

Lifting Up Children Whose Parents Are in Jail

Unlocking the Chains of Incarceration

After their mom was incarcerated, Keith, 10, Kaya, 12 and Kevin, 7, were heartbroken and went to live with relatives in a household that already had two families living there. They experienced feelings of isolation and fear.

While attending Motherly Intercession's Parenting While Incarcerated (PWI) class in jail; Margaret, their mom, enrolled her kids in Motherly Intercession's Reading And Counting to Success PLUS (RACS+) afterschool tutorial program.

Through the children's involvement in the program, the Motherly Intercession staff noticed that the kids wore the same unclean clothes everyday. The children were often subjected to ridicule and embarrassment about their old, dirty clothes.

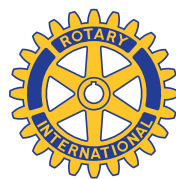


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Upon learning of this family's need, the Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise sprung into action to support and shop for the children. Sunrise Rotary has supported Motherly Intercession's From Mom Christmas program for over 15 years. This innovative program provides clothing and gifts for the children of parents who will not be home with their children for Christmas – providing new clothing, underwear, coats and shoes.

After Christmas where the kids received new clothing and other gifts, the Motherly Intercession team noticed a definite difference in the kids sense of pride and cooperation. Their confidence slowly built and they excelled in the program and were more social and engaged in their course work.

This story demonstrates the power of Rotarians in action at the community level. This is just one of many initiatives of the Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary where they tirelessly work to put service above self.



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