

THE ROSE MAE FOUNDATION & CITY LYFE INC. PROUDLY PRESENT

A PROM MAKEOVER FOR NYC HS SENIORS

WRITERS ON WRITERS BLOCK ESSAY COMPETITION: A
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT.

A WRITERS ON WRITERS BLOCK PROJECT

GETTING STARTED

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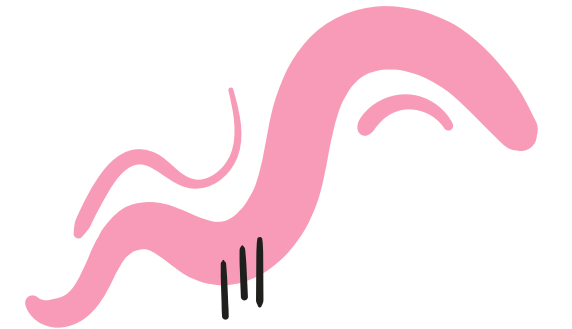


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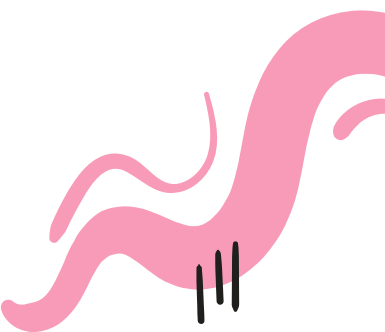
City Lyfe Inc. also **The Resource Club by City Lyfe Inc.** is a Community Social Service Hub dedicated to offering NYC residents and visitors with professional Clerical Services and Resource Navigation Workshops for personal and professional development. Our mission is to be resourceful and to show our community how to turn obstacles into opportunities.

Project Facilitator : Jamila Carmen Salmon Psy.M



Rose Mae Foundation is dedicated to supporting at-risk youth and single parents by providing resources, mentorship, and community programs. Our mission is to empower individuals to overcome challenges and build a brighter future. We focus on fostering resilience, education, and personal growth for those in need.

Project Facilitator : Shantrese Fuller



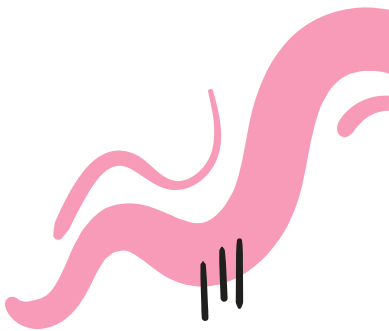
PROJECT OVERVIEW

HELLO NYC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE AND EXPLORE THE POWER OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, CHALLENGE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS & BUILD BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING WHERE WALLS OF DIVISION ONCE STOOD.

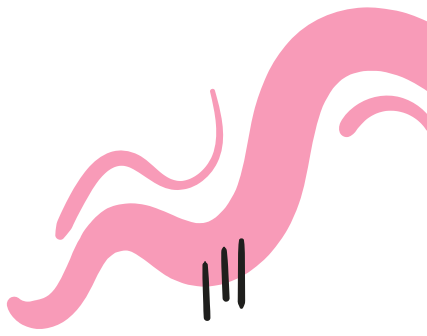
AS **FUTURE CITY PLANNERS** YOU NOW STAND AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT IN YOUR TRANSITION, WHERE YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE YOUR CITY'S FUTURE THROUGH THE LENS OF JUSTICE & UNDERSTANDING.

THE **ROSE MAE FOUNDATION & CITY LYFE INC.** PROUDLY PRESENT THE **FIRST ANNUAL WRITERS ON WRITERS BLOCK ESSAY COMPETITION:** A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT.

WHY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: IT PROVIDES YOUTH LIKE YOURSELF WITH MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH | IT INTERRUPTS CYCLES OF HARM AND MARGINALIZATION. | IT ADDRESSES ROOT CAUSES OF CONFLICT. | CREATING SPACES FOR DIALOGUE & UNDERSTANDING.



WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

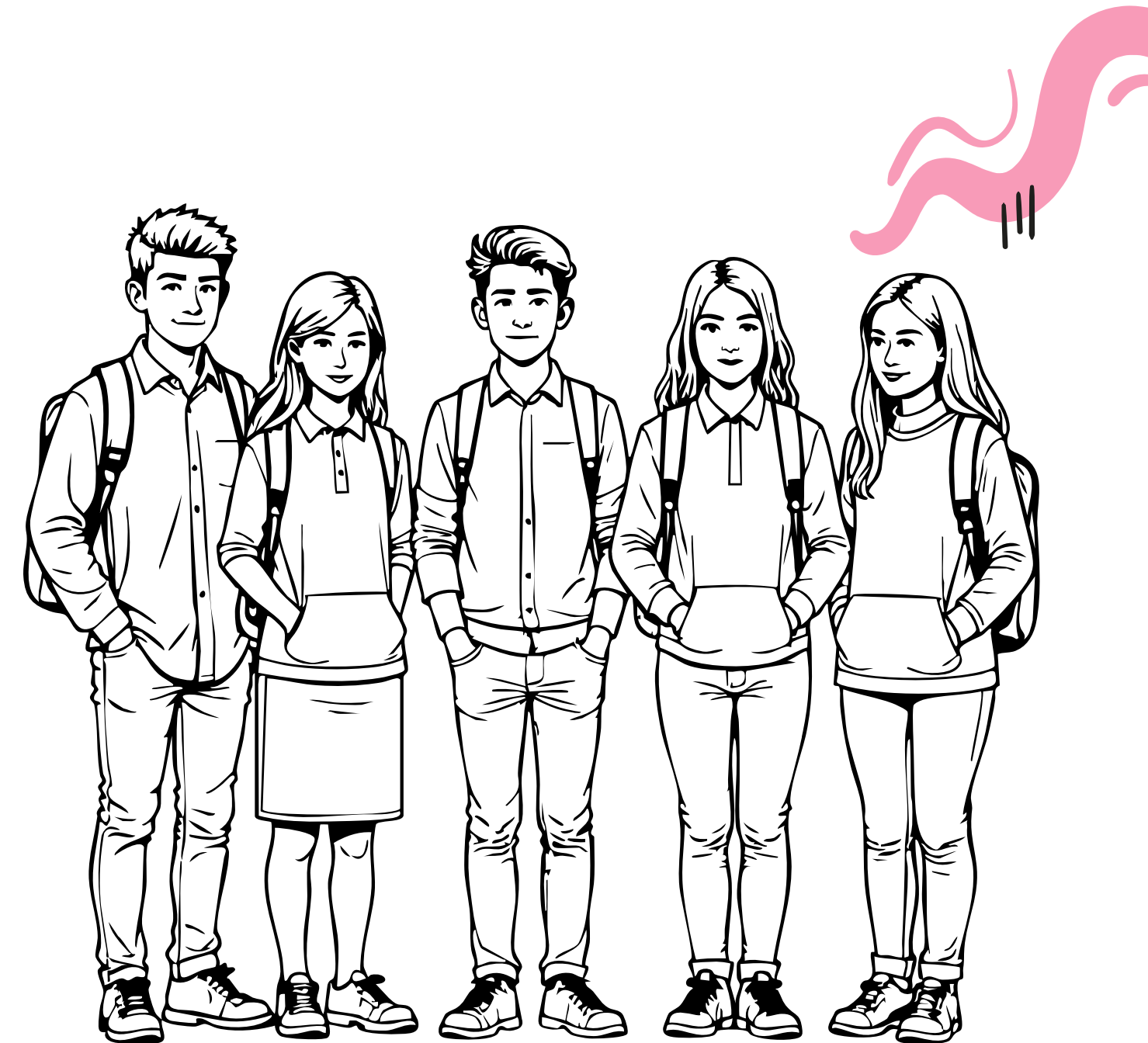


RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IS A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING HARM AND CONFLICT THAT PRIORITIZES ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH RELATIONSHIP REPAIR OVER PUNITIVE CONSEQUENCES. RATHER THAN CENTERING ON RULE VIOLATION AND PUNISHMENT, IT EMPHASIZES UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF HARMFUL ACTIONS, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THOSE AFFECTED, AND CREATING PATHWAYS FOR OFFENDERS TO TAKE MEANINGFUL RESPONSIBILITY BY MAKING AMENDS AND CONTRIBUTING TO HEALING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

BENEFITS: REDUCED RECIDIVISM | HEALING FOR THOSE HARMED | GENUINE ACCOUNTABILITY | STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY BONDS | COST-EFFECTIVENESS | SKILL DEVELOPMENT | REDUCED SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES | PREVENTION OF ESCALATION | PRESERVED OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFICATION

- NYC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
- AGES 16-18
- ALL GENDERS WELCOMED
- IMPACTED BY HARDSHIPS SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS OR HAS CARE GIVERS IMPACTED BY THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Students and teachers share uplifting stories, memorable lessons, and sincere tributes illuminating the legacy of school friendships with heartfelt grace.



01

STEP 1

CHOOSE A TOPIC.

02

STEP 2

PREP YOUR SUBMISSION AND BE SURE TO CONSIDER THE JUDGES CRITERIA.

