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Wishing our previous donors, volunteers, collaborative partners,
and others who have supported us in the past a

Happy New Year!!!

As you know, Motherly Intercession is a **small** organization whose **HUGE** mission is to “**Unlock the Future**” for the children of currently or previously incarcerated mothers and fathers of the Flint (Genesee County) Michigan community. Yes, the past year was challenging for us, specifically when we realized our monetary donations and grant funds in 2017 would be lower than we anticipated.

We worried about the number of **young innocent children** who are serving “**personal sentences**” of stress and emotional behavior disorders to a point where they embrace thoughts of suicide, experience instability in their home life, and those who have been placed at risk for child abuse or neglect . We certainly couldn’t forget those children who have tested positive for, or who are exhibiting characteristics of lead poisoning.

In spite the challenges we experienced, the good news is;

- ♥ Your previous support helped to enable Motherly Intercession to increase the student enrollment in our Reading And Counting to Success (RACS) afterschool tutorial program and add two additional evening of tutoring per week. Our outcomes evaluation data for the 2016—17 school year indicated 79% of our students showed an increase in grade equivalency in math and 73% in reading.
- ♥ The Children’s Trust Fund granted Motherly Intercession funds to hire a Social Worker who will provide invaluable social services for the children, their parents, and alternate caregivers through our Strengthening Incarcerated Families program.

The success we experienced last year motivates me to take this opportunity to

THANK YOU

for your grant funds, personal monetary donations, volunteering your time with us, serving on our Executive Board, your prayers, supporting our annual fundraising dinner and other efforts that you made to ensure we would be able to continue to serve this very vulnerable population of children in a very meaningful way in 2017.

I sincerely appreciate your support and wish you and your family a
very prosperous, and healthy New Year!

Shirley Cochran, Executive Director & Founder



My Road to Success

By Sherelle Bell-Brown

As a teen there weren't many avenues for me to be whom and what I needed to be. Motherly Intercession gave me the opportunity to explore my own capabilities. My brothers and I were offered love, encouragement, and something many adults are unable give to children, **RESPECT!**

Motherly intercession allowed us to be who we were, children who were hurting and who needed a place to feel accepted and to sometimes allowed to vent.

Through a tough time in my life and transitional period, this organization helped to make my days shorter and to keep my spirits uplifted. As a child I wanted to play an instrument, cheer, and or take dance lessons. At the age of 14 years Motherly Intercession provided me with the opportunity to fulfill my dream by making it possible for me to take dance lessons at the Flint Institute of Music.

Had it not been for their Bonding From A Distance Children's Visitation program in the Genesee County Jail, my siblings and I, would have

never gotten the chance to visit my mother during her incarceration. Our caregiver was very bitter towards our mother for the poor decisions that she made therefore; my brothers and I visiting our mother was the least of her priorities. Mrs. Earsie Clifton and other Motherly Intercession staff gave us extra support during those difficult times as they orchestrated and chaperoned our meetings with our mother.

I grew from my experience with Motherly Intercession and it was a place that I kept in my heart and never forgot. I went on to become a teen mom and was placed in another foster home so I lost the connection with the organization. By then, my mom was out of jail. I continued to reach for being who I wanted and needed to be.

School was my place of comfort outside of Motherly Intercession. Being almost a straight A student provided me with much liberation. I graduated from high school with honors and a one and a half year old child. I attended Western Michigan University and received a Bachelors of

Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences with a minor in Holistic Health. I am now a mother of four and pursuing my Masters of Science degree with a concentration of Health Education. I will graduate May 2018.

Earlier last year, while meeting with the internship coordinator at U of M Flint to discuss placement for my internship assignment; she mentioned Motherly Intercession as an option. My eyes lit up with excitement because the positive impact that this agency made in my life as a teen helped to generate my desire to be apart of the organization again.

I hoped my presence would be nurturing and I would able to make the same positive impact on the children in the program today.

My experience with Motherly Intercession has expanded my idea of cultural humility and I will take my old and new experiences from being a part of this organization into my future endeavors as I serve the public.

Education is the “KEY” to success! Please help us to

“Unlock the Future”

for children of incarcerated
mothers and fathers by supporting our
2018 Annual Pledge Campaign.



Motherly Intercession’s **Reading and Counting to Success PLUS (RACS+)** afterschool tutorial program provides;

- Homework assistance
- K-12 Tutoring in reading, writing, and math
- Computer Lab
- Summer Academic Enrichment Day Camp
- Job skills training for youth 14—18 years old
- Free dinner meals
- Free van transportation

Our 2018 goal is to raise \$150,000.00 to help to cover the expenses associated with the services provided through RACS+. Please help us to

“Turn the Key”

by selecting one of the following options today. Your donation at any level will be appreciated!



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Please make your check payable to Motherly Intercession and mail it to:

P.O. Box 311109—Flint, MI 48531

____ Option #3 - Yes, I will donate online by visiting www.unlocktheirfuture.org.

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