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AWAI Spec Challenge  
Mentoring Children of Prisoners Fundraising Letter

Dear friend,

Right now, two million American children and teens have at least one parent in prison. This type of separation is devastating. The children miss their parents. Their grades suffer. Their family may not be able to make ends meet. They will more likely to commit a crime.

The Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program is working to help as many children through this difficult time by matching them up with caring mentors. Each mentor is committed to spending at least one hour a week for at least a year doing fun and enriching activities.

This time has a profound effect on their lives. They are less likely to participate in risky behavior, and mentors help young people build skills and become involved in their communities.

We are trying to recruit eligible mentors so that we can help more kids across the country. Before a child can be matched up with an adult mentor, volunteers must be extensively screened to ensure that they pose no safety risk to the young people. The series of reference checks, criminal background checks, and child and domestic abuse record checks costs \$25 per person.

Please consider sending a gift of \$25, \$50 or more by placing a check in the envelope provided. Your generous donation will make it possible for a child to have a caring role model when they need one the most.

Thank you!

Sincerely

[your name]

P.S. It only takes one mentor to completely change someone's life. Your gift will make it possible for a child with a parent in prison to be matched up with a mentor right away!