

MEET SOMEONE YOU HAVE HELPED

Community Partner: Marion County Family Connection Marion Midnight Basketball

At the age of 19 – Thomas did not have much going for him. Thomas has a criminal record, no high school diploma, no work experience, no job and was basically homeless (He was living somewhere different every night- from relative to relative, girlfriend to girlfriend, and/or friend to friend). To put it lightly – Thomas was quite bitter at the world and was not open to people who offered to help him with his situation. Thankfully, Thomas loves to play the game of basketball which provides the Marion Midnight Basketball program the opportunity to help him.

After attending a couple of required workshops and spending time with past participants, Thomas found his way into the office of the Marion County Family Connection’s Executive Director. Thomas came looking for ways to change his circumstance and situation.

The following week Thomas enrolled into the GED program which he attends regularly. Thomas continues to participate in the MMB program which reveals new opportunities to him weekly. Once again, the love of basketball has provided the perfect defense and prevented another from returning to the wrong “court”.

