



# Hope.

*Most of us take it for granted. But to the child of an offender it can be a dream come true.*

### **What is the vision of Opening Doors?**

The vision of Opening Doors® is to help those impacted by incarceration to build healthier relationships resulting in strengthened families, steady post-release employment, reduced recidivism and restored communities. We do this by creating effective partnerships with individuals, the faith community, the prisons, and the corporate community.

### **What is the mission of Opening Doors?**

Opening Doors of Ohio is a Christ-centered ministry that believes dramatic life transformation occurs when a healthy, loving community is experienced. Poor skills, social isolation and the absence of caring role models have often prevented those impacted by incarceration from developing healthy supportive relationships. When faith-based volunteers work together with prisons, families and corporate communities, lives are transformed, families are strengthened, and communities are restored.

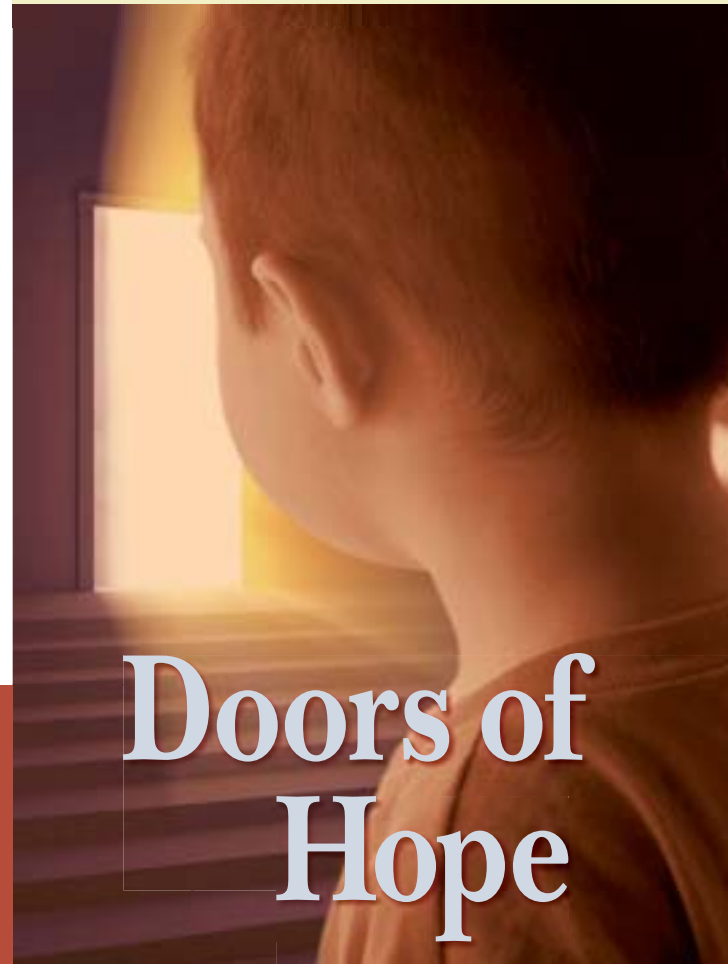
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# Doors of Hope

**Become a Sponsor of Hope.**

**These children suffer** from abandonment, low self-esteem, depression, poor school performance, and guilt all because of their parents' bad choices. Many follow in their parents' footsteps directly to prison.

**Why?** Because it's the only path they know, and they have no hope that life can be different.

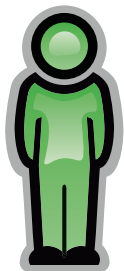
**For \$100 a month, you can help these children experience hope, probably for the very first time.**

*Doors of Hope Sponsor Partnership Program* enables individuals and families to help these often-overlooked children through monthly donations that support the ministries of Opening Doors® in the Family and Stand in the Gap™. Specifically, these monthly gifts will provide:

- Equipping parents with relational skills
- Family mediation services
- Provision of a support network
- Availability of a counselor for the Stand in the Gap (SITG) family group
- Materials for journaling
- Mentoring services

By working with the parent in prison, and helping to support them for an entire year after release, we're providing them with healthy relational skills and the opportunity to begin anew with their families and friends.

By equipping parents with key relationship skills, your gift will enable these children to view life in positive ways, to learn what healthy relationships look like, and to empower them to make good choices for their lives.



**One life infused with hope can transform a family.  
Many lives inspired by hope can transform a community.**

## Why is Doors of Hope so important?

### The need is real.

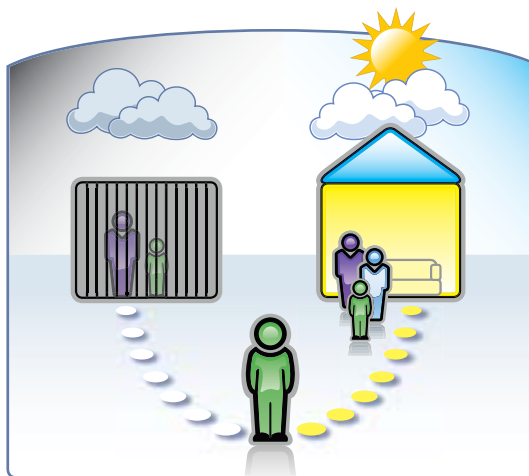
Tragically, nearly 50,000 children in Ohio are the invisible victims of their parents' incarceration.

### Offers these children hope.

Extensive research shows that 70 percent of offenders' children will end up in prison themselves unless someone reaches out to them and helps show them the right direction.

### Provides lasting change.

By breaking the cycle of incarceration, we're empowering these children to embrace a life of hope.



**Yes!** I believe in these precious children and want to do my part to open a door of hope!

An investment of any size will help us in our ministry and is appreciated. However, if you want to help open a *door of hope* for the children in one family, an investment of \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year is needed.

- \$100 per month to help give children of incarcerated parents hope that life can be different.
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to help the work of Opening Doors.
- Please contact me for volunteer opportunities.

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*A receipt for your **tax deductible gift** will be promptly sent to you.*

**We thank you for helping these precious children...because life *should* be different.**