03

STEP 3

SUBMIT via **CITYLYFE4U.COM** BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2026 ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2027 (See count down below.)

04

STEP 4

ATTEND WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT MEETING ON FRIDAY, **MAY 14TH, 2027!** WE LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR SUBMISSIONS. THANK YOU FOR BEING RESOURCEFUL & SHARING YOUR COMMITMENT TO POSITIVE CHANGE.

Note: Need some support join us for our monthly Writers on Writers Block Workshop (Register for workshop dates and locations.)

ESSAY SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Students and teachers share uplifting stories, memorable lessons, and sincere tributes illuminating the legacy of school friendships with heartfelt grace.



LENGTH

ESSAYS SHOULD BE BETWEEN **1000-1500 WORDS**.

INCLUDE

- A **COVER PAGE** WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR NAME, SCHOOL, ESSAY TITLE AND DATE.
- A **REFERENCE PAGE** WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE 1-2 ARTICLES OR BOOKS YOUR REFERENCED IN YOUR ESSAY

NOTE: COVER PAGE & REFERENCE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MIN ESSAY WORD COUNT).

LIVE PRESENTATION/ SPEECH SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

This option allows you to demonstrate your understanding through public speaking, critical thinking, and research-supported persuasion.



LENGTH

PREPARE A 5-MINUTE PERSUASIVE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING RESPONDING TO ONE PROMPT.

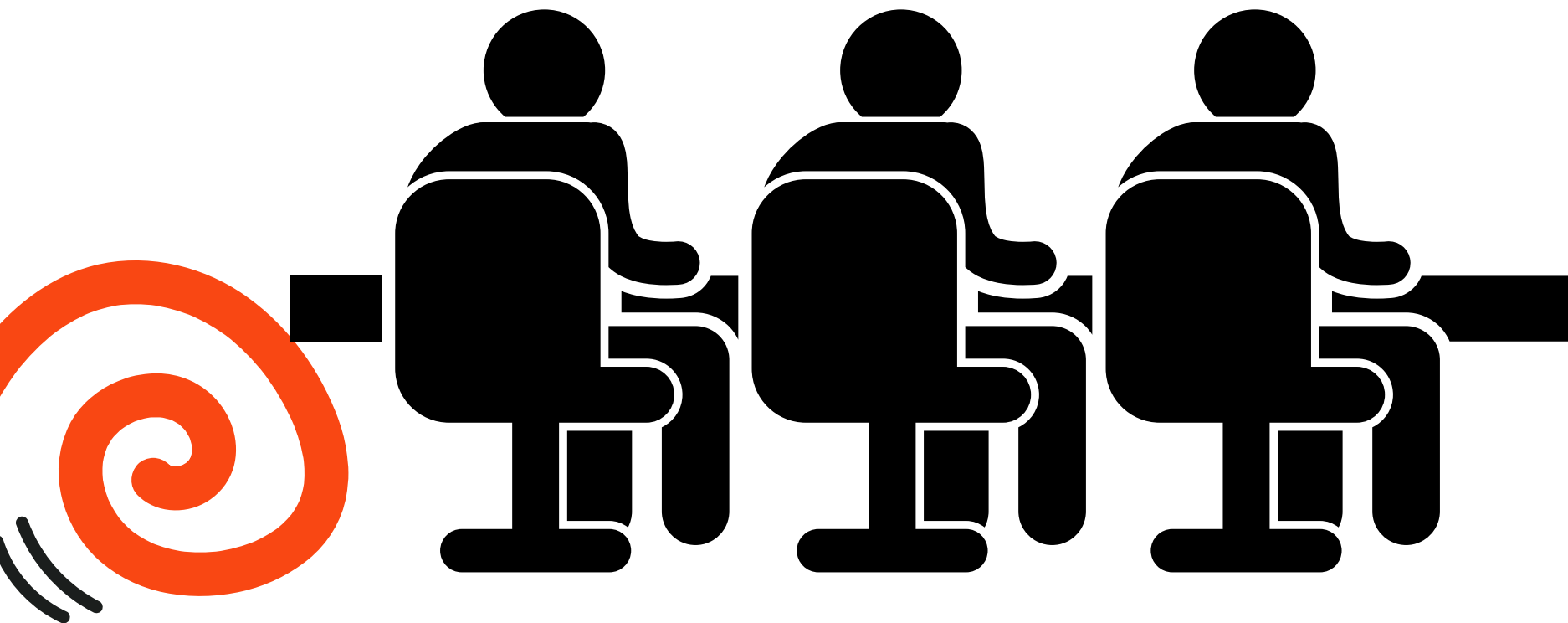
INCLUDE

- A **INTRO** WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR NAME, SCHOOL, ESSAY TITLE AND DATE.
- A **REFERENCE** WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE 1-2 ARTICLES OR BOOKS YOUR REFERENCED IN YOUR AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDING.

