



The Ladies of Hope Ministries Enews & Updates

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Share Your Story

The LOHM invites you to join our **#ChangingTheNarrative** campaign. With the end of the year nearing and a new presidential term soon to be underway, let's renew our commitment to justice. We will be collecting stories about **Blessings, Hope** and **Awareness**. If you are impacted by incarceration, email us a story or send in a video related to the issues The LOHM addresses and we will share it on social media!

The Ladies of Hope Ministries has an EPIC vision to end poverty and incarceration for women and girls. We are tackling these issues through a two pillar structure, Sustainability and Direct Services, and Advocacy and Engagement.

We fight food insecurity with our Angel Food Delivery Project grocery program, provide transitional housing and programming through Hope House and corporate employment through Pathways 4 Equity. We raise awareness by training directly impacted women to become public speakers in our The Faces of Women Imprisoned global speakers bureau and push for legislative change with our EPIC program.

We are looking to amplify the voices of individuals who are impacted by the criminal legal system, be an outlet for expression and change the narrative of incarceration.

Blessings

What blessings came your way while you or your loved one was incarcerated or reentering society?

Hope

What gave you hope while you or your loved one was incarcerated? What gave you or your loved one hope when reentering society?

Awareness

Do you have a story related to incarceration, re-entry, housing, food security, employment or entrepreneurship that you want to share?

Email written submissions of any length or send in a video.

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Submit A
Video

Incase You Missed It

Approaches to Reentry Webinar



This Petey Greene webinar featured panelists from JEV's Human Services-Looking Forward Philadelphia, the Center for Health and Justice Transformation, Hope House NYC, Voices of Reentry, and Fresh Start @Your Library who helped us grapple with the challenges faced by returning citizens, and how coordinated approaches help formerly incarcerated people and their families reach their freedom dreams.

New Criminal Justice Documentaries To Watch



Trapped: Cash Bail In America

Every year, millions of Americans are incarcerated before even being convicted of a crime - all because they can't afford to post bail. How did we get here?

Belly of The Beast

When a courageous young woman and a radical lawyer discover a pattern of illegal sterilizations in California's women's prisons, they wage a near-impossible battle against the Department of Corrections. With a growing team of investigators inside prison working with colleagues on the outside, they uncover a series of statewide crimes - from inadequate health care to sexual assault to coercive sterilizations - primarily targeting women of color.

Visit the [Belly of The Beast website](#) to request a screening or buy tickets!



Volunteer Your Expertise

We are always looking for businesses and individuals to partner with that can support and invigorate our network. If you would like to lend your services to women and girls who are impacted by incarceration, takeover our Instagram for a fun event, or volunteer, please reach out to us!

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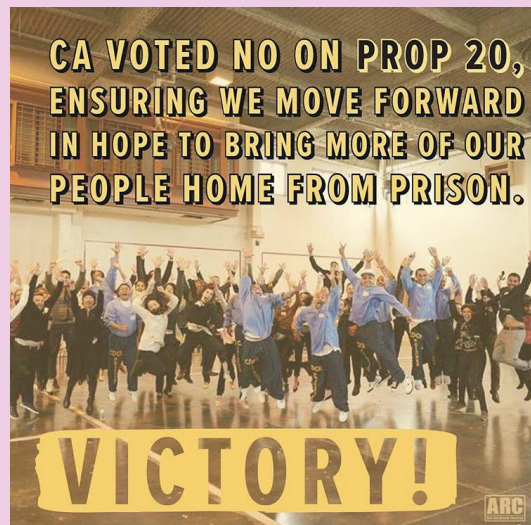


Legislative Updates



Prop 17 restores voting rights to individuals who are on parole for felony convictions. In other words, if you have completed your prison term, you are officially allowed to vote! This is a major win in California.

Prop 20 would have increased penalties for certain crimes and repeated parole violations. Also, the number of felony charges that disqualify individuals for early parole consideration would have doubled. The thousands of Californians who voted no on Prop 20 advanced the criminal justice reform movement.



New Jersey legalized the use of recreational marijuana. This year, the state saw a disproportionate number of arrests for marijuana in minority communities. This new law will keep people out of the system.

Mississippi legalized medical marijuana. In Mississippi, possession of marijuana can result in a mandatory life-without-parole



Photo: Bryan Anselm for The New York Times

sentence under habitual offender statutes. Though recreational use of marijuana is not legal, this new law could lead to fewer arrests.

As of November 1st, there is a new seat belt law in effect in New York State. Seat belts must be worn by all vehicle occupants regardless of age or where they sit. This applies to personal cars, taxis & for-hire vehicles, including app-based trips.



Join Us In Building Lives Beyond Incarceration

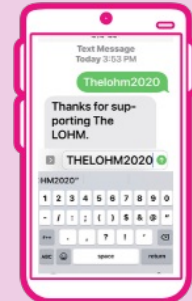
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