

“VOICES UNHEARD”

ANNUAL REPORT ON TERRY’S PROJECT

WHY HAVE A FUNDRAISER DINNER?

You know you are getting older when 5 years passes in a blink of an eye! It was 5 years ago in April that we opened the Endowment Fund in Terry’s name to support Families of Prisoners and those impacted by incarceration. Since then we have raised \$18,000 that has been placed in an Endowment Fund and only the interest is used to create grants to help agencies with amazing projects that have a positive impact on our community and the people we serve. Many have asked Terry, ‘How do you start an Endowment Fund?’ He says, “\$5 and a Vision!” And a desire to make a difference and allow those who have the experience and the creativity to do the work! We don’t have to re-create the wheel, there is amazing work being done in our communities.

**‘HOW DO YOU START AN
ENDOWMENT FUND?’ TERRY SAYS,
“\$5 AND A VISION!”**

The COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for KINGSTON & AREA, comes along side these projects and gives them a grant to help complete their projects. When there is a project that crosses their desk with a connection to incarceration, Terry’s fund is considered and Terry has a say in how much he can give from his fund. That way he stays connected to what is

happening and the great ideas that are being designed & created. Awesome work!

This year we wanted to mark the 5th anniversary with a special dinner with family and friends, to share some new ideas that are being worked on and some good food and great music with you!! And raise some additional funds so more money can be given away!! We have set aside the last Wednesday in August to come together, one and all, at Discovery Centre of Fort Henry, on the shores of the St. Lawrence and celebrate and discuss the possibilities of what could happen in the future! *Will you join us?* Information below.

COME ONE.....COME ALL!!

Terry & I would like to invite you to join us for a fundraiser reception & dinner on Wednesday, August 31st, 2016
4pm @ Fort Henry’s Discovery Centre, Kingston, ON

Tickets are \$50 each and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the **Community Foundation for Kingston & Area**, designated for Terry’s Endowment Fund to support Families of Prisoners and those impacted by incarceration. The CFKA gives Grants twice per year to creative projects that help to improve our community as a whole and Terry’s fund is used when there is something presented that connects to incarceration.

Amazing work is being done before our eyes. These agencies just need a bit of funding to help make their ideas a reality. Donations can also be made directly to CFKA for a taxable receipt if you are unable to attend. Thanks!!

Tickets are available at Freedom Ministries from Terry Harris; From Dawn @ Home;
or by emailing us at terry@encourager.ca or by calling 613-572-1649 or 613-484-4864

THE VALUE OF CHAPLAINCY

A Few Thoughts:

The latest stop on my journey into the ever compelling sub culture of inmates and families of inmates has me working as a Prison Chaplain with the Salvation Army. What does a Prison Chaplain do? We do the things you might expect, such as provide chapel services, (church services for guys inside the walls), pastoral care, (one to one weekly meetings where guys have a chance to pray and to chat about issues that concern them.). Many of the conversations center around grief and loss, particularly missing out on important developmental stages in the life of the family, due to prolonged incarceration. We also do some things you might not expect, such as escorted temporary absences (ETA's) At lower security prisons, inmates have the opportunity to earn the privilege of being escorted into the community for specific periods of time and particular destinations. These destinations include but are not limited to: family

visits, appointments, church services in the community and hospitals to visit sick family members. Chaplains serve as escorts on ETA's and the success of ETA's have a part in determining an inmates readiness for greater community access. We also help to provide inmates with vital community resource information upon release with respect to housing, employment and social services. One of my favourite aspects of the job is the emphasis it places on face to face encounter. Unlike most vocations which have substituted technology and social media for literal personal connection, prison chaplaincy places a critical emphasis on being physically and emotionally present. Inmates are very appreciative of this and treat it as precious. It is a privilege to witness the healing and restoration that comes as a result of these encounters.

MORE DETAILS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH TERRY'S PROJECT, "VOICES UNHEARD" WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF THE YEAR AFTER THE EVENT.

Regal
GIFTS

Terry has registered another 2 month campaign with Regal gifts from September 1st – November 1st 2016. We raised \$50 last year for the fund but want to spread the news for more sales this year. You can get all your Christmas shopping done early and not have to worry about the crowds. The rebate for this fundraiser will be slightly higher during this time frame. All the money raised will be donated to TERRY HARRIS ENDOWMENT FUND. You can get a catalogue from Dawn and Terry or you can shop online and have it delivered directly to you! Happy shopping and thanks for your support! Let us know if you are interested and we will send you the link to his on-line store! Merry Christmas!!



Terry & Dawn Harris
2021 Swanfield St.
Kinston, ON
K7M 0A8
613-531-5283
terry@encourager.ca