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**Front cover:** Our staff and participants prepare to rally and advocate for adult literacy programs and alternatives to incarceration at New York City Hall.

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The Fortune Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017! Follow us on social media and subscribe to the Fortune Weekly to receive updates about our year-long celebration.
The Fortune Society’s mission is to support successful reentry from incarceration 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.

Founded in 1967, The Fortune Society’s vision is to foster a world where all who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated will thrive as 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 over 6,000 individuals annually via three New York City locations: our service center in Long Island City, Queens, and both The Fortune Academy (“the Castle”) and Castle Gardens in West Harlem. Our program models are recognized both nationally and internationally for their quality and innovation.
Dear Friend,

2016 was intense.

For almost 50 years, The Fortune Society has served as a core resource for people working to rebuild their lives after the trauma of incarceration. While we face new challenges, The Fortune Society will continue to welcome home individuals returning from incarceration.

We’ll keep fighting for criminal justice reform, too. Many of our 2016 accomplishments speak to that:

- As a member of the NYS Council on Community Reentry and Reintegration, we helped convince Governor Cuomo to adopt an anti-discrimination guidance for state-financed housing, forbidding blanket discrimination based on justice involvement alone. Each case now requires individual assessment.

- Working with civil rights firm, Relman, Dane & Colfax, we continued pursuing litigation against a NYC landlord with a blanket ban on applicants with convictions. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a guidance in 2016 stating that blanket bans on applicants with criminal histories likely violates the Fair Housing Act. And the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a statement of interest, which strengthens our case and may soon set a new national legal precedent.
Building on his White House Champion of Change recognition, our Executive Vice President, Stanley Richards, was appointed to two key positions. He’s now a member of the NYC Board of Corrections, and the Independent Commission on NYC Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform.

Stanley Richards and our Associate Vice President, Ronald Day, were also featured in Henry Louis Gates, Jr.’s PBS documentary, *Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise*. And two staff members, Barry Campbell and Ismael Nazario, were featured in Bill Moyers’ documentary, *Rikers*. These works increased public awareness of the injustices within prisons and jails, intensifying the demand for change.

These accomplishments, along with my memberships on the NYS Council on Community Reentry and Reintegration, the NYC Task Force on Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice System, and the NYC Supportive Housing Task Force, give Fortune a seat at tables where vital criminal justice reform conversations happen.

We’re going further in 2017. Our capacity to offer discharge planning services to individuals on Rikers Island will increase, as will our essential reentry housing for formerly incarcerated individuals. We’re also launching a federally funded mentoring program, a department to support client and health care service connections, and the Queens Reentry Task Force.

None of this would be possible without our founder, David Rothenberg, who still volunteers at Fortune and recently received a Greenwich Village Award for his work in challenging the criminal justice system and fighting for human rights.

We’re firm in our mission to support successful reentry and promote alternatives to incarceration. Our work strengthens communities.

2017 is also our 50th anniversary—let’s celebrate together. And let’s continue building a world where everyone, regardless of their past, has opportunities to succeed.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Page
President and CEO

Our President and CEO, JoAnne Page, participated as a panelist in an important Congressional Briefing exploring access to decent, affordable homes, barriers to housing, and efforts to revisit and reform policies that have excluded the reentry population.
Dear Friend,

2016 marked my first year as Chairperson of The Fortune Society’s Board of Directors. Indeed, I am “fortunate” to be part of such a vital organization for justice-involved individuals. The hard work and dedication of our staff, beginning with our remarkable CEO, JoAnne Page, continues to have profound impact on each client we assist. As a formerly incarcerated individual myself, I understand the complex needs of those who are returning from incarceration— it can be a very difficult transition. Today, our mission to support successful reentry and promote alternatives to incarceration has never been more important. We are one of the few holistic resources that justice-involved individuals have.

2017 marks our 50th anniversary. Since 1967, we have remained true to our original vision as we have expanded to assist more clients through many needed services. In addition, we’ve consistently advocated for criminal justice reform, working with lawmakers and politicians to eliminate barriers that keep justice-involved individuals from thriving. For 50 years, we’ve worked to bridge the gap between people and policy, while offering education, housing, health services, employment training, job opportunities, and other paths to long-lasting success.

