

A Word from Mack

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Because of you, lives are changed!

We recently shared some inspiring facts at our annual Cornerstone Banquet and I would like to share them with all of our Renewal News readers as well. The impact we have in our community is because of you! Thank you!

- 49.5 percent average drop in major crime in Friendship House target neighborhoods
- 49,400 members have been recruited to join the We Care Team
- 30,835 volunteer hours given by 1,740 volunteers in 2010
- 2,725 children and teens helped through Friendship House programs
- 1,225 trained Haven House neighborhood block leaders
- 348 individuals on Community Renewal tours in 2010
- 161 children and youth active in after-school programs
- 208 active students in the Adult Renewal Academy
- 9 Friendship Houses are staffed and operating in 5 local neighborhoods (Allendale, Highland, Cedar Grove, Queensborough, and Barksdale Annex). The 10th Friendship House is under construction in Queensborough.
- Individuals from more than 165 cities have visited CRI to see the working model in Shreveport-Bossier
- BPCC (Bossier Parish Community College) and CRI are partnering to create a caring campus culture, equip the next generation of community leaders, and to establish a model for community colleges throughout America.
- TCU (Texas Christian University) and CRI are partnering to help connect students, to enhance a relational culture, to equip community leaders, and to establish a We Care prototype. To date, 2,230 students have joined the We Care Team.
- HP (Hewlett Packard) and CRI have partnered to bring new technology into all Friendship House neighborhood programs, to support the CRI local expansion plans, and to help renew communities globally.
- CRI has partnered with Caddo and Bossier Parish Schools to highlight caring as an integral part of the lives of faculty, staff, and students; to equip students as caring community leaders; and to establish a model for other school districts. To date, 3,500 faculty and 17,000 students have joined the CRI We Care Team.
- 200 Partners – organizations, groups, businesses, and churches have partnered with CRI in providing services, materials, staff, and volunteers to help further the mission of CRI.