

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Ascent 121 provides long term trauma recovery services for teen survivors of sex trafficking in Indiana. The Ascent 121 staff is delighted to provide this opportunity to those who want to make a real difference. Due to the trauma experienced by survivors and confidentiality requirements, volunteers do not work directly with the clients. Encouragement cards from the community are a great way to show support and provide hope to the survivors we serve.

## ► LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE TEENS (TOTAL NEEDED 12)

Some of the teen survivors served by Ascent 121 live in a secure residential recovery center for six to twelve months. They receive their medical and therapeutic care there, attend high school classes, and have free time for activities. Recovery can be lonesome and discouraging. Scripture and words of encouragement are sincerely appreciated by the teens during their recovery journey.

### Step One

As a group, learn more about domestic minor sex trafficking and the work of Ascent 121 by visiting [Ascent121.org](https://Ascent121.org).

- Click **WHAT WE DO** and watch the short video.
- Next, click **WHAT WE DO > SURVIVOR SERVICES > RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** to learn about their experience.

### Step Two

Discuss as a group what kind of letters you would like to provide either Christmas or Valentine's Day cards. Decide if you will purchase cards individually or together and whether you will write them individually or as a group. Letters can include a message, a prayer, scripture verses, scripture coloring pages, or bookmark.

### Step Three

Set a date to bring the items to the Group. Once you've gathered your items, consider spending some time praying for the Ascent 121 teens who will receive them. Prepare your letters and write Ascent 121 Teen on the outside of each envelope. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPES.**

Please deliver cards in one zip lock plastic bag. Enclose in the bag a note that says what church or organization you are from and the contact information for the leader of your group.

### Step Four

Contact Kellie Leeper ([kellie.leeper@ascent121.org](mailto:kellie.leeper@ascent121.org)) at Ascent 121 to arrange a time to drop off the bag at her home. Thank you!

*Ascent 121 is a faith-based, non-profit human services organization with a goal of addressing commercial sexual exploitation and domestic human trafficking through therapeutic victim services and through raising awareness.*

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