

Heart 2 Heart

*Spotlight on:
Greene County Residential
Treatment Center*

Cedarville sends two teams to the Greene County Residential Treatment Center in Xenia, both a boys team and a girls team. Although the basics of the ministry are the same, each team ministers to the kids ages 13-18 in a slightly different way.

The guys team, led by Andrew Ralon, ministers to the young men in the center by building relationships with them one-on-one and sharing the Gospel.

When the team arrives at the center, they join the kids in whatever they are doing and try to start a good conversation, asking about school and how their week has been. Then, the guys might play games such as ping-pong or chess. During this time the guys try to naturally bring the conversation to God and can share with the guys their beliefs. They like to laugh and tell jokes and get to know each other better, and see the guys' perspectives start to change.

Andrew enjoys being able to impact these kids' lives and teach them the truth. "Recently, I received a letter

from my "little bro" from last year, who moved out after he finished the program. He sent me a Christmas greeting, and I thought that was awesome, especially since I hadn't heard from him in eight months and had no idea where he lived. It was just comforting to know that I made an impact on just one kid. We get to have fun with these boys and prod them in the direction of absolute truth. Just the fact that they are so willing to listen to everything we say is my favorite part."

Taylor Storey, team member, enjoys being able to impact these guys, even through little things. "The most rewarding thing about this ministry is being able to spend time with the kids. They're so genuine; all they want is somebody to love them. I've been blown away at how easy it is to make a difference, by just showing up."

The girls team, led by Kristen Neal, ministers to the girls at the treatment center by sharing their hearts and faith. They play games, make crafts, and give Bible lessons. They also try to increase their self esteem and be a role model

by encouraging them to do the right things.

Kristen loves being able to show the girls how much the team cares about them. "The girls have told us they can get through the week knowing that we are coming. My little sister, Tonya, told me that I mean more to her than anyone else. Not many people care for these little girls. Our ministry shows them there are people who care and they see Christ reflected in us because they know it is He who resides in our hearts."

For Betsy Waddell, team member, the most rewarding aspect of the ministry was getting to see her "little sister" come to Christ.

Please pray for these kids who are already in trouble with the law, for whatever reason, to learn from their mistakes and realize their potential.

Contact Andrew Ralon or Kristen Neal for more information about this ministry.



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Ministry Opportunities

Adopt-a-Block needs more volunteers. Contact Ben Jenkins for more information.

CedarCliff Elementary Tutoring Program in Cedarville needs more tutors, so kids can be tutored one-on-one. Contact Cherie Tyron for more information.

FairCreek Church needs more volunteers for AWANA. Contact Amy Hanna for more information.

IOOF Nursing Home ministry is looking for some underclassmen willing to carry on the ministry next year. Contact Deborah Young for more information.

Sonshine Club is looking for more volunteers to allow for more in-depth relationships with the kids. Contact Vashti Mensah for more information.



"All we can take with us to heaven is what we leave behind in the lives we touch."

Barbara Johnson

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:21

If you have any questions about Community Ministries or Heart 2 Heart, contact Brynn Paine or stop by Christian Ministries in the DMC.