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Covenant Outreach
Through Advocacy and
Agency Networking



A prison after-care
program for women and
girls

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Covenant Baptist Church has prayerfully cast a vision for a new ministry named,

COTAAN –
“Covenant Outreach Through Advocacy And Agency Networking.”

COTAAN’s focus is upon assisting female ex-offenders as they seek to re-enter society.

COTAAN offers spiritual care and support along with financial education, and the promotion of self-sufficiency through the church and partnering community agencies.

Through spiritual guidance, support and networking with partners, COTAAN seeks to assist returning citizens in successfully re-entering and positively impacting communities. A major goal of COTAAN is to reduce the rate of recidivism among female returning citizens.

COTAAN aims to exemplify “radical discipleship” living out the principles of our guiding Scripture, Luke 4:18:19, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

Goals

The goal of COTAAN is three-fold: To provide (1) spiritual guidance and support (2) identifiable paths to economic self-sufficiency for women and girls who are ex-offenders, and (3) create for them a sense of community and affirmation with a view towards reducing the rate of recidivism. COTAAN hopes to provide women and girl returning citizens with opportunities that will help them to become productive citizens re-entering society. COTAAN believes the impact of a faith-based program will lead ex-offenders in making positive decisions in other aspects of their lives. We also believe that financial education and planning is a critical aspect of sustained and productive re-entry into society.

Desired Outcomes

- A reduced rate of recidivism among participants
- Active participation in a community of faith by participants
- Participant establishment of a bank account
And healthier choices for financial stability
- Participants active involvement in or completion of programs offered by partnering social service and employment agencies

How You Can Help

With your help, COTAAN can assist those who are trying to start over and move in a fresh, holistic and productive direction. Won’t you support this worthy cause by making a donation to COTAAN today?

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