



**The Fortune Society**  
*BUILDING PEOPLE, NOT PRISONS*

# OUR MISSION

The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from prison and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

We do this by:

- **BELIEVING** in the power of individuals to change;
- **BUILDING LIVES** through service programs shaped by the needs and experience of our clients; and
- **CHANGING MINDS** through education and advocacy to promote the creation of a fair, humane, and truly rehabilitative correctional system.

# OUR APPROACH

Founded in 1967, The Fortune Society's vision is to create a world where all who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated can become positive, contributing members of society. We do this through a holistic, one-stop model of service provision.

Our continuum of care, informed and implemented by professionals with cultural backgrounds and life experiences similar to those of our clients, helps ensure their success. Fortune serves approximately 6,000 men and women annually via three New York City locations: our service center in Long Island City, Queens, and both the Fortune Academy (a.k.a. "the Castle") and Castle Gardens in West Harlem. Our program models are recognized, both nationally and internationally, for their quality and innovation.



# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Policy

The David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP) promotes community education, technical assistance, trainings, and advocacy to further advance Fortune's mission.

## Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

Fortune's ATI programs reduce the prison and jail population, save taxpayers millions of dollars, and each year help hundreds of men and women learn how to lead crime-free, productive lives.

## Benefits Application Assistance

The Single Stop program helps clients find out if they are eligible to receive public benefits available to low-income individuals, including Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI/SSD, and public assistance.

## Family Services

Our Family Services program helps connect clients with their loved ones by facilitating healthy parent-child relationships and addressing child support commitments.

## Creative Arts

Fortune's Arts programs support the educational, emotional, and cultural development of individuals impacted by the criminal justice system through creative writing, poetry, spoken word, video production, animation, visual arts, music classes, and theater.

## Education

Our Education program empowers students to achieve personal and professional goals such as acquiring basic literacy skills, earning a High School Equivalency diploma, attending college, or preparing for a job.

## Housing

Our Housing programs empower homeless, formerly incarcerated individuals and their families to build better futures through supportive and affordable housing. We provide low-threshold access to supportive emergency, transitional and permanent housing at our congregate facilities, the Fortune Academy ("the Castle") and Castle Gardens, along with our Scatter-Site Housing program.

## Food & Nutrition

Fortune offers hot meals and distributes fresh, locally grown produce to clients through partnerships with local farms, along with cooking demonstrations and nutrition education workshops.

## Health Services

Our Health Services team primarily serves individuals living with HIV/AIDS and provides them with vital discharge planning, case management, health education, and connection to quality, community-based treatment and care.

## Employment Services

Our Employment Services program is designed to equip formerly incarcerated job seekers with the skills necessary to obtain employment and thrive in the workplace. We offer job readiness, transitional work, sector-based skills trainings in Green Construction, Culinary Arts, Transportation and Commercial Drivers License (CDL), job placement assistance, and retention services.

## Mental Health Treatment

Our clients have access to a full spectrum of mental health services through our NYS Office of Mental Health licensed Better Living Center, which serves individuals with mental health issues and histories of incarceration.

## Prepare for Release

The Individualized Corrections Achievement Network (I-CAN) program provides skill-building and discharge preparation services to eligible men and women during their incarceration at NYC Department of Corrections jails, and continuing reentry support following their release.

## Substance Abuse Treatment

Our NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment services program empowers clients with substance abuse issues to address and overcome substance dependency.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## Donate

Individual donations allow us to address the complex needs of our clients and continue to expand the vital services and programs that support successful client reentry after incarceration. Financial contributions also enhance Fortune's ability to advocate for systemic change that promotes the fair and just treatment of people with criminal backgrounds.

Please visit [www.fortunesociety.org/donate](http://www.fortunesociety.org/donate) for more information or to donate online now! Fortune accepts donations of cash, checks, credit cards, and stock contributions. We are a 501(c)3 organization; your contributions are tax-deductible.

If you have specific questions, or would like to speak to someone directly, please contact our Development Department at (347) 510-3607.

## Volunteer

Volunteers and interns play an essential role in supporting the work we do at The Fortune Society. By donating their valuable time and expertise, volunteers aid our staff in myriad ways, including tutoring, helping us respond to letters from incarcerated men and women, clerical work, maintenance, data entry, research, and special projects. We are particularly glad to welcome formerly incarcerated individuals interested in giving back to their communities through service with The Fortune Society.

To learn more, contact Volunteer Services at [fortunevolunteers@fortunesociety.org](mailto:fortunevolunteers@fortunesociety.org) or (718) 906-2981.



## CONTACT

No appointment necessary! Call us or stop by our main office in Long Island City, Queens to learn more about our programs and services.



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