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Wildomar Luncheon Celebrates Couple's 'Liberating' New Book

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District 1.

The National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated reports that one in 28 children in the U.S. have an incarcerated parent.

"These children are often pulled into the cycle of drug abuse, violence and crime themselves, following their parents' footsteps on the path to incarceration," says Dr. Mona Davies of Murrieta, co-author of a new book commemorated Sept. 10 with a Wildomar luncheon attended by more than 100 community members and elected officials including Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and Wildomar City Councilwoman Bridgette Moore District 4.

Titled "Children's Liberation from Incarceration," the book co-written by Davies and her husband, Robert Davies combines qualitative research with the personal narratives of Riverside County children of incarcerated parents who went on to lead successful lives after graduating high school and even college.

"What their stories have contributed to is a model called 'Breaking the Cycle of Incarceration' and it is helping families everywhere reduce recidivism and break that cycle," Davies said.

Through the Wildomar-based nonprofit Community Outreach Ministry founded by the Davies more than a decade ago, the couple has come to know thousands of Southwest Riverside County youth affected by

incarceration. The organization works closely with Prison Fellowship International's Angel Tree program, which provides Christmas gifts to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Community Outreach Ministry takes the Angel Tree program a step further by holding summer camps and other events throughout each year for such children as well as their family members and caregivers.

The Wildomar luncheon also served as a fundraiser for such events, with community sponsors ranging from Wells Fargo, Wellness and More, Mentors For Kids Ministry and Temecula Motorsports to New Life Culinary Creations and Denise Ronzello of Shear Expressions Salon all giving sizeable amounts to the cause. Yet others contributed by volunteering their time to ensure the event ran smoothly.

"The work Mona and Bob have been doing is just amazing," said Karin Arango, Southern California Field Director for Prison Fellowship and Angel Tree, who spoke at the luncheon. "This is what we would like to see everyone doing — year-round events, not just at Christmas. And now they are ministering with resources for the caregivers."

Supervisor Jeffries also expressed his appreciation for Community Outreach Ministry and congratulated the Davies on the publication of their book.

"All of our resources in Riverside County are stretched to the limit so to have a nonprofit like we do here is really a big help for those youth," Jeffries said. "The services they are providing are incredibly valuable and if they can teach others how to do what they're doing with this book, I know it is going to make a great impact across the county, across the state and perhaps across the nation. I hope a lot of people take the opportunity to read it."

For more information about "Children's Liberation from Incarceration," visit Communityoutreachministry.com, call 951-698-7650 or email info@communityoutreachministry.org.

COURTESY PHOTOS:



Bob Davies (left) and Dr. Mona Davies of Wildomar-based Community Outreach Ministry sign copies of their new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration," during a luncheon Sept. 10, 2017 at The Corporate Room in Wildomar.



Dr. Mona Davies of Wildomar-based Community Outreach Ministry holds a copy of her new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration," at a fundraiser luncheon, Sept. 10, 2017 at The Corporate Room in Wildomar.



Riverside County District 1 Supervisor Kevin Jeffries speaks at Community Outreach Ministry luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 in Wildomar to commemorate the publication of Dr. Bob and Mona Davies' new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration."



Karin Arango, Southern California Field Director for Prison Fellowship and Angel Tree, speaks at a Community Outreach Ministry luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 as a fundraiser for events for at-risk children as well to commemorate the publication of Dr. Bob and Mona Davies' book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration."



Wildomar City Councilwoman Bridgette Moore emcees a Community Outreach Ministry fundraiser luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 in commemoration of the publication of Dr. Bob and Mona Davies' new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration."



More than 100 people attend a Community Outreach Ministry fundraiser luncheon Sept. 10, 2017 at The Corporate Room in Wildomar in commemoration of the publication of Dr. Bob and Mona Davies' new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration."



Cops for Kids Executive Director Dave Fontneau, a retired Riverside County sheriff's captain, speaks at a Community Outreach Ministry luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 in commemoration of Dr. Bob and Mona Davies' new book, "Children's Liberation from Incarceration."



Brothers Jacori and Jaelin Neal perform at a Community Outreach Ministry fundraiser luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 at The Corporate Room in Wildomar.



Clarissa Fears performs a flute solo for attendees of a Community Outreach Ministry fundraiser luncheon held Sept. 10, 2017 at the Corporate Room in Wildomar.