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REENTRY THAT WORKS

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"Established in July 2013, Freedom House Reentry Education and Employment Corporation (FREE) is a nonprofit organization providing reentry services to formerly incarcerated adults, veterans, and caring social services for their children.
FREE is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in California and New York."

We are FREE

FREE is dedicated to reducing recidivism through our personalized reentry programs and by creating social enterprise opportunities that empower the formerly incarcerated, their families, and their communities.

FREE provides employment services personalized to your needs Mentoring services via our Get Help App™ and Vet Help App™ access to resources for formerly incarcerated people Social services for formerly incarcerated adults and their children. Our Children With Incarcerated Parents programming is designed to deliver wrap-around services to children affected by parental incarceration and offer livable wages to provide for you and your family.

" **Our programs aim to reduce recidivism, empower the formerly incarcerated, children with incarcerated parents, and veterans.** "

FREE is FREEdom

Your past should not dictate your future. Our team is passionate about giving formerly incarcerated individuals the opportunity they deserve. FREEdom to easily access support. FREEdom to provide for themselves and their families with a livable wage. FREEdom to plan for their future and the lives of their children.

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VISITOR PASS

Our Story

Dylan Hood, founder of FREE, had an epiphany: Human beings make mistakes and most people who make mistakes deserve a second chance. Researching the concept of second chances and how they manifest in different ways, Hood became acutely aware of the millions of people who have made mistakes that resulted in incarceration. Many of these men and women were not given second chances, but instead found themselves defined by their mistakes and trapped in the criminal justice system.

A startling 40% of formerly incarcerated individuals return to prison within three years and never see a second chance. Furthermore, the largest population returning to jail and prison are the minority groups within the United States, black and brown people. Many of the incarcerated come from impoverished and disenfranchised communities with no social support systems in place. He wanted to empower impoverished communities to start businesses and become self reliant, driven by goals and freedom. Hood, wanted an easy and successful way for formerly incarcerated individuals to reenter into their communities, so he created FREE.

Dylan Hood, Founder

FREE Programs

Get Help App™ Program (GHAPP)

Our program puts our Get Help App™ into the hands of every individual exiting the criminal justice system that has a cellular device. Our patented Get Help App™ is available free of charge from Google or the iTunes store.

Vet Help App™ Program (VHAPP)

A veteran-specific version of the Get Help App™ designed to provide essential mentoring and resource services to veterans exiting the criminal justice system.

Children With Incarcerated Parents (CWIP)

Children With Incarcerated Parents are a subset of American children at risk. They are overlooked, both in the criminal justice system and in social service circles. Our staff and network of professional organizations reintroduce children to their incarcerated parents, create positive memories and moments for the children, and facilitate rebuilding lasting bonds.

FREE Social Enterprises

FREE Construction

The construction industry offers great opportunities for major contractors and suppliers to work with social enterprises to achieve positive social and economic impact on communities. FREE is wholeheartedly committed to increasing social enterprise as an integral part of our procurement process. Social enterprises are businesses that exist primarily for a social or environmental purpose. FREE Construction's mission is to share the wealth and give people a stake in the economy.

FREE Construction will strengthen the economy of the neighborhood we serve by acting as a catalyst. It cultivates neighbors' talents and skills to meet the needs of the community, creates jobs and generates revenue. The dignity that comes from working in a non-hierarchical environment is transforming. As each neighbor is recognized as an equal and empowered to put their gifts to work, both the individual and the community is transformed.

This type of opportunity will create small virtuous economies that will help the neighborhood grow and flourish. By remaining a non-profit, we are utilizing our reputation as a provider of transitional services for formerly incarcerated individuals. Simultaneously, we rebuild affordable housing and take on large contracted construction projects. We as neighbors are utilizing our construction skills and expertise to provide quality affordable home repair to neighbors and other customers while earning income to support our families.

At FREE, we believe in putting people to work, not just job-training. Therefore, our mission is to create businesses that will create jobs and employ the formerly incarcerated, hence our slogan: Re-Entry That Works.

FREE's success starts with the establishment of businesses that are ready to employ the formerly incarcerated as they exit prison and inpatient or outpatient reentry programs. We want to encourage society to make room for them in the workforce.

FCC AND LIVABLE WAGES
96.8%

SOCIAL PROGRAMS CREATED BY FREE
.17%

FREE NONPROFIT

VET HELP APP AND GET HELP APP
.039%

ADMINISTRATIVE
3%

A social enterprise with 501 (c) 3 status has several advantages that make it ideal for providing employment to ex-offenders.

Some of these advantages include:

- **Fiscal Responsibility** - It reduces the myriad costs of public supports for people facing barriers, by providing a pathway to economic self-sufficiency.

- **Public Safety** - It makes the community in which it operates safer by disrupting cycles of poverty, crime, incarceration, chemical dependency and homelessness.

- **Economic Opportunity** - It improves our pool of human capital and creates jobs in communities in need of economic renewal.

- **Social Justice** - It gives a chance to those most in need.

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