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MEC Jail House Rocks !

New Re-Entry Program Starting

Exciting new ministry opportunities are opening up in Center City, and Roseville. We have been praying for years for a way to start a re-entry and mentoring program. There are a lot of startup issues to address. One of the most labor intensive is verifying resources from various lists. It is important to give inmates current, reliable contact information. Having to make an extra phone call can be impossible for someone who has just used their last quarters to make a phone call to an old number. This is a place where a volunteer who wants to work from home could be very helpful for MEC. If you like to talk on the phone and update records – we can use your help. For How it Works ([click here](#))

Re-entry Testimonies

Audrey was so overwhelmed with problems and opportunities of re-entry that for three weeks she begged to go back to prison. Isolated in her room in a men's unit because health issues kept her from taking steps down to the women's unit. With no contacts with other inmates and limited staff assistance, she was greatly relieved to speak with Cheryl, who was able to sort out confusion between Audrey and the staff and provide encouragement. Cheryl and Audrey shared contacts and referrals to resources. Each week as Audrey checks in to the re-entry facility she sees...

For More About Audrey and Other Testimonies ([click here](#))

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Jail House Rocks Spotlight

Cheryl T., a long term volunteer, has been on fire for the Re-entry project. The Holy Spirit has been working in her heart to carry this work forward. In addition to teaching a parenting class, she has put in many hours updating resource information, insuring current contacts for inmate referrals, meeting with inmates and will be training other volunteers to do re-entry.

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(**Audrey** continued) ...inmates who have gotten overwhelmed and are in shackles on their way back to prison. Audrey found housing, medication that her life depended on and health care. She is applying to be a house mother for sober housing, or will pursue an opportunity to care for an elderly woman or to assist with child care.

The following inmates' names have been changed.

Mary thought her only option was homelessness; she planned to go to the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul when released. Encouragement to take the right path led her to find housing with a safe family member

Kim had been working with some resources but did not have the contact information once she was incarcerated. She was excited when given the specific resource referrals recommended for her. Especially because some were the same she had been working with previously.

Julie had just arrived at the facility when she received news that her aunt, who was supposed to pick her up upon later release, had died. Her parents had died while she was in prison. Julie was able to attend a church, which provided grief counseling and additional resources to meet needs she had indicated on her request form.

Evelyn is a young woman who had been approved to attend an addiction recovery treatment program under Rule 25. She needed information to see if this would still be available to her after release. We were able to provide the correct contact numbers needed for her to determine this. Needing help to locate her dentures, we were able to find them at the dental lab that was holding them for her.

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