

## History



In 2007, Living Stones International (LSI) was established as a faith-based non-profit by Pastor Gary Montgomery and Elder Josephine Montgomery.

The couple is excited to celebrate the upcoming 10 year anniversary of servicing children and their families.

LSI is passionate about how families must again be the cornerstone of society by raising children as future citizens; thereby, building better neighborhoods and communities.

Living Stones' staff's 30+ years of experience in entrepreneurship, sets the tone to helping incarcerated moms and dads, by connecting them with their children in the state prison system within the counties of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla.

LSI has received recognition and awards-2016 Reentry Distinguished Service Award by Florida Council on Civic and Delinquency (FCCD) Chapter 2, Champion of Hope Award, Volunteer Florida Champion of Service, the Modern Woodmen Hometown Heroes Award, and more for their work in the community.



### Member Agencies



Big Bend Community Based Care

### More Information:



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## Mission

**Strengthening** healthy relationships among family members.

**Engaging** fathers and mothers to be active in the lives of their children.

**Mentoring** engaged and married couples.

**Advocating** the importance of family to our legislated and government officials.



## Goals

**We aim to:**

- Prevent children from following in their incarcerated parent's footsteps.
- Improve behavior and health outcomes for youth ages 5-17.
- Increase family strengths by reducing risk factors.
- Improving family relationships, parenting skills, and life skills for all members.

## Services

### Children of Value (COVE)

A free after school program that meets four times a week and features academic tutoring, mentorship, group talks, art activities, and education about the benefits of living healthy. Participants receive transportation to LSI, nutritious snacks, and a safe, supervised environment. LSI's staff collaborates with Florida A&M University and Florida State University students, interns, and volunteers to promote a better student achievement in COVE.

### Children of Inmates

Partnering with the Service Network for Children of Inmates, LSI provides wrap around and bonding services for children who are impacted by parental incarceration. LSI coordinates quarterly special bonding visits for children and families in correctional institutions in the Big Bend region.

### Growing Together

A gardening program, created in partnership with Florida A&M University, that combines family time with healthy nutrition and outdoor exercise.

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501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.**

### Parents Engaged for Life

Helps parents to understand that a healthy family environment leads to healthy and productive children. LSI provides parents with tips, better communication skills, teaches boundary setting, and educates individuals on the level of support their children and family members need to be successful.



**Our motto is, "to strengthen one marriage, to save one family, and to raise up one child at a time."**