

JUMPSTART®

Transforming the lives of prisoners from the inside out



“...in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began...” Titus 1:2

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Countless JumpStart volunteers serve men and women in prisons throughout South Carolina on a daily basis. These volunteers lead bible studies, prayer services and mentor prisoners spiritually. It’s an effort driven by the heart and one that encourages the prisoners who are often overwhelmed with the feeling of personal rejection.

An equal number of volunteers work with those who have been released to ensure they re-enter society as productive and responsible citizens. You’ll find these outside volunteers working hard to find housing, employment, accountability groups and other essentials for the ex-offenders. All of our JumpStart volunteers are involved in this ministry because they care.

Those still in prison and those recently released have this in common: they want to know that somebody cares about them. They want to know that their lives do matter. We strive to show them through our services that eternal life through Christ is real hope!

Replacing rejection with hope through the heart of a servant



JumpStart’s Workforce Development Coordinator, Steve Harbin, knows first-hand what this means. After working for the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for 20 years, Steve lost his focus on what is important in life. He allowed his ego to get the best of him which led him down a shady, shallow path and eventually to the Department of Corrections as a resident for 4 years. When he was released, Steve faced the same challenges ex-offenders face now: re-entering society. After bouncing around to several different jobs, Steve ended up at an executive recruiting firm that would eventually lead him to JumpStart.

“When I moved up to a larger recruiting firm, I learned all about employment until I was ready to open my own executive recruiting firm. At that time, I reflected on my past and realized I could help men and women in prison find employment and overcome the same job obstacles I had faced when I was released.”

Steve began working with those in prison who were considered short-term offenders. He worked with them on a weekly basis to help them develop their resumes and prepare them for employment. His work expanded into other prisons when JumpStart broadened their presence into multiple prison locations.

“I started going where JumpStart went. We were initially working at the Manning, Wateree, and Evans Correctional Institutions before we began working with the female prisoners at Graham and Leath Correctional. Today, I continue to work in these same locations.”

Steve’s volunteer work also involves the Department of Corrections Offices of Programs and Inmate Services with their classification department and the prison school district. In fact, Steve is on the school improvement council for the Department of Corrections Palmetto Unified School District.

Through Steve's efforts, the impact of JumpStart's programs on prisoners is real. Those incarcerated are able to begin building a solid foundation on which to grow – personally and spiritually. This often involves showing them how to overcome their own demons that make them doubt their own value. Steve is able to demonstrate how JumpStart's programs offer them a guide to get their lives centered on true hope through Christ.

"It's a great feeling knowing that I can contribute in some ways to the lives of these men and women. We show them they not only have value, but how to do things right once they leave prison and rejoin society. I encourage others to become involved in JumpStart for the same reasons I did: JumpStart helps our returning neighbors accomplish their spiritual, educational, employment and family goals, because JumpStart benefits our communities and it keeps us grounded in the important things in life."

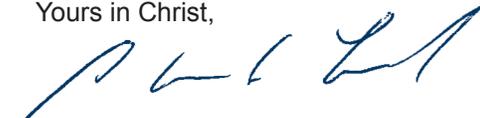
Where can you serve at JumpStart?

Do you have the heart of a servant to volunteer at JumpStart? There are countless opportunities and the rewards are immeasurable. Simply complete the enclosed card by indicating where you feel you can assist. We welcome your contributions of time and your financial gifts. JumpStart depends on those like you to continue our work throughout the prisons in South Carolina.

- ▶ Please complete the enclosed card and return it to JumpStart in the provided envelope
- ▶ Give securely online at jumpstartvision.org/marchgiving
- ▶ Mail checks to: JumpStart, March Giving, 418 Old Greenville Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301-4756

Without volunteers like Steve and many others who are surrendered to serving Christ, we could never accomplish our mission. We seek to deploy our volunteers in their strength and comfort zones. God blesses every one of His children with gifts, and if He calls you to serve with us, we will help you use it for His glory. Thank you for supporting JumpStart as a volunteer servant, financially and through fervent prayer!

Yours in Christ,



Chuck Fields Chairman

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