

—THERE'S A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK!—

KAP

Kids with Absent Parents

A PROGRAM FOR MONROE COUNTY



When parents are incarcerated, their children's lives are often disrupted by changes in • where they live • where they go to school • the stress placed on their caretaker • fear • shame • and social exclusion. With increased responsibility and **loss of absent parent's income**, the caregiver is confronted with a multitude of emotional and material challenges.

The Hope for Prisoners Task Force has initiated the **KAP** program for children whose parents are incarcerated. Our introductory event and followup programs will support these children and their caregivers, by providing an "Evening Out", connecting children with mentors, supplying small group support, dissemination of information about other agencies that may be able to help, and more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We welcome volunteers who might serve as teachers, mentors or assist with meal preparation. We are soliciting donations of the following items to be collected at the Social Justice table on September 3, 10 and 17.

- Canned hams • Canned beef stew (large) • Peanut butter • Jelly • Toiletries • Bus passes
- Games • DVDs for kids (may be used in good condition) • School supplies • Simple puzzles
 - Coloring books and markers/crayons • Play dough or clay • Craft supplies
 - Recordings suitable for children • Musical instruments • Art supplies
 - Anything that promotes imaginative creativity in children

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