



2024 **ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT**

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



MR. MIKE CURRY

RECIDIVISM STRATEGIST

As the Director of The Life After Prison, I am proud to present our impact report for the past year. Our mission to support returning citizens in their journey of reintegration has been at the forefront of all our efforts, and I am pleased to share the significant strides we have made in empowering individuals and strengthening our community.

This year, we expanded our services and reached more returning citizens than ever before, offering a comprehensive suite of programs designed to address the multifaceted challenges of reentry. Our impact has been far-reaching and transformative:

The impact of our work extends beyond numbers. We've witnessed remarkable personal transformations, renewed family bonds, and a tangible shift in community perceptions towards returning citizens. Every individual who has found employment, reunited with family, or started a business represents a story of hope and resilience.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our team, the support of our partners, and the trust placed in us by the returning citizens we serve. As we look to the future, we remain committed to innovating our approaches, expanding our reach, and continuing to be a beacon of support for those navigating the challenges of reentry.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. Together, we are not just changing lives; we are transforming communities and building a more inclusive, understanding, and opportunity-rich society for all.

Mike Curry, Executive Director, The Life After Prison

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW



MISSION

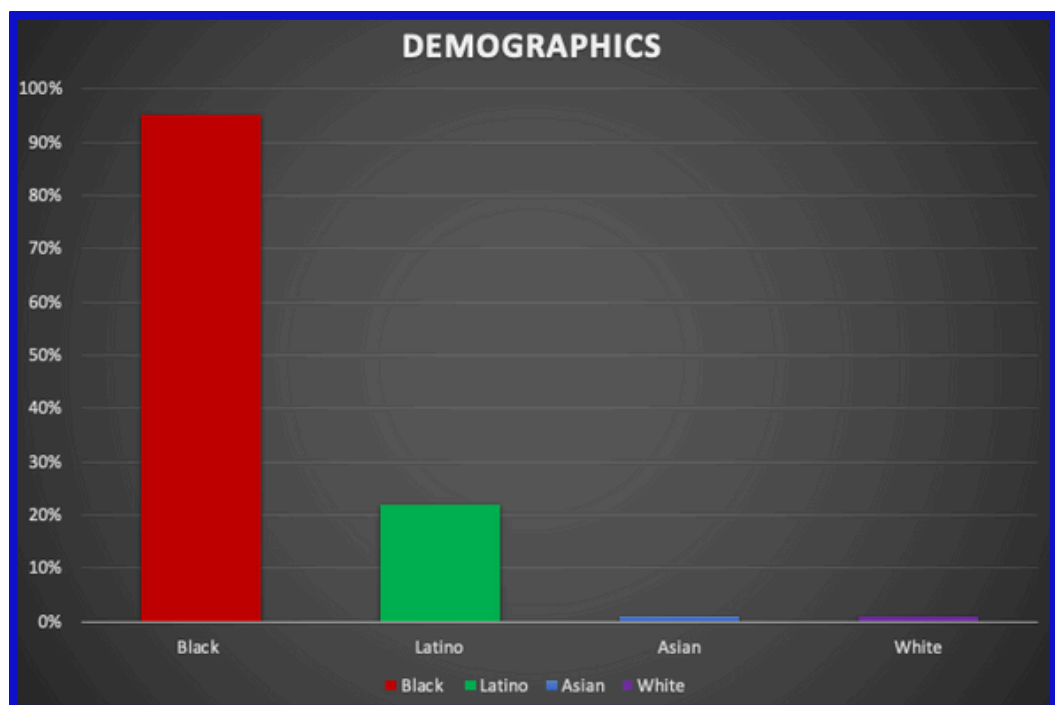
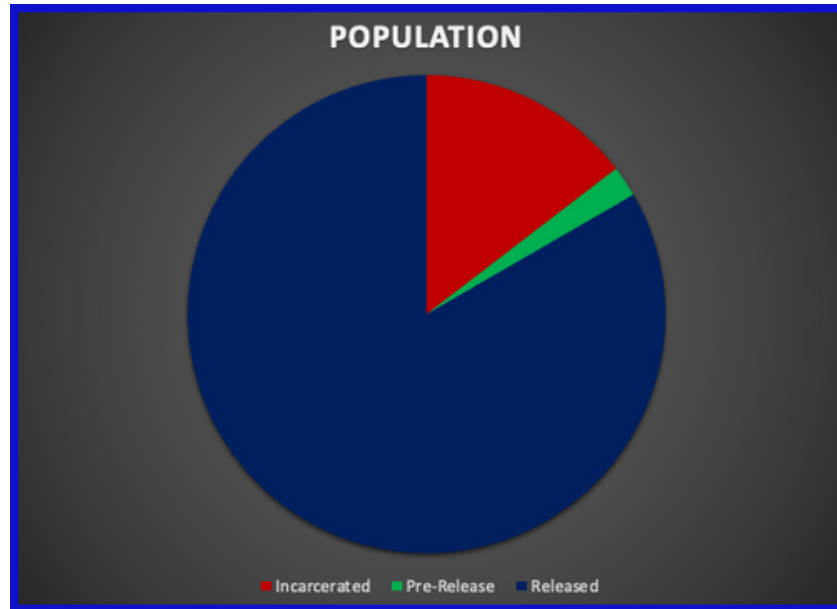
Our mission is to transform lives and strengthen communities by empowering individuals impacted by incarceration. Through our support services and advocacy, we create pathways to successful reentry while amplifying the voices of returning citizens and their loved ones. We champion the fundamental truth that there is not only life after prison, but the potential for growth, leadership, and positive change that enriches our entire community.

