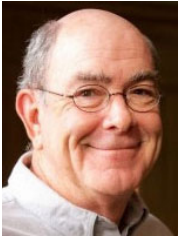




Summer Issue



**A message from Dean Bucalos,
Executive Director of MB3**
*Summertime, Summertime,
Sum...Sum...Summertime...*

As the summer days grow hotter and hotter, I am reminded of so many songs that marked summers in my lifetime. From the classic "Summertime" from Porgy and Bess to "Summer in the City" by the Lovin' Spoonful to that one-hit wonder "In the Summertime" by Mungo Jerry, these songs jog my memory of summers past.



Longer days, swimming, softball, cookouts—all create a season of family, friends and fun. But not for everyone. There are those who have made mistakes and are serving prison sentences. They are behind bars during the summer days and for the rest of the year. Paying their dues, these folks long to spend a summer day in the park with their children or partner and hope those days will soon come. Their prayer is for better days ahead.

You help make those better days happen! By supporting MB3 and its mission, you assist those who are incarcerated make a smooth, positive transition back into our communities. Your gifts of time and treasure provide life skills classes, a successful mentoring program, spiritual support and hope. MB3's goal is for everyone behind bars who returns to our communities (and 95% of those incarcerated will be released during their lifetime) to enjoy the summer breezes again and to contribute to the well-being of our communities.

May your summertime be a time of relaxation and renewal. Listen to some good summertime music and stay cool!

DONATE



Thanks to the Disciples Women's Endowment Fund!



A key to the success of those women at the MB3's congregation, New Life in Christ Christian Church, located inside Dismas Charities-Diersen is the development of positive life skills. Partners like the

Disciples Women's Endowment Fund, which awarded MB3 a grant of \$4,500, help make year-round life skills classes possible. At the end of one 6-week class on preparing to re-enter society after prison, Karen wrote in her evaluation, "I absolutely enjoyed this experience. The information will help me find jobs and an apartment; help me to stay focused and always keep God first. Thank you so much." Yes, thank you for friends who make it possible to offer classes like this one.

What you are doing is working! John's story...



John Fantini

My name is John Fantini. I was in a correctional institution for 18 years and when I was released, the world I left behind was gone. I didn't know exactly what to expect or what I was going to do. A very good friend gave me some information about

this program called Mission Behind Bars & Beyond. I made a phone call to one of the volunteer mentors, and he made time to come and see me at a halfway house

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where I was staying at that time. After that meeting with him, my life completely changed. My life now has meaning and I'm now a better person... there's hope for a better life. I'm very grateful for the help I received from Mission Behind Bars & Beyond. I encourage any person who's getting released from prison to contact Mission Behind Bars & Beyond and get started on a new and better productive life with the help they offer and provide.

Sincerely, from a man with a brighter future, John Fantini

Stay tuned for Give for Good Louisville 2019

MB3 will once again participate in The Community Foundation of Louisville's annual non-profit, one-day of giving on September 12th. You don't have to live in Louisville to participate. It's done on-line. Please look out for notices on how you can continue to help MB3 change lives.

A Small Country Church Makes a Big Difference



Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, located in Trimble County, is a small congregation averaging twelve to fourteen people in worship each Sunday. Virtually all church members are seniors and "salt of the earth" Christians of modest means. Yet God has used them in a mighty way to make a difference for the women at

Diersen Center and at Mission Behind Bars and Beyond. The Rev. Dr. Dianne Reistroffer resumed pastoral leadership of Mt. Carmel in June 2019 after a three-year hiatus. Moved by their pastor's account of the ministry of New Life in Christ at Diersen, church members began donating in the form of change as part of a campaign to buy Celebrate Recovery Bibles for NLIC. Each Sunday the faithful drop change and bills in a large country crock plastic container labeled with a sign, "Give change to make a change." In just five weeks, \$560 has been collected. At the July MB3 Board meeting, Dianne presented to Rev. Dean Bucalos a check for \$500 for the purchase of Celebrate Recovery Bibles. Vernon Pyles, lay leader at Mt. Carmel, said of the congregation's gift: "The Lord has provided for us and blessed us. We want to be a blessing and help these women find new life in Christ through His word."

Here's how you or your church can get involved...
Please visit our website: missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org

The Louisville Bar Foundation helps fund MB3's Mentor Training

In addition to your support, The Louisville Bar Foundation has again provided funds to expand our mentor training. Offered several times a year in Louisville, Lexington and when needed in other locations, MB3 trains volunteers to serve as mentors for those returning citizens with whom MB3 works. We are grateful for the Louisville Bar Foundation's partnership as together we are making the world a safer place.



John-Mark Hack

Another Great Volunteer

John-Mark Hack, a Louisville native now living in Woodford County, is the Vice President of Business Development for The Bristol Group, a second chance employer. John-Mark has served on MB3's board for a number of years, most recently as Board Secretary. With an expansive background working in state government, private industry and the non-profit world, John-Mark is ready to help MB3 continue to reach more and more people who are seeking a second chance in this world. He comes with a deep faith, a strong commitment, a passionate perspective and an incredible skill set. MB3 is thrilled to welcome John-Mark as its new board chair.

**Become a Volunteer, Advocate, Mentor
or Donor and help change lives.**

Other Ways To Support MB3

- Shop on **Amazon Smile** and set MB3 as the non-profit to receive a percent of your purchases from Amazon.
- Create a **Facebook fundraiser** for MB3 in honor of special events such as your birthday.
- Have a lasting impact on MB3 with a **Monthly Recurring Donation** by checking the recurring donation box when you make your donation.

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