Program Description:

Jericho is one of thirty programs nationwide that is part of President Bush’s Prisoner Re-entry Initiative. Our two main goals are to help the formerly incarcerated (1) find and keep employment and (2) avoid re-incarceration.

In the Baltimore area, we work with 200 non-violent formerly incarcerated men offering support services, employment readiness and goal setting. We offer referrals to transitional housing, vocational training, GED and pre-GED classes, and medical and mental health providers.

Jericho is a program of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland. The program is located in Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 811 Cathedral Street, Baltimore 21201.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. **Community Dinner.** Prepare and serve dinner to 25 Jericho clients. Volunteers are invited and encouraged to eat with clients. This opportunity is suitable for small groups of 4-8 people.

2. **Life Skills Instructor.** Lead a 2-hour presentation/discussion on anger management, conflict resolution, domestic violence awareness, recovery, health, finance, meditation, or other life skills.

3. **Activity Leader.** Organize and lead a group activity to encourage positive and constructive use of leisure time. Activities include intramural sports, poetry groups, chess clubs etc.

4. **Discussion Group Leader.** A male volunteer serves as a role model and friend by leading weekly group discussions regarding barriers to re-integration like substance abuse, family reconnection, gaining employment, positive attitudes, and self-esteem etc. Discussion Group leaders are asked to lead a group a month for 6 months.

5. **Life Coach (Mentor).** A male volunteer supports a client through a yearlong one-to-one relationship. Coaches commit to spend at least 4 hours a month for one year with the client. Volunteers attend weekly discussion group for at least one month before being matched with a client. The staff in consultation with the volunteer and client make the match.

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