WE OFFER

- One on one consultation
- Coaching and mentoring
- Health and wellness screenings
- Behavioral and mental health services
- Recovery and addiction support
- Housing opportunities
- Expungement Clinics
- Family support
- Parent counseling
- Career planning
- Personalized improvement plans
- Education in business and technology
- Legal aid

WHO WE SERVE

- Returning Citizens
- Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC)
- At Risk Youth
- Low income, poverty stricken communities



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we reflect on another year of progress and impact, we want to take a moment to express our profound gratitude for our board of directors, for their dedication and service to The Life After Prison. Their commitment to our mission of supporting returning citizens has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Each of them brings unique expertise, perspective, and passion to our team, and their collective efforts have been instrumental in:

Guiding our strategic direction, ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability, expanding our network and partnerships, and enhancing the quality and reach of our programs.



*Patrice Alves
Director of Programming
Administrative Specialist*



*The Honorable Shannon Frison
U.S. Marine
DEI Expert
Attorney, Frison Law Firm*



*Robert Conley
Substance Abuse Counselor
Harm Reduction & Behavioral Health Specialist*



*Joe Rowell
Career Counselor
Workforce & Development Specialist*

LAP SPOTLIGHT



PROFESSOR GENARRI

Professor Larry Gennari, BC Law School

As the founder of Project Entrepreneur at Boston College, Professor Genarri created a platform that empowers individuals to realize their potential and make a meaningful difference in their communities. His program has been a beacon of hope and a source of practical knowledge for so many.

We honor him for believing in LAP when others might have hesitated. His faith in our abilities and the potential of our organization has been a constant source of motivation. The support he provided in helping us get our name out there has been invaluable. Thanks to your efforts, our reentry organization has been able to reach more returning citizens, forge new partnerships, and expand our impact in ways that we could only have dreamed of when we started.

LESLIE CREDLE

Founder, Justice 4 Housing

Leslie, your commitment to justice and your tireless advocacy for returning citizens align perfectly with our mission. Your support has gone beyond mere assistance; it has been a true partnership that has amplified our impact and helped us reach more individuals in need.

Your work with Justice 4 Housing continues to be an inspiration for us. You've shown us the power of perseverance, the importance of addressing root issues like housing, and the impact that can be made when we come together to support returning citizens.

