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## CAN YOU PROVIDE THAT HELPING HAND?



*(an opportunity for faith based ministry)*

***Those who bring the Lord's sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.***  
***James Barrie***

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The Rev. John Davids Mentoring/Reentry Program is a Faith based ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Doylestown. Pa.

Our Mission is to aid ex-offenders at the time of their release to adjust to re-entry into social and cultural landscape of the community in a manner to readily facilitate self-sufficient citizenship. Thus pursued in an effort to raise the success levels of adjusting to communal activities with constructive life changes, reduction in recidivism and increase of public safety. It is composed of the volunteer efforts of aiding offender reentry by providing guidance, resources, and opportunity for reestablishing individual self sufficiency and integrated return to society.

Our program is a faith based mentoring program to prepare offenders to reenter society by working prior to and immediately following release from Community Correction institutions to provide the means and opportunity to Transform one's life.

Our program cooperates with a network of social service partners and support groups to provide ongoing treatment services and foster restorative family, and work relationships. We encourage an advocacy for change in the manner of treatment, education, and community support for cooperating ex-offenders in search of renewed dignity and self- esteem.

We mentor only non-violent, motivated and responsible individuals who aspire to transform their lives by taking responsibility and pursuing opportunities presented to them.



A comprehensive training program is offered volunteer mentors composed of fundamental mentoring principles, behavior patterns of

offenders, methods of mentoring and guiding, orientation to correction facility procedures and rules, and introduction to meeting and mentoring by experienced mentors and psychologists.

Men are needed to support younger men and mature women are needed to support younger females having great need in returning to work and family responsibilities with child care. We conduct a psychological women's program in behavior therapy and work skills designed to encourage responsible family rebuilding.

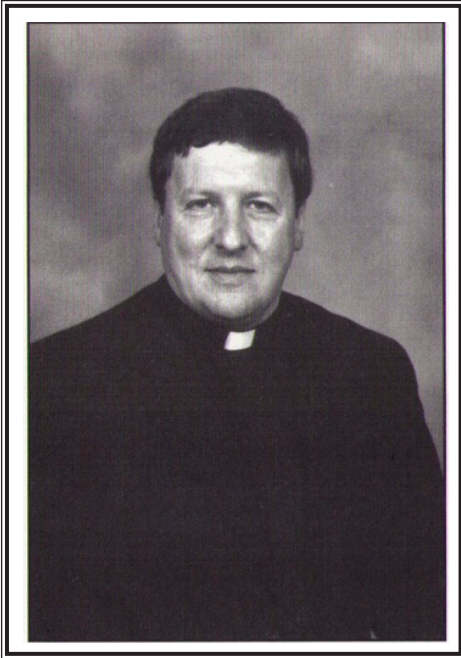
An application for volunteer mentoring can be obtained by calling 215-348-2583 or writing with interests to:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish  
235 East State Street  
Doylestown, Pa 18901  
Attn. Mentor Program

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***May we remember that love flows best when it flows freely, and it is in giving that we receive the greatest gift.***  
***Kate Novak***



**Rev. John J. Davids**  
**Born: October 3, 1950**  
**Ordained: May 15, 1976**  
**Died: July 25, 2002**

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*He devoted a ministry of compassion and aid to those margined in the correction system seeking redemption and acceptance.*



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*To the world you may be one  
Person...but to one person you  
may be the world !*

*Mark Twain*