



The Center for Community Transitions

**Rebuilding the lives of individuals and families
affected by incarceration since 1974**



Support Our Second Chance Fund Campaign

For nearly 50 years, The Center for Community Transitions (CCT) has provided hope and second-chance opportunities to men and women involved in the justice system. Founded in the basement of First Presbyterian Church in 1974, our organization has helped thousands of individuals and families rebuild their lives through employment, housing, health and social services, and educational opportunities.



Center for Women Residents
2021

CCT's LifeWorks! program is a comprehensive series of educational and skills training workshops that provide participants with 1 on 1 and group training needed for employment readiness, full-time employment, job retention and life skills.

CCT's Center for Women provides housing for 30 women serving the final 1-3 years of their prison sentence on CCT's Charlotte residential campus. In addition to skills training, continuing educational opportunities and employment, therapeutic counseling, and family reunification services are offered at the women's facility.

Through a partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, CCT provides support services for the children and families of incarcerated adults. Partnership services include social and emotional support. Since 2019 more than 250 children and parents benefited from CCT services.

0%

Recidivism (re-arrest) rate for
Center for Women residents
(2018-2020)



CCT Highlights for 2018-2021

- Over 1,500 people served annually (pre-COVID)
- 80% graduation rate
- 19% two-year agency wide recidivism rate compared to 40% state average

LifeWorks! provided personal and professional support to men and women with criminal records seeking employment

Over 600 clients enrolled in job readiness classes

62% of job readiness graduates found employment

Over 360 clients participated in employment networking

Families Doing Time increased social emotional learning and improved resilience for families affected by incarceration

151 children and 91 caretakers benefited from support services and resources

371 children were provided with social emotional learning and reading literacy services support in 14 CMS schools

Center for Women

96 women with 3 years or less left of their prison sentences, received the supports and resources needed to successfully transition back into the community

Second Chance Employers

CCT collaborates with Charlotte employers and corporate partners who offer full-time employment and promotional opportunities to LifeWorks! graduates. The program had an 84% success rate during 2020–2021





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“When I made it here, I was so overwhelmed because it was so different from what I’d been used to all those years. The staff members acknowledged and welcomed me, they treated me like a person, and were all about making me feel comfortable. I remember going into my room where my roommate left gifts on my bed and made it so homey. It smelled so fresh and clean and there was a real bed. I sat on it, and I’ll never forget the feeling of warmth. I was just amazed. When you go through life and have had so much bad happen, when something good finally happens, you wait for it to get taken away. I thought, this is too good to be true - it can’t be this good here. But it was, it really was!”

~ Sarah, former Center for Women resident

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- ☐ Major Gift \$25,000+
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- ☐ Changing Lives \$ 5,000
- ☐ Other \$ _____

CCT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
Pledges can be paid over 1-3 years and are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

The names of contributors of \$10,000 and greater, will be recognized on a permanent structure/display in the main lobby of the Center for Women, as well as on the CCT website and social media.

Contact Information (please print)

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Our clients, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors thank you for your support.

North Carolina Incarceration Facts:

- 28,000+ people are currently incarcerated in NC state prisons
- Black people make up 22% of the NC population, yet represent 61% of the state prison population
- The approximate per person cost of incarceration in NC is \$37,700/year
- Approximately 2,015 people from Mecklenburg County are in NC state prisons
- 1,500+ people are currently incarcerated in Mecklenburg County Jail
- The Mecklenburg County Jail population is approximately 67% Black, 19% White and 13% Hispanic
- 13,752 incarcerated individuals were released from Mecklenburg County Jail in 2020
- The approximate annual cost per person for Mecklenburg County Jail is \$71,000/year
- An estimated 4,000+ children in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools have an incarcerated parent

Nationwide Incarceration Facts:

- The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world
- 2 million+ people are currently incarcerated in U.S. prisons and jails
- 95% of people who serve time in jail/prison will be released into the community
- 19 million people have a felony conviction record
- 70+ million Americans have a criminal history
- The unemployment rate for formerly incarcerated people is 27%, almost 5 times the national average
- 74% of 3rd graders who read poorly still struggle in ninth grade, and third grade reading scores can predict a student's likelihood to graduate high school
- 85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate
- High school dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested in their lifetime



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Our Mission

is to strengthen the community by helping people with criminal records and their families find a healthier and more productive quality of life.

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