A REPORT ON THE REENTRY SIMULATION AND CONDITIONS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT PROJECT TRUCK

After months of planning and visioning, we successfully completed our very first reentry simulation on September 24th. Our team has endless gratitude for the more than 60 volunteers, facilitators, and attendees who showed up and brought this project to life. In the finale of the simulation, there was a panel of five formerly incarcerated individuals who opened up powerful and impactful discussion on the reality, the harsh and impossible reality, of reentering society after incarceration. Our attendees got a snapshot of the frustration behind trying to reintegrate all while finding housing, getting and maintaining a job, feeding themselves and their families, and finding adequate transportation and resources to survive. Often, participants found it wasn't possible to successfully complete reintegration on top of following the rules of probation, all while not going back to jail.

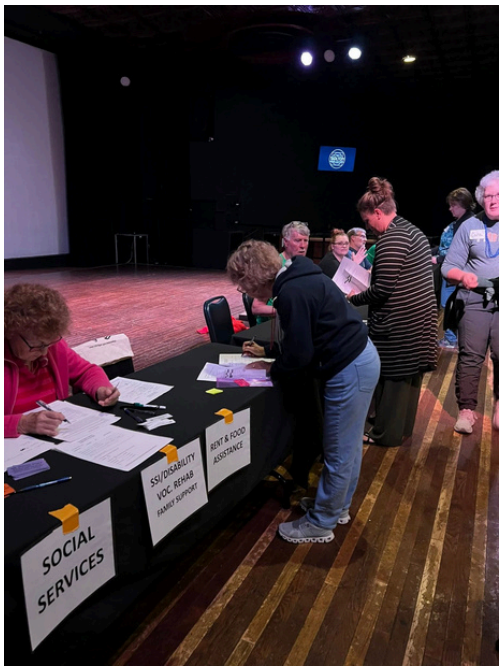
To double on the impact, the Solitary Conditions of Confinement Truck was also present to highlight the torture of solitary confinement. A replica of a 6' by 8' cell (the average size of a "restrictive housing unit') that tens of thousands of individuals across the U.S. must endure traveled to Green Bay from Madison. Thank you to Talib for creating this truck and sharing widely. It is a powerful visual to help us those unaffected get a glimpse of the pain and lasting effects of solitary confinement. We thank each and every one of our supporters who participated in this event. The Tarlton Theatre was the venue, and their support for building community and recognizing systemic inequalities has allowed for such a welcoming space for people of all backgrounds to attend.



PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS SHARING THEIR STORIES.



THE CONDITIONS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT PROJECT TRUCK REPLICA SOLITARY CELL CREATED BY TALIB AKBAR. TRAVELED TO GREEN BAY IN SEPTEMBER WHERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE TOURED THE TRUCK.



VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS VISITING THE REENTRY STATIONS IN THE SIMULATION.



