



# You Hold The Key

Opening Doors® of Ohio, Inc. is in the business of creating hope.

We provide hope to offenders who are still in prison...men and women who struggle with depression, guilt, and feelings of worthlessness.

We give hope to offenders' families...parents, husbands and wives who have endured many trials and heartbreaks from their loved ones' bad choices.

And we especially provide hope to the offenders' children...innocent boys and girls who are often overlooked yet suffer overwhelming guilt and shame due to their parent's incarceration.

Through our various programs, we equip offenders and family members with the relational skills necessary for stronger, healthier families. We also enhance their ability to trust others and be part of a positive community — something very few of them have ever experienced before.

Many offenders are locked into the mindset that they can never change. With our help they acquire the confidence and hope that they can make good choices for their lives... and that life can be different.

The impact of incarceration extends beyond immediate family members to Ohio neighborhoods and even entire communities. As a corporate partner with Opening Doors, you can provide the key to opening "doors of hope" for these offenders, families, and communities.

## What is the vision of Opening Doors?

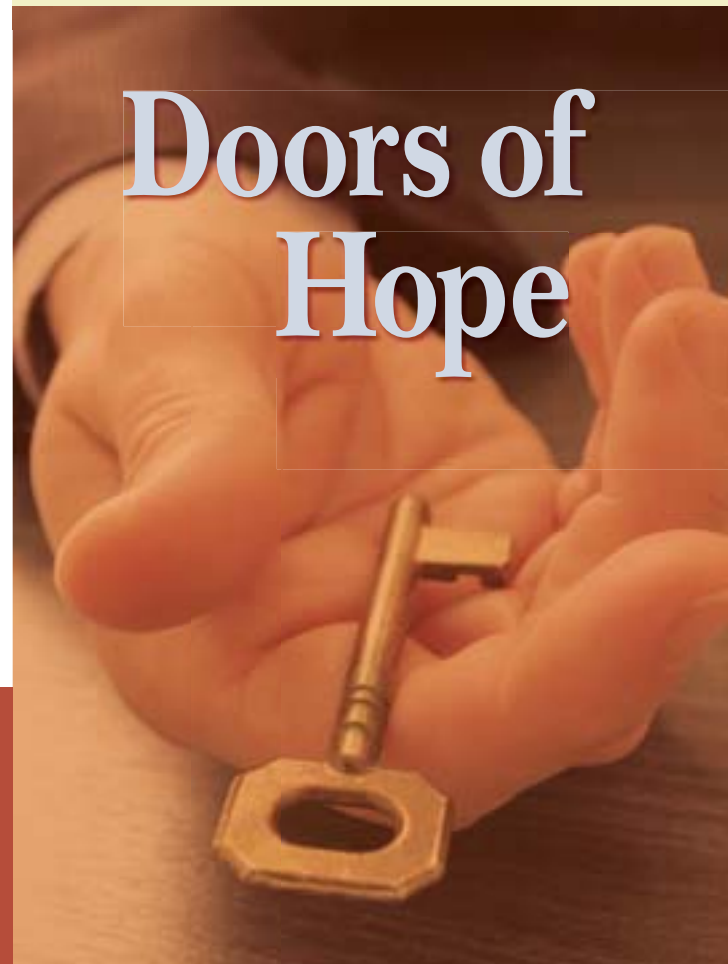
The vision of Opening Doors® is to help those impacted by incarceration to build healthier relationships resulting in strengthened families, steady post-release employment, reduced recidivism and restored communities. We do this by creating effective partnerships with individuals, the faith community,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

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## Become a Key Partner

# What is Doors of Hope?

*Doors of Hope* is an exciting opportunity for your company to become the “key” that will unlock barriers and open up new opportunities for Ohio children and their families who are impacted by incarceration. The first \$10,000 of your annual investment will be applied toward our ongoing operating expenses and will be leveraged through our Doors of Hope program for individuals. Because of the investment of companies like yours, we can honestly tell the individuals and families who support us that 100 percent of their donation will go directly to programming costs.

Volunteers are the heart of our work. In fact, more than \$570,000 of volunteer resources have been invested in Opening Doors’ work over the past seven years. And volunteers will continue to be an integral part of our work. However, as our impact grows and prisons throughout the state continue to request our services, we must increase our resources. We need key partners more than ever to step up and join us as we open doors for these children and their families.

## Key Benefits

**We realize that your investment in Doors of Hope is driven by your desire to help the growing number of invisible victims – the children of those that are incarcerated. However, to show our appreciation for your commitment, we will:**

- Provide you with your own “key” as a symbol of your vital partnership with us.
- List and link your company on the Opening Doors website.
- Recognize your company in our communications (newsletters, annual report, press releases).
- Provide a plaque recognizing your contribution.
- Mention your key partnership in media updates related to program milestones.

# Why is *Your Key* So Important?

Ohio is experiencing a statewide crisis caused by bulging prison populations and the ensuing harm to families and communities. Without adequate resources, we are only able to respond with bandaids. However you hold the key. By becoming a key partner you can unlock new solutions and open new doors of hope.

## The impact of incarceration is significant:

- 50,000 children in Ohio will go to bed tonight with a parent in prison.
- Ohio has the seventh largest adult prison population in the U.S.
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- Ohio incarcerates more youth than almost every other state, ranking sixth in the U.S.
- Entire Ohio communities are being decimated by incarceration – prison inmates increasingly come from the same cities and towns leaving more and more homes without moms or dads.
- Between 1982-2002, Ohio’s prison population increased 164 percent.

# Will you help to open more doors of hope for Ohio’s children, their families and communities?

# What Does Your Key Open?

**Your investment allows us to expand in three key areas:**

## Opening Doors for the Offender

works with the men, women, and youth while they’re still in prison by facilitating three-day, highly interactive programs that focus on:

- Encouraging personal growth
- Building community and trust
- Learning conflict resolution skills
- Learning to communicate effectively
- Understanding the Law of Use and the value of choices

## Opening Doors in the Family

provides a safer, healthier family environment for the children who have an incarcerated parent. For the offender and family we provide:

- Relationship and parenting skills training
- Journaling
- Family mediation
- Post-release mentoring
- Employment support
- Mentoring for the children
- Camp opportunities & more

## Stand in the Gap

helps pre-screened ex-offenders for an entire year once they leave prison by providing a Christian “family” group for friendship, prayer, support and accountability.

