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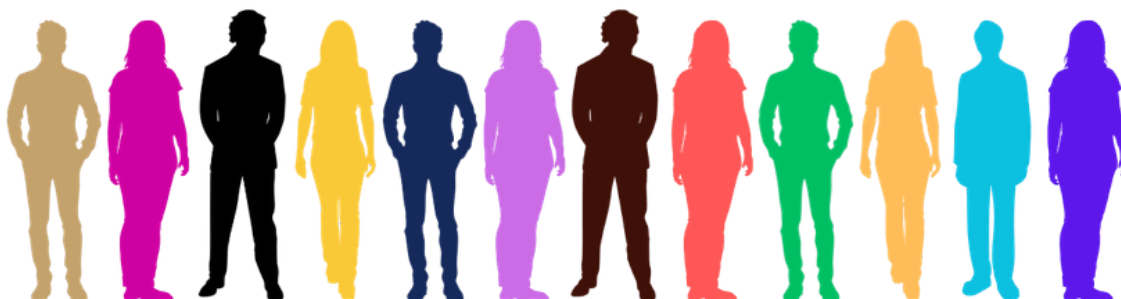
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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APRIL IS

SECOND CHANCE MONTH



April is recognized as Second Chance Month — a time to raise awareness about the challenges individuals face after incarceration and to celebrate the power of redemption, restoration, and new beginnings. The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference is committed to help returning neighbors rebuild their lives through compassion, support, and opportunity. Our mission is to break down barriers that prevent successful reentry by connecting individuals with employment opportunities, educational resources, mentoring, and community support.

Everyone deserves the opportunity for a second chance. Through faith, advocacy, and action, the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference works to empower returning citizens to become productive, thriving members of our community while creating safer, stronger, and more hopeful neighborhoods for all. Together, we can replace stigma with support and create pathways to a better future.

KROWWN BARBER ACADEMY A TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNER



On April 7, MAIC launched Second Chance Awareness Month by hosting a Community Reentry Resource Fair focused on connecting returning neighbors with opportunities and support for successful reintegration into the community. The event brought together local organizations and partners committed to creating pathways toward long-term success and stability.

Among the featured partners was Krowwn Barber Academy, a certified training institution that provides more than job opportunities—it gives returning neighbors the chance to build meaningful careers. As part of their support, Krowwn Barber Academy generously provided FREE haircuts to attendees, helping participants look and feel their best as they take the next steps in their reentry journey. MAIC extends sincere appreciation to Krowwn Barber Academy for their partnership and commitment to second chances.

YOUTH OF ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PARISH OF MOBILE CREATE BLESSING BAGS FOR RETURNING NEIGHBORS



On April 2, Blessing Bags prepared by the St. Ignatius Catholic Parish Youth Group were distributed to neighbors returning to the community after incarceration. This meaningful outreach provided encouragement and practical support to individuals taking important steps toward rebuilding their lives.

The Mobile Area Interfaith Conference (MAIC) extends appreciation for the opportunity to lead this effort and for the partnership that made it possible. This initiative reflects the spirit of compassion and service found in the words: “When I was in prison, you visited me.”

CHAMP'S REDEMPTION



Champ's Redemption (also known as Redemption Beyond My Past) is a documentary about Chris "Champ" Napier, a native of Prichard, Alabama, who rose from extreme poverty, endured the trauma of his father's murder, and was sentenced to life in prison at age 18 for murder. After serving nearly 15 years, he experienced a profound personal transformation centered on accountability, education, and mentoring at-risk youth, eventually becoming the first person in Alabama to receive a pardon for a murder conviction. Today, he serves as a client advocate with the Mobile County Public Defender's Office and shares his story through writing and community engagement focused on poverty, prison reform, and second chances. The film was featured in a special community screening on April 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM, at the Ben May Main Public Library, 701 Government St., Mobile, Alabama, offering audiences an opportunity to experience his story of redemption and join in a broader conversation about justice and restoration.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION, & PREVENTION



In June, The Neighbor Center and Chaplaincy Program hosted an outreach workshop for a high school youth group from First Presbyterian Church, Anderson South Carolina. The group traveled to Mobile for mission service work and spent the day with MAIC. Chaplain Singleton discussed the ministry within the Metro Jail, and then we had an engaging discussion about the needs and services for pre- and post-release neighbors. MAIC Case Manager and P.E.I.R. Mentor Celine Aubert led an in-depth discussion and presentation on drug prevention and the impact of addiction. Workshops like this are vital in educating our youth and creating a foundation for greater understanding and compassion within our communities.

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Save The Date

MAIC HOLIDAY

Gala

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

*Join us for a night a food, drinks, dancing, and
raising funds to help our neighbors those re-
entering our community and seeking a fresh start*