Nonetheless, while we are proud of the impact that we have made, we know that there is still much more to do. This year, we are committed to intensifying our efforts and expanding our reach, ensuring new paths forward for justice-involved individuals for 50 more years and beyond.

I know of no better way to spend my time and energy than to help Fortune. And I am grateful to you, for contributing to our efforts in transforming the lives of thousands of people each and every year.

Sincerely,

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Board Chairperson
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Our Employment Services staff and clients smile as they celebrate the graduation of the latest Transitional Work internship program participants.
THE NEED

Individuals with criminal justice involvement form one of the most disadvantaged populations in the nation. They experience many challenges that prevent them from successfully reentering society, such as legal barriers to accessing education, employment, affordable housing, substance abuse treatment, and healthcare. Additionally, justice-involved individuals often face harmful stigmas upon release, which can cause employers, clinics, educational institutions, and service providers to deny them the important resources and services needed to rebuild their lives.
SERVICES THAT CHANGE LIVES

To address the complex and overlapping needs of our clients, The Fortune Society employs a holistic “one-stop shop” model of service provision, offering a comprehensive array of in-house social services to over 6,000 people with incarceration histories each year via three primary New York City-area locations: our service center in Long Island City, and both The Fortune Academy (a.k.a. “the Castle”) and Castle Gardens in West Harlem. We also have a regular presence in four borough courthouses, on Rikers Island, and numerous New York State prisons.
A Culinary Arts participant prepares a dish as part of his final exam to graduate from the program.
ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ATI)

THE PROBLEM
Race and socioeconomic factors continue to dictate the likelihood of arrest and incarceration, especially for drug-related offenses. Nearly 80% of people in federal prison and almost 60% of people in state prison for drug offenses are Black or Latino. In addition, one in nine Black children has an incarcerated parent, compared to one in 28 Latino children and one in 57 white children (Drug Policy Alliance, 2016).

OUR SOLUTION
Our ATI programs reduce the prison and jail population, save taxpayers millions of dollars, and each year help hundreds of individuals learn how to lead law-abiding, productive lives. Clients participating in our ATI programs are still under criminal justice supervision while in the community, but they also receive important services that help them thrive. Those who complete their program successfully receive sentences that require no further incarceration, including probation and community service.
BENEFITS APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

THE PROBLEM

With the significant overlap between high incarceration rates and high-poverty neighborhoods in NYC, the vast majority of people cycling in and out of jails and prisons live well below the poverty line. In fact, 65% who come to Fortune will have less than $1,000 a year in reported household income at the time of intake, and many are unaware of the numerous government benefits for which they are eligible.

OUR SOLUTION

Our Single Stop Benefits Assessment and Referral program helps clients find out if they are eligible to receive public benefits from any of the government programs available to low-income individuals. We then work with clients to navigate the application process so they can secure critical benefits, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid, and find financial stability. In addition, the program connects clients with expert advice to help with a wide range of issues, such as child support, evictions, accessing and correcting Record of Arrest and Prosecutions (RAP) sheets, financial services, credit assistance, and more.

65% of Fortune clients will have less than $1,000 a year in reported household income at the time of intake.

We help our clients navigate the application process to secure critical benefits such as SNAP, Medicaid, and other services.
One of the most lasting effects of incarceration is the loss of family unity. Studies show that the incarceration of a father often leads to decreases in household resources and greater risk for financial hardship. Additionally, the social stigma of incarceration can take a heavy toll on parent-child relationships, and may harm children’s development. The strain and distance caused by incarceration makes reuniting upon reentry a very difficult challenge.

Our Family Services program connects clients with their loved ones by supporting personal growth and the development of essential parenting skills. We offer an array of group and individual services to meet the unique needs of formerly incarcerated mothers, fathers, and expectant parents. Our clients are given the opportunity to learn vital interpersonal and parenting skills, develop strategies to escape lives defined by crime and substance abuse, and become positive role models for their children. Clients also receive assistance with child support cases and family reunification issues.
Advocates and academicians agree: Art tremendously benefits individuals with justice involvement, especially as they reenter into the community. Creative expression heals, transforms, and encourages personal growth. Recognizing this, we remain deeply committed to incorporating the arts in the holistic services we offer our clients. Doing so not only helps their well-being, it helps the city at large—the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs found a serious lack of diversity within NYC’s cultural sector, identifying the need for “pipelines to employment and leadership positions that target underrepresented populations” (2016).

