

*"Because of thousands of wonderful donors and volunteers,  
we have been able to touch the lives of countless prisoners and their families.  
Imagine the rippling effect of that caring energy radiating  
out across our communities."*

*– Jana Minor  
Founding Director*

Family literacy impacts the success of families.

Without strong literacy skills most people have limited opportunities for employment and limited engagement in the civic life of their communities. Over 65% of men and women who are incarcerated enter prison without their high school diploma and have marginal literacy skills. The likelihood of their children having limited literacy is high and further marginalizes those families for the next generation.

With the help of Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and your organization we are getting thousands of new books mailed each month to the children of incarcerated parents around the state.

We need your help to raise funds  
for postage and supplies.

### Quotes from prisoners:

*"I wanted to send another \$100 to help you with your work with women who are locked-up. I believe in what you are doing with your storybook projects I will continue to send \$100 a month."*

*– Danny*

*"Thank you for letting my mom sign me up for the Family Stories program. I love getting a new book once a month, soon I will have a whole shelf full of books. Even though she is in prison she still cares about my education."*

*– Rochelle*

*"I just want to thank you for allowing me to say to my children how much I love them. These tapes will allow my children to remember my voice forever. Thank you."*

*– Tanya*

*"The Father's Read program was good for me; I got to share a sports story with my son. It is incredible! It brought us such hope and joy!*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you."*

*– Jim*

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