

Who Can Apply for a Grant from the Terry Harris Endowment Fund?

If you have been affected by incarceration, you can apply.

Grants:

- are awarded twice a year.
- must be applied for in writing.
- are given for projects, classes, events, etc., not for assistance with personal finances.
- must be associated with another organization. For example, if you would like your child to go to camp or if you would like to take training courses, we will give the money to the organization to pay for your involvement.

For more information, go to www.cfka.org.
For help applying, contact Terry Harris.

Donating to the Terry Harris Endowment Fund

Contact Terry Harris or
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Kingston & Area

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How Can You Help?

- Donate to the Terry Harris Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area.
- Contact Terry to join him in projects that raise awareness and directly support families of prisoners.
- Reach out to these families in your communities and offer your time, talents, and support.
- Pray for direction, open doors, understanding, and funding.

The Terry Harris Endowment Fund

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Kingston can become a leader in holistic, compassionate community crime reduction."

When someone's on the inside...

Their family shouldn't have to be outsiders.



The Terry Harris Endowment Fund

Supporting families of prisoners in our community

Why support families of prisoners?

Most people know that the Kingston area has 10 federal institutions that house thousands of prisoners. It's easy to assume that each inmate is getting what they deserve: doing time for whatever crime they committed. But every one of those prisoners has a family. And those are the people who are easy to forget.

When Dad or Mom goes to prison, kids' lives can be turned upside down. There's the shame of having a parent in jail. Teasing and bullying at school. A lack of trust, either in Dad or Mom or in the authorities who took them away. Anger. Lots of anger. Fear. Uncertainty. Some kids may be taken into care. Others may be taken away from their communities as the other parent either follows their loved one from prison to prison, or hides from them for the family's safety. Education isn't usually top of the child's list of priorities. Just when they need a sense of security and self esteem the most, it disappears.

For spouses, partners, and parents, there's a fear of being stigmatized and judged for having loved – or still loving – a criminal. There might be a sudden end to income leading to poverty. A sense of shame. Depression. Guilt. Often, they need to move, find a new job, and a new community. There might be the stress of suddenly becoming a single parent. Trust isn't easy to come by. Neither is sympathy.

The Terry Harris Endowment Fund exists to support these families.

Because even though their stories are full of pain, guilt, and mistrust, their futures don't have to be.

What does the Terry Harris Endowment Fund do?

- Provides financial support for social, academic, and employment opportunities for those affected by incarceration
- Raises awareness in the community about issues faced by families of prisoners.
- Supports prisoners and their families as they reintegrate into the community.
- Provides a holistic approach to crime prevention that focuses on community support, education, and poverty reduction, not just harsher sentencing.
- Part of the Community Foundation for Kingston and Area.

“The Terry Harris Endowment Fund is derived from my personal conviction that families of prisoners suffer the most significant challenges of anyone in our community.”

What does the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area do?

- Brings together Kingston residents to build a caring, healthy and culturally rich community.
- Strengthens our community by making grants to charities, managing endowment funds, and building relationships between donors and people doing good work.

Listen to Terry describe his endowment fund at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byMUvObRLU>

Who is Terry Harris?



Terry is no stranger to challenges. When he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at age two, his parents were told by doctors that he would never walk, talk, read, write, or go to a regular school.

With the help of his parents and the community, Terry did all of that, earning a BA in English Literature in 1995, a Masters in marriage and family therapy in 1999, and being ordained in 2011.

From 2001 to 2006, he coordinated an academic support program for children of prisoners through the John Howard Society of Kingston and District. In 2007, he began his ongoing research into the social, financial, economic and educational realities faced by families of prisoners. The Terry Harris Endowment Fund was established in 2011.

Terry currently works as Prison Chaplain with Salvation Army, Freedom Ministries.

Above all, Terry has an unwavering belief in the power of the community to help everyone – even our most vulnerable – reach their potential.