

Merry Christmas

Celebrate the birth of Christ
by a renewed dedication
to Him and His work

We are thankful for your
part in the FIT Family

Giving Tuesday Fundraiser Results!

One-Time: \$1,540 Monthly: \$35 Total: \$1,575

Thank You!

Betty Drawdy joins the office staff

That kind voice you hear when you call the office is Betty Drawdy. She has been with us for half a year and is a blessing to all. Betty loves the FIT program and is always willing to assist you. Here are a few of her insider perspectives about giving to our organization:

Volunteer Facilitators!!! Ask yourself, "**What does my \$35.00 annual dues do for me?**" The



answer may surprise you!! First of all, there are the free **certificates for all our graduates**. It costs us \$5.00 per certificate to process, print, and mail them. Then there are the sets of **free books** worth hundreds of dollars that we make available for your classes, just to name a few things. **What do your Donations do for FIT?** They keep this non profit organization running. Without the faithfulness of our donors, we could not exist. Donations of love makes it possible for our volunteers to go into the prisons, jails, and half way homes with all the supplies they need. The materials are powerful tools in teaching the lost, unloved, and those who have made terrible choices.

News

- \$50 was donated to our Fundraiser in memory of Loretta Sellers Price, the mother of Board Member Beverly Shatterly.
- Steve Heintz reports expansion of the work at Suwannee Correctional Institution in North Florida.
- Preliminary work has started on producing a new FIT course on "starting over". It will focus on the needs of prisons, jails, and recovery houses that are working with clients with only a limited time left before transitioning into society.
- Joseph Sheehan is expanding the work at Century Correctional Institution in West Florida.
- Certified Trainers John Ringleb and Joseph Sheehan have been especially active in training inmates to teach other inmates in FIT's organized "peer facilitator" program.
- Eight new peer facilitators have been approved by the FIT Board in 2019.
- Chris Christiansen and team have been invited to expand into other buildings at Taylor Correctional Institution in North Florida.
- FIT has resubmitted an application for program approval by the Florida Department of Corrections for the FIT program as a whole.
- The FIT Policy Committee has been active in setting policies to be followed systemwide.
- The FIT Succession Committee presented its 2020 Succession Policy recommendations to the board and had it approved.
- Helen Campbell continues her two-year ministry at the Life Challenge of Western NC women's center. Seventy-seven course graduations have been issued. Five individuals have completed the entire FIT program

2020 Leader Training Sessions

BRADENTON, FL

Saturday, Feb 1, 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM , FIT Headquarters

3855 Pro Am Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203

Trainer: Don Pratt, 941.799.4975.

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Saturday, May 2, 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM , FIT Headquarters

3855 Pro Am Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203

Trainer: Don Pratt, 941.799.4975.

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Saturday, Aug 1, 2020, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, FIT Headquarters

3855 Pro Am Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203, Trainer: Don Pratt, 941.799.4975.

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Saturday, Nov 7, 2020, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, FIT Headquarters

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- Call the office to attend the Bradenton trainings online -