



Living Stones looks to our supporters playing a larger and more wonderful role in 2017 for our children and families.



## LIVING STONES INTERNATIONAL

### LSI Year End Newsletter

January 2017...ALREADY!!! I'm not ready but been planning for this time since beginning of 2016. All I can say is...What a Mighty God we serve. You too may be looking at year end planning. Investing in Living Stones with your year end gift is a worthwhile cause supporting children whose parents are incarcerated. It's not only rewarding, but provides much needed programs. Read on and see how your dollars are making a difference in our community.

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### Upcoming Announcements

We're proud to announce changes to our board of directors.

Kenyatta Frazier has been elected by the board of directors to Chairwoman. We're confident her leadership will guide Living Stones' to the next level.

Also, Living Stones welcomes new board members:

- Lori Costantino-Brown, CEO of Bridges International



- Rico Cooper, Deputy Probation Officer for Department of Juvenile Justice
- Alan Williams, former FL State Representative
- Tena Pate, retired Florida Commissioner of the Florida Offender Review

Living Stones is grateful to Sam Carter of Carters Corner who is retiring from the board of directors. We appreciate his many years of dedication providing skillful leadership and service.

Also, special KUDOS to Jamil Ife Montgomery. Jamil a founding board member has provided valuable support and vision. They will continue to volunteer their time, talents and treasures. THANK YOU BOTH...

## **Staff Spotlight**

We welcome Shanta Wilson MSW Director of Programs and Clinical Services to the team. Shanta brings a wealth of expertise as a Social Worker and Field Educator for FAMU and Florida State including experience as a certified Child Protector Professional. She is a true blessing providing therapeutic services to children and families in our programs.



Torre Fields BSW joined LSI as a Project Coordinator. He has a heart for helping our young people become better in school and home.

Freddie Rouse is our newest associate. He started as a social work intern and graduated with his BSW from FAMU in December. Freddie has been accepted into FSU's College of Social Work Masters program starting January 2017.

Your matching investment sustains a growing professional staff.

**[Link to Additional Resource](#)**

## List of Programs



### **Children of Value After School (COVE)**

Elementary and Middle School students continue to transform their grades upward. We're bless to now have 3 vans to pick up children from school and take home. After homework, it's fun time.

**[Learn More about COVE](#)**

### ***Parents Engaged for Life (PEL)***

PEL grant earmarked for an area known as Promise Zone of Tallahassee is a huge success. This program helps parents understand that healthy family environments lead to healthy and productive children.



***[Learn More about PEL](#)***



### **Growing Together**

Thank you FAMU for partnering with LSI's After School program for 3 years . For our winter garden, FAMU provided greens and broccoli seedlings.

***[Learn More about Growing](#)***

### **Children of Inmates**

Living Stones is a Service Network Children of Inmate Agency that provides special bonding between children that are infants to 18 years old with their incarcerated Dads and Moms at five Florida state correctional facilities.



***[Learn More about COI](#)***

### **Department of Juvenile Justice's "Invest in Children and "Civil Citation" Programs**

We're proud to announce the award of two Prevention Grants from DJJ. The goal of Invest in Children is diverting youth that pose no threat to public safety away from DJJ system through programs that support a safe environment and provide youth and their families a positive alternative to delinquent behavior.

LSI's Civil Citation initiative addresses a youth's behavior at his or her first encounter with law enforcement and provides an alternative to arrest for that youth in Leon County.

[Learn More about Invest in Children](#)  
[Learn More about Civil Citation](#)

***SAVE THE DATE!***  
**5th Annual Family Fun Day, June 17, 2017**

Strengthening  
relationships  
among family  
members, engaging  
moms & dads to be  
active in the lives  
of their children!



**Continue your support bringing families together for  
A FUN FESTIVAL!**

***"People don't care how much you know,  
until you showed them how much you care!"***

***WE CARE.***

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