J4H is changing lives, and we are profoundly grateful to be walking this path alongside you.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This past fiscal year (FY24), we've made significant strides towards our strategic goals:

- Expanded our My Successful Blueprint business and finance training program
- 30% increase in successful job placements and over a dozen clients became business owners
- Established an emergency help line, 888-616-8527
- Launched our PICS and Let's Get Technical program
- Connected our clients and loved ones with mental health professionals, education and resources
- Strengthened our partnerships with local businesses and reentry organizations
- Created more opportunities and resources for our clients

Events

- Community Resource Event (Oct 2023)
- PICS Seminar (May 2024)
- PICS Candle Making Session (May 2024)
- Back to School Giveaway (Sept 2024)
- 3 Pounds of Pressure seminar (Oct 2024)
- A Season to Be Thankful Turkey Giveaway (Nov 2024)

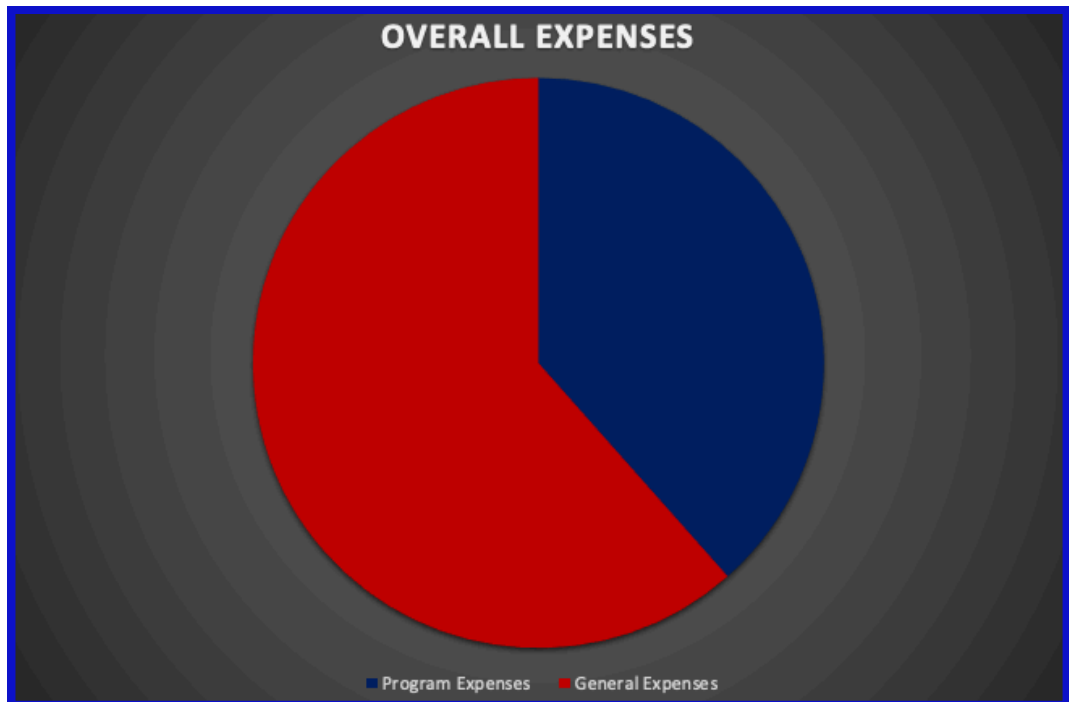
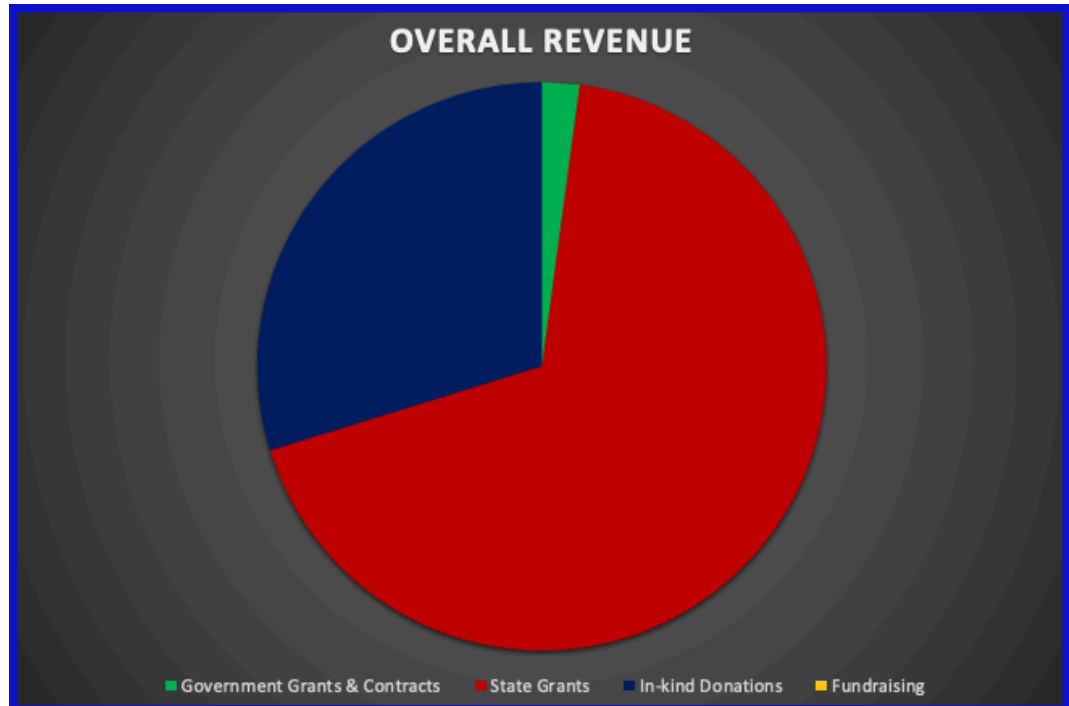
Workshops & Trainings

