



LIVING STONES INTERNATIONAL

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In 2007, **Living Stones International (LSI)** was established as faith-based children, family outreach and social service organization working with "children and their families, whose loves ones are incarcerated." *LSI's programs and services* teach fathers and mothers how to be better parents and more active in their children's lives; offer children of incarcerated parents the tools to overcome obstacles and prevent them from following in their incarcerated parent's footsteps; and advocate on behalf of families to our community and government officials.

Since our inception, LSI transformed from a *Marriage Really Works Education Program* to a **Prison-based Program** working with children of inmates and their families. For the past six years, children have been reconnected to moms, dads, and grandparents in the state prison system comprising the counties of Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon and Wakulla.

As a retired business owner of a nationwide systems integrator serving the transit industry, Josephine (JC) Montgomery was responsible for project budgets, payroll, and human resources for which the firm installed OEM communication/video equipment onto more than 8,000 transit buses, trains, and para-transit vehicles.

Gary and Josephine, as founders of LSI since 2007, provided pre-marriage counseling to over 25 couples and marriage counseling to 30 couples. LSI also connected over 375 youth to their incarcerated parents at five (5) state prisons. Arranging quarterly visits with children of incarcerated parents, LSI provided wrap around services to them and their caregivers. For six years, under Josephine's direction, LSI successfully operated an after-school program exposing children to STEMs, camping, and canoeing.

Josephine, as the Vice President and Executive Director of LSI, executes the services necessary for our families to thrive and survive. She states her passion far outweighs the need and the desire to see children have the capacity and capability to achieve great success.

Josephine functions also as Chair of Leads Group 6 for the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, past Secretary and Board Member for United partners for Human Services (UPHS), and past Chair of The Tallahassee Women's Connection, a local ministry evangelistic arm of the worldwide Stonecroft Ministries. JC holds a MBA Degree from Loyola University of Maryland, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Utica College of Syracuse University, and Associate Theology Degree from Christian Life School of Theology.

She has been married forty-six years to Gary and both are blessed with four wonderful children and eight awesome grandchildren.