

OPERATION NEW HOPE

“Life, for me, has changed tremendously because of one new ingredient – a life coach. And, let it be known, my life coach is the best in the world. In my life there have been many mountains to climb and numerous bridges to cross, and since my release from prison, Mrs. Desiree has been by my side, every step of the way. Always encouraging, Mrs. Desiree guides me through life, assists me with decisions, and helps me move in a positive direction. My goal is to be a happy and productive member of society and Mrs. Desiree is my champion. In short, having Mrs. Desiree as my life coach has not only improved the quality of my life, but saved my life.

When I lost my job, Mrs. Desiree gave me hope; when I've needed someone to talk to, she's listened. When I've felt like giving up on myself, she's been the strength that has carried me through the day. When I've needed advice, she's always been willing, but never simply telling what I wanted to hear. Mrs. Desiree's always told me the truth even if it was something I didn't want to hear. No matter what time it is or what she is doing, Mrs. Desiree takes time for me, gives me suggestions and helps me see complete situations and pictures – she never ignores me. Mrs. Desiree supports me in everything positive I do, and for that I respect her completely. I truly feel she is Heaven sent and meant to be a part of my life.

The circumstances that brought Mrs. Desiree into my life were not the greatest. If asked how prison changed my life, I would respond with the following – Prison is the worst thing I have experienced in my life, and it was self-inflicted, yet it was the best thing that happened to me because it led me to change the self destructive behavior that brought me to prison. If I had not travelled these roads I would not have met Mrs. Desiree, nor would she be in my life – something that is not an option for me. I would not change having her as a part of my life.

Having Mrs. Desiree as my life coach has taught me there are good, caring people in the world that love unconditionally, have grace and show mercy to others seeking nothing in return. Her and their only wish is for others to lead a happy, productive, crime free, successful and productive life. That is what having a life coach means to me.”

Linda Lawrence

Mentee, Ready4Work Participant

“What Having a Life Coach Means to Me”

Rebuilding Lives. Restoring Communities. Renewing Hope.