

We're ALL part of the solution.

Please learn more about how you can help these organizations.

TABLES 1 - 6 PROFILES



TABLE 1

Larome Myrick,

Executive Director of Juvenile Correctional Services for the State of Rhode Island

In 2000, Myrick began his career as a Correction Officer at the Toledo Correctional Institution. He received the 2015 Leadership Award from the African American Legacy Project. Since 2002, Myrick has served in various roles for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) and recently became a lifetime member. Currently, he is pursuing his PhD in Criminal Justice from Capella University.

The Ask: Collaborate with the RI Reentry Coalition; Volunteer time, help with connecting people to different organizations, attend monthly meetings (held monthly but come when you can), and promote the RI Reentry program by talking about it and sharing the news on social media.



TABLE 2

Karla Alba

Program Coordinator, GEMS

YWCA Rhode Island GEMS stands for Girls Empowerment Mentoring and Support. The purpose of RI GEMS is to provide these girls educational and supportive services.

The Ask: Volunteers to instruct the girls in a number of areas! (dancing, art, music, theatre/acting, singing, sports, self-defense, self-care, yoga/meditation, sewing, construction, CPR)

Needs: 2-4 hours a month for summer 2019, or for a series that can last 2-4 weeks (one day a week) in the summer or Fall sessions.



TABLE 3

Thomas "Tommy" Harmon,
Housing Coordinator,
The Nonviolence Institute

Tommy joined the Institute in the fall of 2017 as a Providence Street Worker and is currently coordinating our Healing through Housing Program, working with victims of violence to secure safe, stable housing.

The Ask: Call your local legislature about housing reforms, the institute are supporting pending legislation at the General Assembly that would strengthen the court's responsibility to conduct a financial assessment of defendants.



TABLE 4

Ginny Fox

Executive Director,
Peace Flag Project

Ginny Fox founded the Peace Flag Project (PFP) in 2004, and has served as the Executive Director. In 2011, PFP became a 501(C) 3. Ginny always says that working for peace is the work of her heart. The project which began as a personal spiritual journey has become something she has shared with thousands of people in RI and surrounding areas.

The Ask:

- Be part of Peace Flag Workshops, art exhibits, and local festivals.
- Help organize our September Month of Peace/ PeaceFest RI
- Reach out to new communities and organizations
- Help with our publicity, marketing and fundraising
- Make Peace Flag Kits



TABLE 5

Jocelynn White,

Director, Books are Wings

The mission of Books Are Wings is to put free books in the hands of children. We believe every child should experience the joy of reading. We envision every child in Rhode Island with access to quality reading experiences and books.

Ask: Make a donation, donate books or volunteer (see below)

Volunteer Needs:

- Sort books - 2 hours per month
- Host a book drive - 2 hours per month
- Volunteer in one of our programs - 2 hours per month



TABLE 4

Elleen Ebiwa,
RiverzEdge

Founded in 2002, Riverzedge is built on the philosophy that art is a powerful force for social change. Riverzedge training and academic enrichment opportunities to youth ages 14-24.

Volunteer Needs:

Volunteer can choose from the Tutoring Program, Class Meet Ups, and Administrative/Facilities support.

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Ed German
Dean of Students,
Hope High School



Gilda Johnson,
Dean of Students,
Hope High School

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Ed German has over 14 years' experience in Providence Public Schools. Masters of Education, wrestling coach at Hope High School for 10 years, Restorative Justice Practitioner for over a year. He is an Administrator at Hope High and is certified in Elementary Ed, Special Education, and ESL.

Gilda Johnson has over a decade of community experience improving others' psychological and social well-being. In addition to being a certified Restorative Practices Facilitator, Mrs. Johnson is certified in Motivational Interview Specialty, bilingual and sensitive to the needs of underserved communities. Her passion is to know, to understand and to get involved in under-served populations which has given her a vision of how to intervene as a servant for the community.

The Ask: As Restorative Practitioners Ed and Gilda know the practice starts from within. They would like to lead a conversation about community, school and family involvement in learning the practices in an authentic hands on way.



TABLE 8
Jennifer Wood,
Attorney

Rhode Island Center for Justice

Jennifer Wood is the Executive Director for Rhode Island Center for Justice. She has over 30 years of public interest experience in civil legal aid organizations, civil rights firms, state government, and legislative roles. Jenn is a graduate of Brown University and the Northeastern University School of Law.

Michaela Bland graduated magna cum laude in 2016 from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. After graduation from Roger Williams University School of Law Michaela will be working at the R.I. Center for Justice as a Skadden Fellow focusing on the overrepresentation of children of color in out of school suspensions.

The Ask: We will lead a discussion about how student discipline is conducted in schools. We are collecting stories for the purpose of bringing legal action that results in positive changes in how students experience their education.



TABLE 9
Jennifer Griffith,
Office of the Child Advocate

The mission of the Office of the Child Advocate is to protect the legal rights of children in State care and to promote policies and practices which ensure that children are safe, that children have permanent and stable families, and that children in out of home placements have their physical, mental, medical, educational, emotional, and behavioral needs met.

The Ask: Jennifer will facilitate a conversation about how Restorative Justice Practices could be woven into law, policy and regulations. (Hint: Mandating RJP doesn't work.) What would encourage the spread of these trauma-informed, community-building, harm-reducing habits?



TABLE 10
Toby Ayers,
Executive Director,
Rhode Island for Community & Justice

Toby's goal is to help Rhode Islanders find common good.

The Ask: Volunteer on the district hearing boards where you are a resident. Low-level juvenile crimes, of first-time offenders, are diverted from the courts to be heard in the Hearing Boards who will arrange appropriate amends with the offenders.



TABLE 11
Karen Barbosa
Executive Director, Riverzedge

Riverzedge delivers out-of-school time technical arts training and academic enrichment opportunities to youth ages 14-24. For their participation, youth earn a wage and/or a high school credit, allowing them to experiencing the benefits of economic empowerment as well as secure on-time graduation and post-secondary education and training.

The Ask: For volunteers in a number of positions. Our Volunteer Program has three positions: The volunteers can choose from the Tutoring Program, Class Meet Ups, and Administrative/Facilities support. The Tutoring Program is weekly on Thursday from 6pm to 7:30pm; for tutoring we prefer on ongoing commitment for continuity. The Class Meet Ups are on Wednesday usually for 2 hours; no ongoing commitment necessary. The Administrative/Facilities position is available year round and can be completed during the hours of 10am-6pm Monday