In 1976, when Chuck Colson founded Prison Fellowship®, there were 440,000 men and women behind bars in the U.S. Today, that number has increased by 500%. The United States imprisons—and then reincarcerates—more of its citizens than any other nation, causing family instability and impacting communities across the nation. This overincarceration produces broken relationships, victimization, and despair. Clearly, something isn’t working.

THREE FUNDAMENTAL FAILURES IN THE UNITED STATE’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

1. The revolving door of incarceration
2. The high taxpayer cost, fractured families, and a non-rehabilitative culture of corrections
3. Disproportional sentences and barriers to success after release

REMEMBERING THOSE IN PRISON
Established on the biblical belief that all people are made in God’s image with inherent dignity and potential, for more than 40 years Prison Fellowship® has ministered to those affected by crime and incarceration. As the nation’s largest Christian nonprofit serving prisoners, former prisoners, and their families, Prison Fellowship advocates for a more restorative criminal justice system.

KEYS TO RESTORING AMERICAN JUSTICE

- **Intensive Values-Based Training for Men and Women in Prison** | Prison Fellowship Academy® takes incarcerated men and women through a yearlong, transformational journey. Graduates complete the Academy as change agents prepared to take their place as good citizens in their communities inside and outside of prison.
- **Engagement of Correctional Leaders** | Warden Exchange® empowers correctional professionals to create a legacy of safer prisons and safer communities.
- **Justice Reform** | Prison Fellowship Advocacy mobilizes Christians to support justice reforms that advance proportional punishment, constructive corrections culture, and second chances.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN GOOD CITIZENS OVER THREE YEARS

- $1 MILLION: ONE TARGET STATE
- $5 MILLION: TWO TARGET STATES
- $10 MILLION: FOUR TARGET STATES
REENVISIONING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Our goal is to create a safer, more redemptive society through the development of good citizens and rehabilitative prison cultures. A $10 million investment in Prison Fellowship over three years would result in:

- Rapid multiplication of good citizens: Three times as many Prison Fellowship Academy sites. We currently have 108 Academy sites in 29 states.

- Growth of transformational leadership and culture: More than 50 corrections professionals committed to the moral rehabilitation of the men and women under their charge would graduate from Warden Exchange, extending the alumni resource network by 29 percent.

- Significant increase in actions taken by the faith community in four target states leading to the advancement of legislative reforms that reduce disproportional penalties and increase second chance opportunities.

- Mobilization of more than 40 Justice Ambassadors, helping advance legislative reforms such as Louisiana’s Justice Reinvestment bill package in 2017, which helped the state shed the title of “leading incarcerator in the nation.”

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS


Awarded “Best Volunteer Organization” by Oklahoma Department of Corrections (Academy).

TOTAL EXPENSE BREAKDOWN (FY19)

$42,809,000

- Public Education: $3,941,000 (9.2%)
- Fundraising: $8,409,000 (19.5%)
- Management and General: $3,876,000 (8.9%)
- Prison Ministry: $26,583,000 (62.1%)

+6.1% from FY18

BE THE CATALYST TO CHANGE OVERINCARCERATION IN AMERICA.

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