



2025 Annual Impact Report

Restoring Justice. Rebuilding Lives. Reforming Systems.

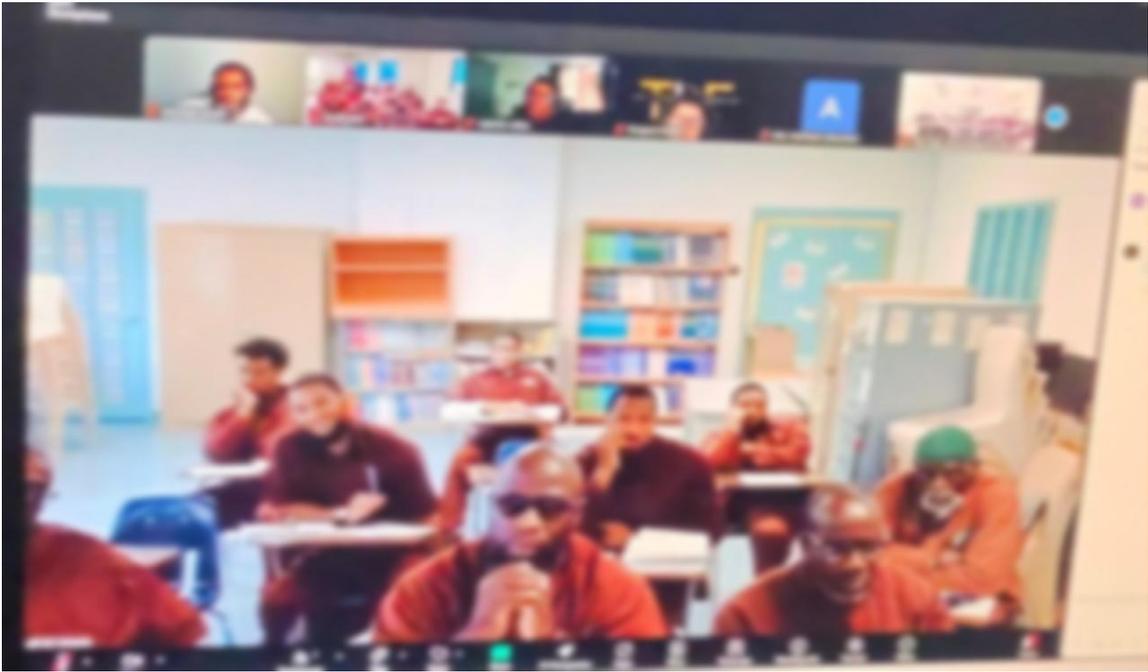
Mission & Urgency

The Liberation Foundation confronts wrongful convictions, prepares individuals for reentry, and advances systemic accountability. Our work is intensive and urgent. Without sustained funding, those serving decades or life sentences may lose their only pathway to review and support.

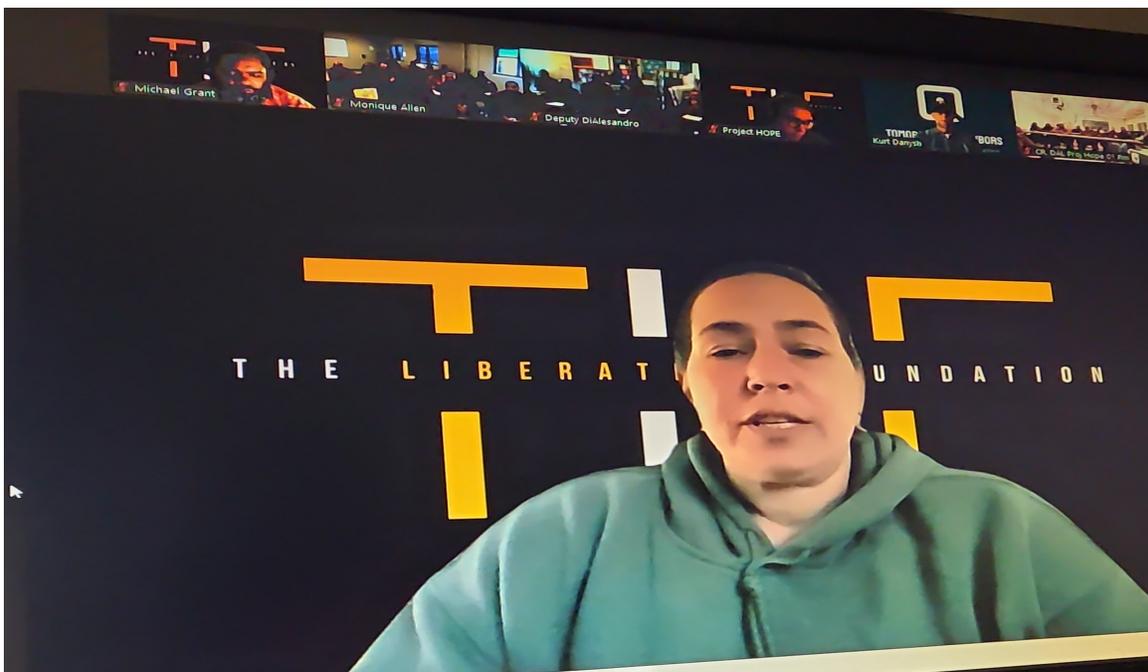
2025 Accomplishments

- Project HOPE operated in five PA DOC facilities, including SCI Muncy.
- Over 150 graduates completed Project HOPE in 2025; many of whom have now reentered society.
- Nano-grants, transportation, mentorship, and device support were provided to returning citizens.
- Project RIC reopened multiple life and long-term sentence cases.
- TLF staff were invited to speak at PACHEP at Bucknell University.
- Advocacy expanded statewide awareness of wrongful conviction reform.

Project HOPE in Action



Some of the Project HOPE participants asking questions live during one of the guest speaker sessions.



One of the Project HOPE facilitators explaining some of the post-reentry responsibilities to the participants.

Project RIC: Advocacy & Accountability



Terrance Lewis and attorney Jeffrey Deskovic at a rally against wrongful incarceration.



Terrance Lewis meeting with Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner at TLF's office.

Case Spotlight: Michael Gaynor



A young Michael Gaynor professing his innocence while fighting for his freedom.

Michael Gaynor has spent decades incarcerated for the 1988 shooting that took the life of 5-year-old Marcus Yates. Investigative review has raised serious questions regarding the integrity of his conviction. For over 37 years, his mother, Delores Edmund, remained a steadfast advocate. His lifelong friend Harriot In a rare and powerful development, Rochelle Yates Whittington—the mother of Marcus—along with Marcus’s brothers Tony and Malcolm, support overturning this conviction and the release of Mr. Gaynor. Through Project RIC and a partnership with The Igwe Firm and McEldrew & Purtell, TLF advances legal strategy and advocacy in pursuit of justice.

Why Foundation Support Matters

Wrongful conviction litigation and reentry work are resource-intensive and time-sensitive. Without foundation support, active reviews may stall and returning citizens may lose vital support. TLF operates with urgency because justice delayed is justice denied.

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