incarcerated women; the high number of African Americans in the prison system locally and nationally; and homelessness.

For these activities, we request \$300.

- \$150 to be used for the Read to Me program
- \$150 for the KAP project
- An application has been submitted to do fundraising and solicit donations of items for KAP, Courage to Change and New Leaf New Life.