***Volunteer Mentors Needed***

***To Guide Men and Women***

***Released From Incarceration***

 Montage Reentry Solutions recruits, develops and supervises mentors for the MN Federal Reentry Court Program. Our mentors help guide men and women recently released from incarceration to return into society as self-sufficient, law-abiding, productive citizens.

 Becoming a mentor is not “rocket science.” Outside of acquiring knowledge of basic fundamentals, it only requires that you be a good listener, ask good questions and help mentees implement and follow-through with goal work. Most of the contact with your mentee is done by phone and zoom. It only requires 2 to 3 hours of your time each month. In our roles, we assist them with barriers such as getting proper identification and reinstating driver’s licenses to enable employment, connecting them with jobs and housing and guiding them in building relationships and restoring families.

 Over the last five years, we have helped the Reentry Court Program dramatically reduce its recidivism rate (the rate at which clients fail and are re-incarcerated) from the high of 74% down to 30%. It’s an opportunity for you to be a “window” to Christ where they can see Him through your service.

***Volunteer Prayer Support***

***Is A Critical Success Factor***

 Many of our reentry clients do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. And since we are working in a secular environment, it requires us to approach the faith component with some subtlety. Therefore, the prayers from “The Body,” the hearts, minds and souls of our prayer volunteers play a vital role in this work. They have a significant impact on the success of our clients and in moving them toward a closer walk with Jesus.

 Our prayer teams receive periodic emails from us providing background information on our clients, updates on their progress and requesting their prayerful intentions when they encounter challenges. We welcome you to pray with us in this mission.

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 If you have an interest in volunteering, we can arrange for you to get an inside look at the “nuts and bolts” of this work by observing a Federal Reentry Court session via zoom. The session occurs bi-weekly and is a review of the progress made by mentors and mentees. A judge, attorneys for the prosecution, attorneys for the defense, probation officers and specialists and the mentees and mentors all participate in the discussion. It will give you a good sense for the mission.

 The two accompanying documents include the Reentry Court information brochure and a schematic that illustrates our collaboration with the CCTP nonprofit in our work in developing the pathways to employment and careers for our clients.