Our Creative Arts program supports 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, and theater.
EDUCATION

THE PROBLEM
A significant number of people coming out of New York State jails and prisons have been affected by the school-to-prison pipeline. The very public schools that were meant to serve their educational needs actually served as statistical “feeders” into incarceration. Most of these schools are located in the highest poverty, highest crime neighborhoods in New York City, and are predominantly in communities of color.

OUR SOLUTION
Our Education program disrupts the school-to-prison pipeline, empowering students to set personal and professional goals, and make progress toward earning the High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma, attend college, and prepare for today’s job market.

Students develop essential reading, writing, math, and computer skills with the support of Fortune’s dedicated teachers, counselors, and tutors. Our small class sizes allow each individual to progress at his or her own pace in an environment where all feel respected and have valued input on what is taught.
The primary cause of homelessness is a lack of affordable housing. Other causes include eviction, doubled-up or severely overcrowded housing, domestic violence, job loss, and hazardous housing conditions. Approximately 58% of homeless shelter residents in NYC are African-American, 31% are Latino, and 8% are white (Coalition for the Homeless, 2016). These same groups are also disproportionately impacted by the cycle of incarceration. In addition, people reentering the community are often estranged from family and friends, further limiting their housing options.

Our Housing program empowers 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. Meeting both their immediate and long-term needs, participants take important steps on their journey towards becoming positive, self-sufficient members of the community.
According to a 2014 report conducted by the NYC Food Bank, almost 1.8 million New Yorkers rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), nearly 1.4 million rely on emergency food for basic nutrition, and the NYC meal gap is 250 million meals (Agi, 2014). This food crisis is exacerbated for formerly-incarcerated individuals and their families, who are often hesitant to seek assistance due to misperceptions that they are not eligible for food programs.

Through our innovative Food and Nutrition program, we offer hot meals and distribute fresh, locally grown produce to clients through partnerships with local farms. We also offer cooking demonstrations, nutrition education workshops, a farm stand in West Harlem, and herb and produce cultivation opportunities in our rooftop garden at Castle Gardens.
HEALTH SERVICES

THE PROBLEM

In NYC jails, the HIV prevalence rate is 5.2%, over four times higher than the total U.S. prison rate (1.25%) and far higher than the 0.4% rate for the general population (Clarke, 2016). Approximately 3,800 people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) are released to NYC annually from NYC and NYS jails or prisons (HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York, 2012). Many reentering PLWHA have little information on available resources, and are susceptible to return to unsafe lifestyles due to a lack of knowledge.

OUR SOLUTION

Our Health Services program provides clients with prevention education, discharge planning, case management, and connection to quality, community-based treatment and care, particularly for individuals living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS. This holistic and integrated approach to serving formerly incarcerated individuals living with or at risk of developing HIV/AIDS helps ensure their safe and healthy transition back into the community.

Discharge planning, case management, and quality treatment are essential to ensure the safe and healthy transition back into the community for PLWHA.
One of the chief problems facing people reentering the community after incarceration is finding gainful employment. A study conducted in New York City found that a criminal record reduced the likelihood of a callback or job offer by nearly 50% (Pager & Western, 2009). The employment discrimination faced by reentering individuals is an unjust reality, exacerbated by the fact that many of these individuals also lack adequate skills to compete in today's job market.