- MSB Training at the Grove Hall Library, South Bay House of Correction, and the NE Street Worker Conference
- Post Incarceration Syndrome (PICS) workshop at the Grove Hall Library
- 1 X 1 trainings for clients on technology, business start-up and set-up
- Technology training at the Grove Hall Library and virtually on social media essentials and technology
- Provide Narcan training to staff and clients

Speaking Engagements

- MCI Shirley American Vets Prison resource event, January 22, 2024
- Northeastern Student Alliance for Prison Reform, February 27, 2024
- Resources for Change Fair, March 11, 2024
- We Are Better Together Resources & Wellness Family Day, April 27, 2024
- Reentry Roundtable Discussions w/ the Office of the Attorney General
- Reentry Health Cohort Quarterly Meetings
- AccessMA Resource event, June 22, 2024
- 3rd Annual Greater Boston Reentry Summit
- Prerelease discussion with Mass Health, August 1, 2024
- BMC community event September 24, 2024
- Framingham Reentry Open House, October 11, 2024
- Roxbury WORX Conference, November 14, 2024

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



LETTER FROM THE CO-FOUNDER

PATRICE ALVES



Dear Valued Clients, Supporters, Partners, Volunteers, Family, and Friends,

As we conclude another fiscal year, our board wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our reentry nonprofit organization. Your contributions have been instrumental in our mission to facilitate successful reintegration and create second chances.

We're particularly grateful to Mayor Wu, The Office of Returning Citizens, The Office of Black Male Advancement and Attorney General Andrea Campbell for their continued backing of our initiatives. Their support has been crucial in advancing our cause. We also extend our thanks to the Small Business Administration for their invaluable assistance in empowering our team.

Looking ahead, we're excited about several upcoming initiatives:

- Implementing a new addiction and recovery program*
- Expanding our mental health services*
- Developing a digital literacy curriculum to enhance our clients' technological skills*
- Launching a comprehensive legal training program to educate our clients on their rights and responsibilities*
- Expanding our gun violence prevention and intervention program to address this critical issue in our community*

We are kicking off FY 25 with our first fundraising event, '3 Pounds of Pressure' on October 18, 2024. All proceeds go towards our mission.

Our 3PP program aims to reduce violence through education, conflict resolution training, and community outreach. We're committed to creating safer neighborhoods and providing alternatives to violence for at-risk individuals.

We're also exploring future partnerships with local community colleges to provide educational opportunities for our clients and will continue to collaborate with Northeastern University college radio station to strengthen our relationship with the community and provide a safe space for discussions around reentry.

Your continued support is vital as we work towards these goals. Together, we can build a more inclusive community that offers second chances, promotes successful reintegration, and addresses critical issues like gun violence.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.

Warm regards,

Patrice Alves, Co-founder, The Life After Prison

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