After starting a new job at her church, Robin Hawkins started looking for volunteer opportunities because she had Fridays off. While scrolling through Facebook, Robin discovered JUMPSTART which piqued her curiosity. Having already been involved with a different prison ministry for the inside program at Leath Correctional Institution, Robin wanted to learn more about JUMPSTART.

**Am I Good Enough? Am I Doing Enough?**

After attending a JUMPSTART conference, Robin was blown away by the ministry and knew she wanted to get involved. Right away, she was presented with an opportunity to become a mentor within the women’s ministry. At first, she was afraid. It seemed like such a huge responsibility. She prayed about it and signed up. “In the beginning I wondered, am I enough? Am I good enough? Am I doing enough? Am I giving enough?” She soon realized, though, that God was enough, and by following Him to serve others, He uses us to fill their needs, and meet our needs.

“We need each other, that is the basic need. Needing each other, doing life together,” Robin realized, “I don’t have to be the smartest person. I don’t have to know every bible scripture there is to know. I don’t even have to say the greatest prayer. I just need to love and be there for them. I just need to be a friend and show that I care.”

She saw that being the perfect speaker and teacher wasn’t necessary. Simply by showing up and being a friend, the participants learn by her example. Robin’s mentee, Kim, worried about being labeled as an ex-offender and how Robin would perceive her. Instead, Robin embraced her for who she is and now considers her a friend.

**A Glorious Return on Investment**

From her own experience, Kim knows the mentoring program works. “But,” she says, “You have to want to change. JUMPSTART goes above and beyond to help you spiritually, emotionally, and physically. They have your whole well-being at heart.”

Robin says she is grateful for JUMPSTART. Through her experience, she has grown so much herself. She sees a glorious return on the investment of her time. Through mentoring, she has been able to share herself, and has loved watching Kim grow. Robin said, “It is awesome to get to see what God is doing.”

When asked if she had a message for anyone considering becoming a JUMPSTART volunteer, her answer was simple. “Don’t be afraid of it.”
For Him...for Them

Through your commitment to JUMPSTART, lives are being changed. We are grateful for your generosity as we depend on our loyal volunteers, dedicated prayer warriors, and your faithful financial giving that allows us to disciple current and former prisoners, and assist with productive re-entry to society.

We have seen God use the time, talents, and financial gifts you provide to address spiritual, educational, employment, healthcare, housing, and family relationship needs. Your partnership with our ministry makes it possible. These statistics reflect success and we give the glory to God!

Thank you for helping us transform lives from the inside out.

For Him, for them

Tommy Moore, Executive Director

PS: For only $242.57 a month ($57.75 a week), JUMPSTART is able to provide prison re-entry ministry services. Your financial gift makes it possible to change a life. Please send your check to the address below or give securely on our website. Thank you.
A Special Message from Executive Director Tommy Moore

To our faithful supporters,

Thank you for the many expressions of support and prayers that we are receiving during these times of uncertainty within our world.

Our core belief at JUMPSTART is God’s plan for our future is greater than our past. In Jeremiah 29:11, His promise assures us that His plans for us are for our welfare, our future and our hope.

The leadership of JUMPSTART is doing everything carefully and prudently to care for the men and women entrusted to us. All earthly and spiritual needs are being met. I could not be prouder of our staff and participants who earnestly care for one another. Together, we are light in a fearful world.

To that end, your ongoing prayers and financial support could not be more valuable than right now. While most of our folks can continue to work, there are those who are not able. We provide for all of their material needs.

Additionally, we are actively seeking to support men and women on the inside by encouraging our volunteers to write often.

As always, our JUMPSTART team is grateful for you and continually in prayer for you. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. We appreciate your prayerful and financial support of this ministry. Together we are solving a problem by transforming lives from the inside out.

Peace,

Tommy