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Dear Friends of Our Children's Place:

HELP WANTED: Movers!

Don't worry . . . we aren't looking for people to pack, move, and unload boxes. Or help us find a new home and settle in. What we are asking for is your help in moving us forward with a rejuvenated strategy.

As you may have read in our fall newsletter (<http://www.ourchildrensplace.com/>), we've determined that there's a significant need for more advocacy, information-sharing, brainstorming, education and awareness, research/data collection, and policy work regarding children of incarcerated parents. Clearly, we can't take on all of these! But we can focus on a few key areas, all the while keeping our eyes on our goal of a residential facility in the future.

We've tweaked our response to the question of "What is Our Children's Place?" in order to reflect our new strategic moves to support children of incarcerated parents.

Our Children's Place is a private nonprofit agency committed to the children of incarcerated parents. We strive to be the leading North Carolina advocate and educational resource focused on these children and the need for a statewide response to ensure their well-being. Our long-term goal is the creation of a residential facility that will allow young children to live with their mothers who are serving sentences for non-violent offenses.

We're enthusiastic about this approach and hope that you will be as well. The issue of children of incarcerated parents is too important to be put aside, only to be considered when a facility is a reality. So we will continue to rely on your insight, support, and belief in our collective effort to make the work of Our Children's Place a success. We appreciate your being an instrumental part of that effort.

Please consider a donation to Our Children's Place to continue our movement forward. You can use the enclosed donation card or donate online (via PayPal) by going to our website, <http://www.ourchildrensplace.com/>, and clicking on "Donations." Please contact our office at (919) 843-2670 or ourchildrensplace@gmail.com if you have questions or need additional information.

And, we hope that you'll join us at **What About the Children? A Symposium on Children of Incarcerated Parents** on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012**, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Invitations will go out in early December.

With continued gratitude,

The Board of Directors and staff of Our Children's Place

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