

2021

IMPACT STATEMENT

Hope-Net Ministries

Helping Other People Experience HOPE, through meeting needs and building healthy relationships.

WHY DO WE SERVE WOMEN RETURNING FROM INCARCERATION?

- We believe being created in God's image gives every person dignity, worth, and purpose.
- Women released from incarceration face homelessness, addiction, abuse, and poverty.
- Hope-Net meets them on the inside, works to build a relationship so when they are released, they will know someone is waiting for them on the outside who can help them successfully transition back into society.

The rate of incarceration of women is at historic highs—133 per 100,000 female citizens. USA ranks #1 in the world.

#1 Reason for Incarceration?
Drug Offenses

Special Challenges for Women:

- Separation from children
- Lack of substance abuse treatment
- Lack of mental health care
- Need for vocational

Ex-offenders are **10 Times** ...more likely to be homeless after incarceration.

Challenges include:

- Need for housing upon release
- Transportation
- New skills/Employment
- Addiction treatment

218 Bicycles

Hope-Net distributed to women in 2020

Those incarcerated more than once—
are 13 times more likely to experience homelessness.

- **People experiencing unsheltered homelessness are 9 times more likely to spend time in jail**
- **Lack of shelter & support services increases your chances to interact with**

WHY A HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER?

- *To break the homelessness/jail cycle for some in CB, thus saving the city tax dollars.*
- *To provide single women a safe place to rest, away from danger and the elements.*
- *To provide access to lockers so their personal information is kept secure.*
- *To provide a place and tools to repair their bicycles.*
- *To offer support meetings like AA, OverComers in Christ, Winner's Circle, and Bible studies.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer your time at Sequels, Winner's Circle, or other support meetings
- Collect personal hygiene items
- Provide hats & gloves in winter
- Provide food/meal at the Resource Center
- Collect clothing and donate to Sequels
- Provide childcare or a meal for our Circles of Support dinners
- Donate a bicycle for our women