

Cedric Dean's Personal Mission Statement

My pledge is to contribute to the empowerment of others.

To fulfill this pledge:

- Always put God first
- Always think before I act
- Always be respectful
- Always listen to understand
- Always speak to be understood
- Always be content with my blessings
- Always speak to be understood
- Always employ mature judgment
- Always plan to the end
- Always consider the feelings of others
- Always take the high road
- Always be proud of who I am
- Always learn from my mistakes
- Always lead by example
- Always set aside time for family and friends
- Always do my best

My mission is to live for God and to make a difference in the lives of others.

To fulfill this mission:

I SERVE: I love all human beings – as Jesus does – regardless of whom they are or what they have done.

I SACRIFICE: I dedicated my time, talents, and resources to my mission.

I LEAD BY EXAMPLE: I practice what I preach and focus on solutions rather than problems.

I AM A DIFFERENCE MAKER: What I do makes others stronger, wiser, and better.

These roles take priority in achieving my mission:

LEADER: I balance the natural ecology necessary to effective living and nurture the most precious relationships in my life.

FRIEND: I help my friends experience progressively greater happiness in their lives.

SON: I am always there for unconditional support and unwavering love.

CHRISTIAN: I am fully committed to God's *Word, Will and Way*.

NEIGHBORHOOD: God's love is visible through my actions towards others.

EDUCATOR: I learn and teach new things every day.

Milestones in the life of Cedric Dean

1972 – Born Cedric Lamonte Dean in Charlotte, N.C.

1988 – Sentenced to 14 years for robbery with a dangerous weapon.

1990 – Earns General Education Diploma

1994 – Released from prison after serving 66 months

1996 – Sentenced to Life plus 5 years for selling crack and carrying a gun

2002 – Writes *first* book: *For the Love of the Streets*

2004 – Appointed Executive Director of NAACP Prison Branch 5135 and becomes GED and Creative Writing teacher

2005 – Appears in written word before members of Congressional Black Caucus

2008 – Becomes *first* federal prisoner to publish (5) books from prison in 1 year

2009 – Federal judge reduces his sentence to 35 years pursuant to sentencing guideline changes. Dean found *Safeguard Atone Validate Educate (SAVE)* to combat juvenile delinquency.

2010 – Receives Teacher's Assistant certification from U.S. Department of Labor

2011 – Becomes *first* federal prisoner to simultaneously receive *Civil Service* and *Call-to-Service* Awards

2012 – Found *Save a child Month*, an annual New Year's initiative to dismantle the juvenile pipeline to premature death and imprisonment. Fair Sentencing Act reduces his sentence to 27 years

2013 – Found SAVE Institute and Incarceration Prevention Class (IPC) model. Publishes 17th book: *How to Stop the Killing*

CEDRIC DEAN AT A GLANCE

Birth name: Cedric Lamonte Dean

Born: June 14, 1972, in Charlotte, N.C.

Author: Published his first of 12 self-help books "*How to Stop Your Children from Going to Prison,*" in 2008. Denounced his past criminal lifestyle in 2009.

Educator: Began teaching GED and Adult Continuing Education classes for federal prisoners in 2004. Became a U.S. Department of Labor Teacher apprentice in 2006. Received his Teacher's Assistant certification in 2010, after helping more than 500 federal prisoners obtain their GEDs. Became *first* federal prisoner simultaneously awarded Civil Service and Call-to-Service Awards in 2011. Launched an 8-part New Life Curriculum series in mid-2011. Designed a K-12 Incarceration Prevention Class model in 2012. In 2013, Dean founded the SAVE Institute.

Activist: Formed *Safeguard Atone Validate Educate (SAVE)* in 2009 and established *Save a Child Month* in January 2012. Dean's leadership experience began in 2004 when he was appointed executive director of NAACP Prison Branch 5135. *SAVE* is a full-service social justice campaign that includes character education, employment preparation, counseling, mentoring and training.

CEDRIC DEAN Working for youth success

Name: Cedric Lamonte Dean

Born: June 14, 1972, in Charlotte, N.C.

Title: President, *Safeguard Atone Validate Educate (SAVE)*, a prisoner-led campaign to make young people job-ready instead of jail-ready.

Based in: Federal Bureau of Prisons

Accomplishments: The national campaign he started in 2009 has helped countless young people within and beyond prison walls develop communication and character components to grow into more successful human beings.

Philosophy: Rising up young people from misguided to magnificent allows communities to expand their economies and develop principle-centered mentors to guide future generations.