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ACTS and nAction Family Network Launch 'Justice Sunday'



Kay Coulson, Dr. Joseph P. Metoyer, Jr. and Darla Davenport-Powell.

Every parent, every grandparent, every teacher, preacher, leader, and citizen must commit to save our children. If our children thrive, the nation thrives. If our children fall, America falls with them. —Marian Wright Edelman

What happens after a female ex-offender is released from prison? Is there a job waiting for her? Will she have food...a place to stay...a way to get around town? And what about her children? Will she be mentally, emotionally and financially equipped to care for her children right away?

Kay Coulson, *Founder and Executive Director of nAction Family Network*, knows their plight, all too well. Her organization, which assists incarcerated and ex-offenders in making a positive re-entry into society, has teamed with ACTS (A Church That Studies) and Catholic Big Brothers and Big Sisters to recruit volunteers for its Mentoring Children of Promise

program.

Project Raphael, a network of private entities led by Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters, is looking for mentors to become tutors, friends and role models to children of prisoners.

"This is an excellent match," said Coulson. "It captures everything nAction strives to accomplish. It lines up perfectly with our goal to provide mentoring and enrichment programs for children whose mothers are incarcerated, in recovery or repeat offenders."

Dr. Joseph P. Metoyer, Jr., Pastor of ACTS in Santa Monica, CA, joined Clergy across the nation to launch 'Justice Sunday' an extension of the Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. observance, that would 'make the care and mentoring of children whose parents are incarcerated a national priority.' Pastor Metoyer encourages all individuals to 'make a pledge of volunteer service.'

"The burden to restore the family rests solely on the shoulders of the Church," said Pastor Metoyer. "When we can enter into relationships with organizations whose goals are directed towards restoring family, I think those things need to be embraced."

For more information or to volunteer, please call (213) 251-9800 or 1 (800) 463-4066. (Reported by Darla Davenport-Powell)