



INSIDE OUT REENTRY COMMUNITY

FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMING TOGETHER AT AN INSIDE OUT FALL DINNER



On Sunday October 2nd, Inside Out members gathered together for our annual Fall dinner. With the warm fall we've had, we were able to set up outside and enjoy the weather. St. Wenceslaus Church graciously provided the meals, which included: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and all of the associated fixings. We had nearly 30 members join us for the meal! It was a great chance for members to connect with each other and socialize. Members and staff were all very happy for the opportunity, and the meal received great reviews.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS: INCLUDING OUR MEMBERS IN DEVELOPING OUR REENTRY HOUSING

Safe and supportive housing is one of the most important parts of successful reentry, and now we are well on our way toward purchasing a home for our reentry housing program! This home will be a 4-6 bedroom home where residents will start their transition back into the community after incarceration. With fundraising nearly complete, it is our hope to have a house purchased in early 2023.

As part of our preparations, our summer MSW intern, Alison Clark, hosted two impacted stakeholder meetings with Inside Out members. At these meetings, members shared how their own housing situation helped or complicated their return to the community. Members reviewed drafted policies and gave feedback on how to make them stronger.

By directly involving our members in this way, Inside Out will be better prepared to address the unique needs of returning citizens. Thank you to our members who participated in these meetings, and thank you to everyone who has supported us as we get closer to opening a reentry house!



SEEKING MALE MENTORS!

We are currently seeking male volunteer mentors to provide social, emotional, and practical support to a returning citizen. Mentors correspond with an incarcerated individual who will be reentering the community in order to listen, provide non-judgmental support, and offer companionship. Once the individual is released, the mentor continues to provide support during their reentry. Form a meaningful friendship and help a returning citizen overcome barriers, increase their confidence, and reach their goals.

NATURE HIKE AT HICKORY HILL PARK

On a beautiful fall day, Saturday October 15, our community here at Inside Out adventured outdoors for a wonderful Nature Hike. Inside Out members came to hike around Hickory Hill Park for an afternoon of serenity and exploration. We spotted many birds, including nut-hatches, robins, red-bellied woodpeckers, and blue jays. We also identified various plants and mushrooms. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get outside while the weather was nice and the leaves were vibrant. Inside Out member Royce remarked that the hike was:

“very relaxing and it allowed me to get out of my head and enjoy the beauty that nature holds. It was a great experience and I look forward to the next hike that the Inside Out Reentry Community hosts.”



GIVING TUESDAY AND END OF YEAR GOALS

Celebrate Inside Out’s unique programming by giving an end of year donation! From fish fry events, to our spring concert, to game nights, to our first ever fall hike, Inside Out supports our members who are returning to the community! We intend to expand these social activities as well as keep our community nights and other programming supports in place for 2023. Your donation support is a vital part of our successful programming! Mark your calendar for #GivingTuesday, November 29th - the biggest donation day of the year - and join others in helping to support returning citizens in our community. Help us

raise \$10,000 through the end of the year! Did you know Inside Out’s tote bags are a great holiday gift item? They are perfect for gardening, a trip to the grocery store, and a way to share how you support fair chances in the criminal legal system. Want to purchase one? Shop online at www.insideoutreentry.com/shop/



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

- We are grateful to our supporters who are passionate about helping those impacted by incarceration. Thank you **Blackstone, Wildwood Smokehouse and Saloon, and Short’s Burgers Eastside** for our recent restaurant share the profits (and all those who participated)! Thank you to our faith community and individual donors who supported the Reentry House capital campaign, and to all our donors who support Inside Out.
- Thank you to recent grant funders for furthering Inside Out’s mission. Thank you to **Proctor and Gamble** and **Veridian** for their grant support!

