Creative Writing for Incarcerated Youth!

Mission
Writers in Residence teaches creative writing to youth who are incarcerated in jails and prisons; fosters a genuine, long-lasting relationship with our residents; and frees their voices through the distribution and showcase of their creative writing in our published chapbooks shared with the community.

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<th>Creative Writing Workshops Impact Student Volunteers*</th>
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<td>4 Cohorts</td>
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Rationale
- 48,000 youth are incarcerated in the United States.
- 2,100 youth are incarcerated in the state of Ohio.
- "In 2015, African Americans comprised 16% of all youth, but 44% of youth were committed juvenile facilities."**
- "The one-year [recidivism] rate for the educated youth dropped to 6.1% for the 2014 release cohort, while the youth without that educational attainment level had a rate over four times higher."***

Benefits
1. Increases literacy levels and writing disposition.
3. Provides positive peer mentorship.
4. Cultivates young writers into published authors.
5. Advocates for youth who are incarcerated.

Budget
In FY 2020, our annual budget was $50,000.

Status
Writers in Residence is an Ohio nonprofit corporation and a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Support
Volunteer: learn how to get involved at writersnresidence.org/get-involved.
Donate: visit writersnresidence.org/donate for more information.

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Sources: *Spring 2020 Student Volunteer Survey, **The Sentencing Project, ***Ohio Department of Youth Service’s 2016 Recidivism Report