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### National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference

**Phoenix, AZ:** Dr. Mona Davies, Director of Community Outreach Ministry and her husband Bob will be one of a number of exhibitors at the four-day National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference on April 14 to April 17 at the Renaissance Downtown Phoenix Hotel. The national conference is being held by the Arizona State University's Center for Child Well-Being and will offer guests the opportunity to learn more about the many approaches to assisting children and families affected by incarceration. Over 500 conference attendees will attend the [ASU Conference](#) that will address many issues on the topic including innovations in research across disciplines and keynote speakers such as Rudy Valdez, director of The Sentence, a Home Box Office (HBO) documentary focusing on the effects of mandatory minimum sentencing.

Dr. Mona and Bob Davies are co-founders of the Wildomar, California-based ministry, a 501 C 3 nonprofit organization established in 2000. The Community Outreach Ministry serves as advocates for helping children of incarcerated parents, at-risk and needy children. The organization provides social, spiritual, educational and vocational opportunities to children who have been affected by parental incarceration. The ministry offers opportunities for outreaches, camping, mentor protégé workshops and an annual Angel Tree Christmas party.

At the national conference, Davies will be sharing the Breaking the Cycle of Incarceration Model she developed along with resources she also developed during a research project with children of incarcerated parents who have participated in her ministry's programs for ten years. During the research project, the youth – who were

between the ages of 19 and 22 transitioned into adulthood in Riverside County, the region Community Outreach Ministry assists.

Davies is the author of *Children's Liberation from Incarceration Breaking Cycles New Beginnings* that was published in 2017. The model and resources are helping families to break the cycle of incarceration. Since publication of the book, Davies has expanded her organization's youth programs and implemented "Breaking the Cycle of Incarceration:" Mentor Protégé Workshops, and "Gearing Up for Stem" Mentor Protégé Workshops. These workshops are regularly held throughout the year in the Riverside County communities, schools and church locations, among other venues.

Community Outreach Ministry is excited to be an exhibitor and to share its model, resources, workshops and programs with over 500 anticipated conference attendees. Davies' nonprofit group recognizes the ASU event as an opportunity to establish relationships with individuals who are also passionate about serving families impacted by incarceration. As advocates for these children, Community Outreach feels honored to demonstrate its support for progressing the interests and needs of children across the Nation.

Community Outreach Ministry welcomes donations for its STEM workshops: using robot science mechanical kits. The kits will be used to mentor students in grades fourth to twelfth to build their technical capacities as well as their confidence. It is imperative that these children envision the ability to pursue the fields of the future: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and to learn about these in demand, well-paid career paths. The nonprofit group also raises scholarships to send these children to camp to learn to overcome barriers and be given a second chance to be winners and champions. To donate online, visit [www.communityoutreachministry.org](http://www.communityoutreachministry.org) or text DONATE CHAMPIONS to 609-212-0627 to donate to Community Outreach Ministry. For details contact us at 951-698-7650 or [info@communityoutreachministry.org](mailto:info@communityoutreachministry.org).



Dr. Mona Davies, Corporate Room Wildomar, Book Launch Luncheon, September 10, 2017,



(Left to right) Bob Davies, Community Outreach Ministry CEO, Mr. Dave Fontneau Chief of Police Lake Elsinore Wildomar (Retired) Riverside County Sheriff Department Cops for Kids Executive Director, Dr. Mona Davies, and Councilwoman Bridgette Moore City of Wildomar



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