

The Barnabas Group - Faith Works Team

Ministry Evaluation Report

Ministry Name Mentor ME Ministries, Inc.

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Year Formed 2004 **Executive Director** Robert Drake (President)

#Employees/Volunteers 1 / 30 + **Annual Budget** \$120,000

Board of Directors: #/Chairman Robert Drake, Don Dicostanzo, Pastor Dave Beckwith, Fred Douglas, Dan Ehrlich, Ron Hough

Overview of Ministry

Mentor ME Ministries is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization that provides **adult male Christian mentors to "fatherless" children, primarily boys** from 5 years to mid teens, in the general O.C. area. They are "fatherless" due to the father being deceased, restrained as an abuser, imprisoned, divorced, and other issues. These children are desperate for a father figure and role model in their lives. It is this need that we are dedicated to fulfilling. We mentor Christ's love by spending time with fatherless kids through group activities such as fishing, beach and park barbeques, Christian concerts and many others. Some children have been mentored to in our ministry for five years. We have observed that their level of self-esteem has increased significantly, as well as solid growth in their relationship with Christ. All our activities include prayer and Bible study. The screening process for mentors includes fingerprinting, background, and DMV checks. Mentors are not required to make length of time commitments.

Potential TBG Opportunities to Get Involved

1. Assistance with upcoming first annual fund raiser called "A Father's Day Gift for the Fatherless" - Saturday June 18th: silent auction items, media coverage, attendance to 250 persons at \$30 each ticket. Funds are required to fulfill the needs of our ministry budget for 2005.

2. We are seeking a "Mentoring Center" that will be used to conduct weekly mentor activities to the fatherless. We prefer a location in Central Orange County for convenience to most of our kids. However, we are open to wherever the Lord may locate the Center. We also seek a van or bus to aid in transporting children, when necessary.

3. Grant writer. Would like to have an experienced grant writer to complete the applications, letters, RFP'S and assist with the periodic reporting required.

4. Speaking engagements for Bob Drake to speak at churches, men's ministries and organizations that provide services to single moms and their children (Christian organizations are the most receptive), regarding the needs of fatherless boys to have Christian male mentors. We can help these organizations by mentoring to their fatherless and assisting them in starting their own mentor programs. This is a prime way to gain new mentor prospects, fatherless kids, and build our newsletter / donor base.

5. We have a need for a volunteer book keeper / coordinator (to possibly transition to employment); legal assistance to review, fine tune, or up-date our forms and liability waivers; help to obtain appropriate media coverage.