NOTE: INTRO PAGE & REFERENCE WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MIN SPEECH TIME. CLEAR ARGUMENT, ORGANIZED STRUCTURE, SPEECH TRANSCRIPT & REFERENCES

JUDGES CRITERIA

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100 POINTS TOTAL

- **CONTENT AND RELEVANCE:** (30 POINTS)
- **ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE:** (25 POINTS)
- **WRITING STYLE AND VOICE:** (20 POINTS)
- **GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS:** (15 POINTS)
- **RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE:** (10 POINTS)

NUMBER ONE RULE: BE CREATIVE! GET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVOLVED IN THE CREATIVE WRITING PROCESS.

PRIZES

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED:

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH, 2027

LOCATION: TBD

TIME: TBD



PRIZE 1

\$200 Gift Card

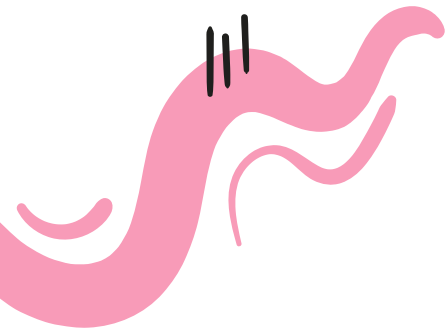
PRIZE 2

\$100 Gift Card

PRIZE 3

\$50 Gift Card

NOTE: PRIZES WILL BE ISSUED ON WINNERS PROM DAY. WINNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DETAILS ON HOW TO RETRIEVE WINNINGS AT THE WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY TO BE HELD **FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2027.**



TOPIC 1-3

I. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VS. PUNITIVE JUSTICE

HOW DOES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES WITHIN REFORMATIVE PROGRAMS CHALLENGE TRADITIONAL PUNITIVE JUSTICE APPROACHES, AND WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH OFFENDERS AND VICTIMS?

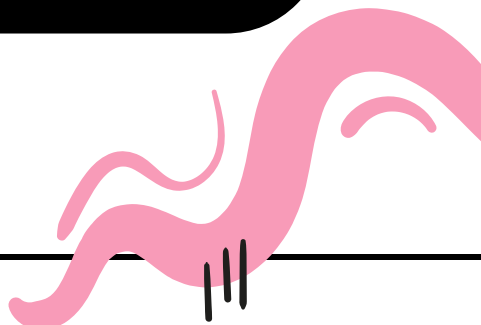
II. OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY:

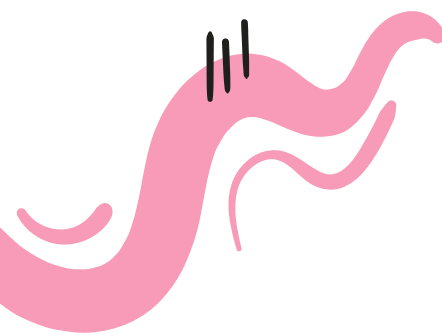
IDENTIFY THE KEY BARRIERS THAT FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS FACE UPON REENTERING SOCIETY AND PROPOSE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES THAT REFORMATIVE PROGRAMS SHOULD ADOPT TO HELP THEM OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES.

III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN REHABILITATION:

IN WHAT WAYS CAN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT NETWORKS INFLUENCE THE SUCCESS OF REFORMATIVE PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS,? HOW CAN COMMUNITIES BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE?

NOTE: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE ESSAY TOPIC FOR YOUR SUBMISSION & BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES





TOPIC 4-5

IV. POLICY ANALYSIS OF REFORMATIVE PROGRAMS:

CRITICALLY ANALYZE CURRENT
POLICIES RELATED TO REFORMATIVE
PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED
INDIVIDUALS. WHAT CHANGES OR
IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU
ADVOCATE FOR TO ENHANCE THEIR
EFFECTIVENESS?

V: THE IMPACT OF REHABILITATION ON RECIDIVISM:

HOW DO REFORMATIVE PROGRAMS
FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS
AFFECT RECIDIVISM RATES, AND WHAT
ELEMENTS OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE
MOST ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL
REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY

NOTE: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE ESSAY TOPIC FOR YOUR SUBMISSION & BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

WHO WILL BE CROWNED THE WINNER ?



NOTE:

IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF GUIDANCE PLEASE BE SURE TO
WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY TO BE HELD **FRIDAY, MAY 14TH, 2027.**

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