



February 2015

iServe is pleased to announce a new initiative that joins us with the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and the Living Harvest (TLH) to create "The Sweet Dreams Program"

Sweet Dreams Program

The Guardian ad Litem program advocates for the best interest of children who have been victims of abuse or neglect. The program identifies and attempts to meet the needs of the children and families it serves. One frequent need is beds. The program's goal is to assist caregivers who take in children who have been removed from their parents and placed with relatives. This could mean helping grandparents get twin beds for their grandchildren. By doing this, the program works to make stronger families and a stronger community. In addition, the program assists youth aging out of the system to live independently. With this program it will ensure they will have a good start on their own.

iServe

Over the past year, we have partnered with GAL to assist in projects for children and youth. As you can see above, there is a need to assist families that have given of themselves to care for these children. What better way for us to assist these children to feel at home than to supply a new bed for them to sleep on. We have established a separate iServe fund that will be used exclusively for this initiative called – iServe GAL Fund. Any additional donations would be welcomed, such as sheets, blankets, pillows.

The Living Harvest

Working with The Living Harvest Thrift Shop we have secured discounted prices to purchase new mattresses and frames. For example, we can purchase a complete new twin bed (mattress, box springs and frame) for \$215.

Project Requests

Project requests will be submitted by GAL with identified needy families. iServe will contact TLH for purchase of the necessary bed components and make arrangements for delivery of the bed to the family's home. A Project invitation will be issued to the iServe volunteers. On the day of delivery, iServe volunteers will pick up the bed at TLH and deliver to the family.

If you would like more information on GAL – please visit their website at:

<https://gal2.org/>

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact
John Cousins

Email jmc57ipd@msn.com

Phone home 850-668-2907 cell 850-445-6045