Our Employment Services program is designed to equip formerly incarcerated job seekers with the skills necessary to obtain employment and thrive in the workplace. Our two-week Job Readiness workshop teaches participants how to network, excel in job interviews, problem-solve, answer difficult conviction questions, and create a professional resume and cover letter. Individuals who complete the workshop receive career counseling, job placement assistance, and support with job retention. We also offer skills-based training, which provides industry-recognized certifications, including Green Construction and Culinary Arts Training. Participants who complete the training receive job placement and career advancement services targeted to their desired career field.
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

THE PROBLEM

Since 2011, the NYC Department of Correction (DOC) has experienced a steady increase in the percentage of individuals with mental health diagnoses. These individuals currently comprise 42% of the population, with 11% having a serious mental health diagnosis (2015, Mayor’s Task Force on Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice System). For many people with criminal justice histories, there is a stigma attached to admitting to mental health issues for fear of being seen as “weak” or “vulnerable.” Consequently, they are often hesitant to seek mental health treatment, especially if the providers are not culturally competent.

OUR SOLUTION

Fortune has offered mental health services since July 2011 through The Better Living Center (BLC), our NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH)-licensed Article 31 outpatient mental health treatment clinic. The BLC works to facilitate a seamless transition for individuals with mental health issues who also have histories of incarceration by providing the supportive environment, treatment, and therapy they need to manage their mental illness, while also empowering them to make progress towards achieving their other life goals.

We strive to provide our clients with a supportive environment, mental health treatment, and therapy needed to help them progress towards achieving their goals.
People reentering the community from incarceration are severely disadvantaged when attempting to obtain needed resources, such as housing, education, and employment. They often not only face stigma and discrimination, but a sense of isolation and disconnect. Without culturally competent guidance, people reentering the community frequently are not even aware of available services that are specific to their needs.

Our Individualized Corrections Achievement Network (I-CAN) program provides skill building and discharge preparation services to eligible individuals incarcerated at Rikers Island, and offers continuing reentry support following their release. We help them prepare for reentry by assisting with applications for identification documents, and by providing parenting classes, group counseling, professional development, job training, education, and relapse prevention workshops. Furthermore, I-CAN provides ongoing support to these individuals in areas key to successful transitions.
SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT

THE PROBLEM

Substance use is by far one of the greatest challenges faced by individuals with justice involvement. The Bureau of Justice Assistance has recognized the criminal justice system as being “one of the largest catchment areas for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.” Based on NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS, 2014) admission data, 51% of non-crisis admissions had criminal justice involvement. At 21%, criminal justice agencies were the second highest referral source for substance use treatment program admissions.

OUR SOLUTION

Our NYS OASAS-licensed outpatient substance use treatment program empowers clients to address and overcome substance dependency issues. This supervised program provides client-centered treatment that is geared towards the overall improvement of each participant’s mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Every client begins their journey with a full assessment and program orientation, followed by intensive individual and group counseling. We also offer lifetime aftercare, so our clients know they can rely on us to help them navigate future challenges.

Vilma Donovan has fully embraced recovery as part of her reentry process, and is a survivor focused on healing, reclaiming her life, and emerging into her fullest potential. Our substance use treatment program supports individuals recovering from substance use by offering treatment to improve health and wellness, which lead them to live self-directed lives, and achieve their reentry goals.
### OUR IMPACT*

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71% of ATI clients eligible for completion graduated.
$4,199,691
secured in public benefits for Single Stop participants, including Medicaid, cash assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

1,034
individuals enrolled in our discharge planning program at Rikers Island.

79%
of Fortune Academy participants in transitional housing successfully moved to permanent housing.**

226
clients living with HIV/AIDS were connected to medical care upon release from Rikers Island.

*data from calendar year 2015
**data from calendar year 2013-2015
After 17 years in prison, I was homeless and unemployed upon release. My situation wasn’t surprising—I had been living in the streets since I was 12 years old. And without marketable skills, rebuilding my life seemed impossible. But everything changed when I came to The Fortune Society.

On my first day there, I immediately knew that Fortune could help me get back on my feet. Finding a job was my priority, so I enrolled in their Employment Services program, where I learned interviewing and networking skills, plus workplace etiquette. I graduated from their Green Construction program, which opened up new career paths for me.

For the first time in my life, I had skills that made me competitive in the job market, and the potential to contribute to my community.

Fortune soon connected me to a career in construction, and I applied for the position. All of my effort paid off when I received a job offer.

Today, I am a unionized supervisor in the sustainable construction industry, earning $52 an hour. Every day, I’m proud to use the skills I learned through Fortune’s Green Construction program.

