

JUMPSTART®

Transforming the lives of prisoners from the inside out



Our Mission

In cooperation with our donors, churches and the community, JumpStart disciples current and former prisoners and assists with re-entry. We accomplish our mission through Community Partnerships to address the spiritual, educational, employment, healthcare, housing, and family relationship needs.

The President of JumpStart USA, Tommy Moore, explains JumpStart exist to solve the problem of ineffective re-entry to society from prison. "Never before have I seen the incredible potential a ministry has to impact a life, a whole family, a community and a state". JumpStart has a proven ministry concept. Every year, over 1,000 inmates participate in forty weeks of JumpStart ministry on the inside. This sets the stage for a 96% success rate as they transition into our outside program. The JumpStart "Vision for Tomorrow" develops this proven ministry into a best practices model that can be replicated.

“The primary reason people are learning about JumpStart is because for the past decade they have helped thousands of prisoners transform into productive citizens through discipleship and re-entry support”

Cary Sanders, JumpStart Inside Director

The JumpStart Experience



JumpStart Inside Program

The distinguishing attributes of our program are:

- A 40-week intensive discipleship process
- Class curriculum focused on transforming lives through: worship, fellowship, discipleship, mentoring, serving others, living with purpose, and re-entry education
- Unique, peer-to-peer assessments that ensure accountability and drive growth
- An emphasis on daily living out our core values of accountability, responsibility, and submission to authority

JumpStart Outside Program

This 12-month, Christ-centered program offers our participants:

- Low-cost, safe and stable housing with access to free physical, mental and dental healthcare
- Individual case management, mentoring, and financial stability training
- Transportation to service providers, employment and shopping
- Permanent and meaningful employment at a living wage
- A recovery program for chemical dependency



"God drew me to himself to hear His word with what He knows I love so much – the guitar. I know the absolute truth of His word and I was saved in 1997. I genuinely enjoy the opportunity to be a part of a program that is designed to help us discover God's purpose for our lives as well as prepare us for re-entry into society one day. There is no other program like JumpStart and it has been very helpful to many of us in a variety of ways."

Rob Carter

JumpStart Results



Those who complete the program:

- Have a 96% success rate
- Are gainfully employed in positions that pay a living wage and have growth potential
- Live in stable housing
- Utilize sound financial principles to live within their means and meet their obligations
- Are members of a church
- Have a healthy support network, and often become leaders within their communities
- Live surrendered lives to Jesus Christ
- Live out God's purpose for their life

96% of JumpStart graduates never go back to prison.

96%
JumpStart
Graduates



73%
SC Success
Rate



30%
USA Success
Rate



* Bureau of Justice Statistics Report, SC Department of Corrections

"When incarcerated people are offered the JumpStart program that combines Christian teaching, discipleship, mentoring, job training, transitional housing and other support services, the rate at which these individuals return to prison drops dramatically."

Harry, Former Inmate

Testimonials



Brian Scott

In 2015 Brian Scott started the JumpStart inside program, where the volunteers made him feel like he wasn't "just a prisoner," but that he mattered. Before coming to prison, Brian studied to become a lawyer, but says he had no real vision for his life, and he says, "A person without vision is lost." He credits JumpStart with changing that. "That is what JumpStart is, a vision of what could be. IT IS HOPE. To see that the staff has been where you are; they represent having a real life, and make you believe you can have the same thing." That opened Brian up to the vision God gave him, to open a new restaurant. He saw a place where people of all walks of life could come together.

Brian says that after prison, "JumpStart was a safe place to start- a new start on everything, like a big brother when you come out." They understand what it is like. "JumpStart is like a catcher's mitt. If you don't have them to catch you, you'll go back. They give you support, people telling you, you can do it." Without their support, you'd be struggling. It's hard to do it when there is so much to get done and you can't think clearly." Because of the support JumpStart provides, and a partner who is a JumpStart volunteer, Brian was able to realize the vision God had given him. He and Lori Isom opened Daily Basics in Spartanburg, SC and their reviews, like their food, are amazing!

Brian would like to tell everyone, "Inmates need JumpStart and they appreciate it more than people may know." He is grateful for everything JumpStart has done for him and is 'paying it forward.' His restaurant offers employment to some of the participants in JumpStart's outside program. He wants to offer the same support and opportunities he was given.



Jamie Figley

"JumpStart has given me the belief, hope, and faith in God again" Jamie Figley came to JumpStart, originally anyway, out of boredom. She signed up for any program the prison offered, even a new Wiccan group they offered, but God had a different plan for Jamie. When she was made to feel uncomfortable in the Wiccan group, JumpStart welcomed her.

"I tried to figure out life, to do my own thing. When you think you've got it all together, God will show you what you need to do to get it together. God called me back."

Through the inside program, she began to see a new life was possible, " They take people at their lowest of lows and give them hope. Your life doesn't have to be like this!" Before JumpStart, Jamie saw herself returning to the life she had before, selling drugs, but God showed her that wasn't the lifestyle she wanted. " JumpStart showed me I was worth more, that I had other skills to make money...legally." She now works at Daily Basics, a local restaurant owned by a JumpStart graduate and a JumpStart volunteer. She wants to thank everyone involved in JumpStart for giving her a chance to know Christ again, and a chance to dream of a brighter future.

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Service Opportunities

Volunteer Service Types:

- **Administration/Clerical** - *Correspondence, data entry, etc.*
- **Mentor (Inside Prison)** - *Go inside a prison to serve the inside class*
- **Mentor (Outside Prison)** - *Coach a participant during their transition back into society*
- **Transportation** - *Use ministry vehicles to take participants to work or appointments*
- **Social Media Volunteer** - *Help leverage the use of social media to increase awareness, cultivate speaking/meeting opportunities and generate support*
- **Connections Coordinator** - *Serve as a point of contact to explain the overall program and volunteer opportunities to those interested in learning more*
- **Video Production & Editing** - *Create compelling video content to help further the mission of Jump Start through storytelling using ministry equipment and software*
- **Transitional Program Volunteer Coordinator** - *Serve as a point of contact for Transitional Program Volunteers*
- **Wellness Coach** - *Various types such as Nutrition, Financial, Relationships, Physical and/or Mental/Emotional*