MOVING FORWARD FROM INCARCERATION TO COMMUNITY

Saturday, April 13,2024 at St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and South Street, Ashfield and next door at Gloriosa, (The Curtis House) 14 South St, Ashfield, MA 01330

A collaboration of Ashfield Congregational Church and St. John's Episcopal Church. This event is free and open to the public. Walk ins are welcome, but RSVP is encouraged for the meal.

Link to RSVP is here: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcStXDZsv9L-eXvqRiT_Oj6yk-ZyQ6kyWQwmnLZm-EXKci7w/viewform</u> and the RSVP for is available on St. John's website <u>https://www.stjohnsashfield.org/</u>

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:00 a.m.: Keynote **at St. John's Episcopal Church sanctuary, 4 South St., Ashfield 01330**: Daryl McGraw, founder of Formerly Inc., Criminal Justice & Reentry Consultants. Formerly Inc. was created to help individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted by the ill effects of mass incarceration and or addiction. Daryl, holds state certifications as an Addictions Counselor, Recovery Support Specialist, and a Criminal Justice Professional. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and a Master's Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership, both from Springfield College. Prior to entering the human service field, Mr. McGraw held several leadership positions in the hospitality field working for Fortune 500 companies.

10:00 a.m.: Breakout I at the Curtis House 6 South St., Ashfield 01330

The Realities of Addiction and Recovery, Caitlin McKinnon, Day Treatment Site Supervisor, Recovery Coach Supervisor Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Dr. Jennifer Michaels, Medical Director of the Brien Center, an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and an attending psychiatrist at Berkshire Medical Center; KC Scott, AA facilitator in the prison setting

Finding Meaningful Work, Maureen McLaughlin, Maureen does employment work at Berkshire Community College. She's worked extensively with previously incarcerated people.; Sgt. Lindsay Maynard, M.Ed., Lindsay is the Correctional Caseworker, Women's Re-Entry and Aftercare for Second Street, Second Chances and the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office; Nell Todd, Partner, Deloitte, consultant on criminal justice reform with DOJ

The Transformative Role of Education and Literacy Sarah Hertel-Fernandez, Librarian, Belding Memorial Library, Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Librarian, Griswold Memorial Library; Jenn Ables. Education Coordinator at Franklin County Jail; Dr. Jeffrey Eiseman, Professor of Education, UMass, prison education evaluator

The Lived Experience: Journeys from Within, Nathan Demo, Daryl McGraw, Tiffany Brouillette, Mary D'Alessandro, Episcopal Chaplain for Western Massachusetts Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee

The Evolving Role of the Legal System: Lessons Learned, Chris Donelon, Franklin County Sheriff ; David Sullivan, District Attorney; Alyssa Golden, Legal Aid Activist

11:00 Breakout II Session at the Gloriosa/Curtis House 6 & 14 South St., Ashfield 01330

Breakout Sessions will be repeated, followed by lunch at noon

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the at the Curtis House Barn 6 South St., Ashfield 01330 (Reservations requested please RSVP for luncheon)

12:15 p.m.: There will be a special 32-minute video presentation entitled: "The Roots of Change" — the Senior Documentary created by the class of 2024 at Four Rivers Charter Public School in Greenfield, MA. Through the lens of formerly incarcerated individuals finding a path forward in green reentry programs. "Roots of Change" is sponsored by the First Congregational Church (UCC) of Ashfield as part of its Young Voices: Listening to our Youth initiative. The film

addresses Incarceration and Re-Entry. Alex Wilson's Class of 2024 from Four Rivers Charter Public School present their film "The Roots of Change." Because of their interest in climate change and the criminal justice system, the Class of 2024 has produced this documentary. Through the lens of formerly incarcerated individuals finding a path forward in green reentry programs, the film illuminates the interrelationship of social justice, environmental activism, and economic opportunity. First Congregational Church's Young Voices: Listening to Our Youth program is committed to bringing young people's concerns and experiences to the attention of hill-town communities. First Church Congregational is happy to sponsor "The Roots of Change" for St. John's Church's excellent forum about how the incarcerated can find new lives in the community. Young Voices: Listening to Our Youth initiative is funded by our Mission and Social Justice Committee and the Community Foundation of Western MA.

12:45 p.m.: Panel of Speakers facilitated by Nell Todd, Partner, Deloitte, consultant on criminal justice reform with DOJ

1:15 p.m.: Evaluation

1:30 p.m.: Adjourn