



# March 2018 Newsletter

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## FIT ANNOUNCES 2018 GIVING CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Giving Challenge May 1 -2 Noon til Noon

# If you'll provide the funds, We'll do the work

- Hundreds of volunteers
- 25,000 course books provided
- 250,000 contact hours with prisoners and those in recovery

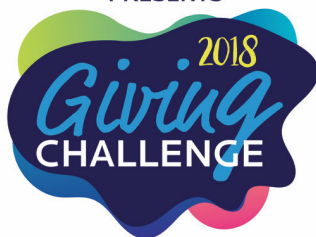
### *INCENTIVES*

- ALL donations matched up to \$100 by the Patterson Foundation
- FIRST FIFTY donations matched by your FIT Board of Directors up to \$25
- FIRST PAYMENT on a new pledge of \$25 or more matched with \$25 by your FIT Board

Online through our link on [www.familyintegrity.org](http://www.familyintegrity.org).

Minimum of \$25. Other incentives and foundation support will be listed at [www.familyintegrity.org](http://www.familyintegrity.org)

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WHY IT IS HARD FOR US TO RAISE FUNDS	WHY YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
<p><b>Our operating budget is only \$45,000</b> We may be viewed by some funding sources as being too small and underfunded to be effective and therefore a poor risk for grants.</p>	<p><b>Our operating budget is only \$45,000</b> We do \$1,000,000 of work per year by using volunteers who donate their time, pay their own expenses, AND pay dues and make donations.</p>
<p><b>We are scattered about geographically</b> We have operations all over Florida and in several other states. Local fundraisers have not been practical or effective.</p>	<p><b>We are scattered about geographically</b> We are web-based and use the US Postal Service to distribute our books and certificates. Distance or location is not a limitation. This format is ideal.</p>
<p><b>We work with the poor, imprisoned, and those in recovery</b> We work with the forgotten people of society. This is not a popular cause. Our clients cannot afford to pay for any of the materials we provide.</p>	<p><b>We work with the poor, imprisoned, and those in recovery</b> This is our niche, and we support clients and other struggling halfway houses and ministries with our free materials and services.</p>
<p><b>We are faith-based</b> This means we can receive no government support and that clients participation in our programs must be voluntary.</p>	<p><b>We are faith-based</b> It is estimated that 50% of clients needing or requiring the life skills courses we offer prefer a faith-based approach. The need is large.</p>

## INCENTIVES/POSSIBLE PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATION IN GIVING PARTNER FUNDRAISER

### from the Patterson Foundation...

- ◆ All individual donations matched up to \$100 ◆ Opportunity for FIT to compete for organizational prizes such as most unique donors (\$7,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, or \$1,000), \$2,000 for Best Giving Challenge Turnaround (from 2016), Best Overall Campaign (\$6,000, \$5,000, \$4,000), and Fast 50: \$500 grant to the first 50 nonprofits to get 50 unique donors

### from your FIT Board of Directors...

funded by the personal contributions of Board Members (we wouldn't ask you to do something we wouldn't do)...

- ◆ First 50 individual donations matched up to \$25 ◆ First payment on a pledge of \$25 or more matched with \$25

# SAVE THE DATE MAY 1 - MAY 2, NOON TIL NOON

**We raised \$16,870 in the last Giving Partner in 2016  
and we were not nearly as organized as this year.**

Join the excitement of the hundreds of FIT volunteers and thousands of clients.