Upcoming fundraisers: Dec. 7 Hudson’s Southside Tap, Jan. 24 The Vue Rooftop

INTERN SPOTLIGHT: SARAH-ROSE BALLARD

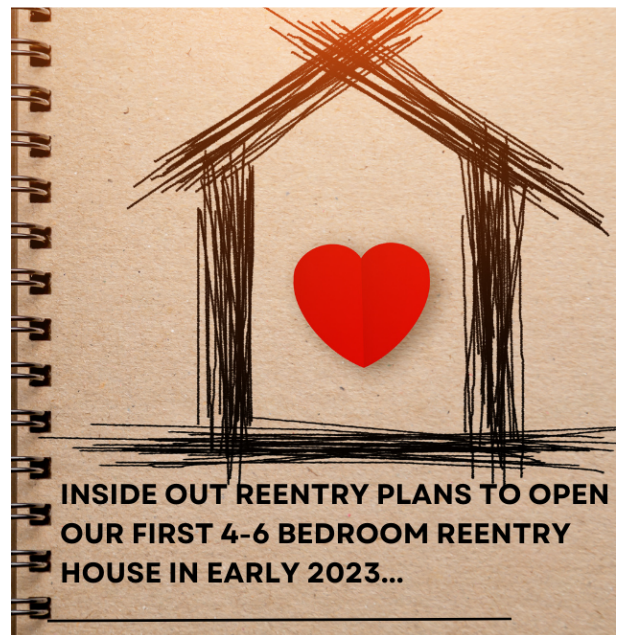


Sarah-Rose Ballard is Inside Out's new intern for the fall and spring. She is a dual-degree law and master's in social work student. She will be graduating this May and will go on to be a public defender in Minneapolis. She chose to do her advanced practicum with Inside Out Reentry Community because she wants to provide holistic representation for her future clients. This includes having a better understanding of the barriers people face upon reentry into their communities, so she can tailor her legal representation to address the systemic issues they face both in and outside of the criminal legal system. When she is not at Inside Out or studying, she is most likely outdoors hiking, or curled up reading with her pet snake.

REENTRY HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL MET!

In August Inside Out launched the public phase of our Capital Campaign to complete the funding initiative to purchase our first Reentry House, and we are excited to announce that during this fundraising campaign, we raised \$61,938.35 or 124% of our goal. We did it because of you!

A huge thank you to the more than 50 individuals and organizations who contributed to the Capital Campaign in amounts ranging from ten dollars to thousands of dollars, and thanks also to the many community members who donated during the silent phase of the campaign and donated to our Fall 2021 Inside Out Run Home fundraiser. Special thanks to IO Board members, volunteers, and staff who worked hard on the Campaign.



Once we receive the \$100,000 federal HOME grant money through the City of Iowa City, we'll begin looking for a 4-6 bedroom house in earnest. The Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County has pledged interest-free loans of up to \$200,000, with half of that being forgivable after 15 years.

Our original overall target was \$340,000, and we are excited to continue receiving funds for this much needed space. We look forward to the next phase of our Reentry House project!

Special thanks to Dorothy Whiston for leading the public phase of the Capital Campaign!

INSIDE OUT ART SHOW



Art by Dan Ockenfels

Inside Out is planning to hold an Art Show highlighting the incredible artistry of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals. The specific date and location is unknown as of right now, but the show is tentatively planned for January 2023. This show will be a public outreach event for the community and will be free to the public. The purpose of the event is to invite the community to engage with our members impacted by incarceration and share these amazing works of art!

INSIDE OUT FUNDRAISING KIT NOW AVAILABLE!



Interested in fundraising for Inside Out? We have created these images and info for you to leverage your own circle to help those returning to the community after incarceration. Save one of these images for your own use on Facebook and Instagram! This is a banner year for Inside Out as we open a new Reentry House with new staff, new programming, and new costs! The website even has tips on giving a successful fundraiser! Find this info at <https://www.insideoutreentry.com/fundraising-tool-kit/>

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Jeff Houghton

THURSDAY 03.24.2023

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IO REGULAR MEETINGS

Coffee and Connections Tuesday evening 5:30 - 7 pm, *Peer recovery group for individuals in all stages of recovery*

Community Meetings Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8 pm. *Weekly group mentoring.*