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RESIDENTIAL OUTREACH

Residential Outreach is a program of TFI's Mentoring Initiative. This program is a local missions opportunity for a church or group to serve and host a day camp experience in a residential facility.

Residential care programs are uniquely designed to provide a specialized, safe, structured and nurturing environment that allows healing and growth for children and adolescents.

Residential Outreach consists of three main areas of outreach: Workshops, Word & Worship and a Service Project. Each one of these areas of outreach is designed to build relationship between the children/adolescents in residential care and the church or group volunteers. The Forgotten Initiative's hope is to not only see volunteers step forward to build relationships with the residents but also support the residential facility as a whole.

Areas of Outreach

1. Workshops

Residents' Choice: Multiple workshop choices will be offered with a course description and the residents will have an opportunity to register for their workshop of choice beforehand. Workshops are set up to be two hours of instruction and participation that will be fun, encouraging and self-empowering to the residents.

Rotational Workshops: Three to five workshop stations will be offered to the residents in a rotation format. Workshop stations are set up to be 15-20 minutes each for 2 hours with 5 minutes of transition time between each station.

Workshops will incorporate both instruction and participation that will be fun, encouraging and self-empowering to the residents.

Each workshop will have a minimum of two instructors. All plans, supplies and equipment will be provided by the volunteers/instructors.

Workshop Category Examples: Arts, crafts, music, drama, sports, wellness, cooking, sewing and more!

2. Word & Worship

Word & Worship is a time set up for the residents to receive an encouraging 30 minute message and then participate in a 30 minute worship experience. During worship there will be opportunity for the residents to connect with volunteers for encouragement and prayer.



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3. Service Project

The Service Project* is designed to bless the residential facilities with simple improvement projects. This may include, but not limited to, yard work, painting, cleaning and playground equipment updates depending on the needs of the facility.

**All costs for the Service Project will be covered by the host church or group.*

Example Schedule

12:00-1:00	Orientation and Set Up
1:00-3:00	Workshops
3:00-4:00	Snacks, Connection and Project Expo.
4:00-5:00	Word and Worship
5:00	Dinner (optional attendance)

To get your church/group or residential facility/group home involved in Residential Outreach contact Amber Schwalls, Colquitt County TFI Advocate, colquittcounty.ga@theforgotteninitiative.org!