BPRRS NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Boston Project Rebound Reentry Services, Inc.. is to facilitate successful reintegration of former prisoners into the community by assisting their needs with: education, employment, support in parole or probation, obtaining benefits, housing, building relationships, spiritual support, and supportive connections to other services in the community post release.

WHO ARE WE?

We are a resource organization that begins developing relationships with the incarcerated while in prison, or at time of release, to assist them in their transition and journey into the community, and rebuilding a life outside. All returning citizens have access to all our resources, which include:

-Basic necessities, like food and clothing
-Transportation assistance for appointments
-Assistance with recovery treatment
-Help finding metal health and medical services
-Resources for finding housing and employment
-Document assistance
-Letters of reference
-Peer Navigator (volunteers who help acclimate returning citizens)
-Spiritual assistance and support
-Access to self- help groups

Note: WE ARE NOT A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Testimony

Hello my name is James I was introduced to the BPRRS when I was getting released from prison back in 2020. Over the last 4 years I have been supported by BPRRS in so many ways.

Now I call in on a regular basis (due to being in a hospital) and talk to the folks and this gives me emotional, mental, and spiritual supports by talking about how and what my struggles are as well as what the struggles of the staff are.
The staff have given me new ideas and place to look for things.

ACTIVITY UPDATE

By Steven Provost

We welcome our new board member to BPRRS, Hyeonseo Cho! She brings a heart of service and desires to make a difference in lives transforming on the outside. She says she is looking forward to a productive year!!!

Hyeonseo Cho

Also, we continue to work on building new relationships with other organizations that serve the returning citizens. We have a working relationship with Coolidge House (through CRJ – “Community Resources for Justice) now and are excited to have partnered up with them at their fair, on March 11, called “Resources for Change” at New England Culinary Arts Training. Was a great way to meet new returning citizens and other organizations helping those coming out.

Lastly, We are now published in the new 2024 “Coming Home Directory”.

MORE TO COME!!!!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Mike Austin

Donations for first quarter of 2024 = $949 in cash, and $193.66 worth of items.

Current Inventory

Duffle Bag care packages – 2 left, after giving out 5
Food cards – 0 left, gave out 5
T Passes – 2 left

SELF-WORK

Addiction: Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behavior, that our life had become unmanageable.

Admission has such power. Most of us, whether addicted to a substance, power, anger, fear, money, sex, or even misery, had become a slave to it. When we are slaves, we are not free. We are bound with shackles to the brick that pulls us in one direction….. down. These cement shoes have one purpose- to drown us. And denial is the enemy of admission. If we deny the cement shoes of slavery that are on our feet, they continue to have power because it remains unchallenged. It also means we are choosing a lie over the truth.

"Bill" in "the Big Book" wisely cuts through our denial before we start. Admission that we are powerless frees us to seek freedom from the lie that binds us. Admission is honesty. And in honesty we find truth. In truth there is freedom because now your eyes are on the very thing that was destroying you.

There is a story in John 5:5-6 where an invalid was waiting for a local myth to heal him. Jesus approached him and asked, "Do you want to get well?" Jesus healed him. The man wanted to be well. And, for us, he asks the same question, "DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL ?". Honesty BEGINS WITH recognition of our slavery.

When we admit our powerlessness, and surrender to our higher power in steps 2 and 3, we find freedom. We find liberation. And, here, we find we can conquer this thing called, "Addiction".

Thank You For Supporting Our Vision

If you know someone who needs our resources and support, please contact us at :
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