I will always be grateful to Fortune for helping me achieve success. As a way of giving back, I volunteer as a mentor to other clients. I hope my story encourages them to fully utilize Fortune’s programs, and rebuild their lives like I did.
Before coming to The Fortune Society, I was unsure about where my life was headed. I was earning below minimum wage at my job, which made meeting basic needs difficult. My daughter saw my struggle and insisted that I come to Fortune. As a former Fortune client herself, she knew that its services would help me. So, I gave Fortune a chance, and my life changed forever.

On the first day, I knew that I was in the right place. Home is where you can comfortably express your feelings—that’s how I felt at Fortune.

Each day I visited Fortune, I had something to look forward to. For the first time in my life, I met people who knew that despite my justice involvement, that I had the capacity to succeed. And with their support, I did.

Through Employment Services, I developed job readiness skills and participated in Fortune’s Culinary Arts program, where I found a passion for cooking.

Today, I’m proud to be a full-time chef at Project Renewal, an organization that feeds the homeless. It’s wonderful working for a cause that I’m passionate about, and with an organization that appreciates me. Incorporating what I learned at Fortune, I hope to start my own catering business one day.

Fortune made success possible for me. And because I worked hard, I thrived. Through their firm belief in paths forward for justice-involved individuals, I know that Fortune will continue to help others, like me, succeed.
After 31 years in prison, I was released in October 2016 with few resources. I had to adjust to a drastically different society and needed help making it on my own.

The challenges of my reentry were compounded by medical conditions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, and a partial foot amputation. For years, my requests in prison to address needs like obtaining a prosthetic were ignored.

After my release, I stayed at a men’s shelter, but knew I couldn’t stay there long. I was ready to change and move on.

Eventually, I wrote a letter to The Fortune Society asking for help. They responded immediately. The same day I stopped in, I received a room at their transitional housing unit, The Fortune Academy. I now live in my own apartment.

In addition to housing, I now have access to health care, and can talk with staff to avoid making mistakes that may lead to further justice involvement. For the first time, I’m learning to open up, and it feels good.

Fortune also showed me that it’s never too late to pursue my goal of obtaining a High School Equivalency Diploma. I plan to participate in Fortune’s Education and Culinary Arts programs this year. Looking forward, I hope to become a professional in the food industry. I’m excited for the journey that lays ahead and, with Fortune’s help, I know I will succeed.
Before I became involved with the criminal justice system, I attended seven different schools and struggled to pass basic math classes. After my release, I wanted to pursue education again but lacked crucial resources. So, I enrolled in Education Services at The Fortune Society, where I found the supportive environment that I needed.

At Fortune, I worked hard to overcome the challenges that I struggled with for years. Plus, I met passionate teachers who helped me achieve my goals.

With their encouragement, I transformed into a motivated student and studied hard. I learned to participate in class and ask questions. Eventually, I was doing so well that I started helping other students. For the first time in my life, I developed a positive outlook on education and realized the results of hard work.

My dedication paid off when I finally earned my High School Equivalency Diploma. On the day that I received it, I cried tears of joy and thanked my teachers. I’ll never forget coming home to my mother and saying, “We did it.”

Before coming to Fortune, I never envisioned attending college. But today, it is an achievable goal. Fortune opened up new possibilities and helped me create a solid foundation for a professional career.

With Fortune’s support, I will continue creating the future of my dreams.
ADVOCACY THAT CHANGES MINDS

The David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP) was launched in 2007 to advance Fortune’s technical assistance, training, policy development, advocacy, research, and community education initiatives. DRCPP advocates for a fairer criminal justice system, promotes effective program models and needed support for people with criminal justice histories, and works to change the counterproductive laws and policies that create barriers to successful community reentry.

POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

The NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) issued a new anti-discrimination guidance that forbids discrimination based on criminal conviction alone, and requires housing operators to make an individualized assessment of applicants based on factors like seriousness of the offense, the time since the offense, the age of the applicant at the time of the offense, and evidence of the applicant’s rehabilitation.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a statement of interest in Fortune’s ongoing housing litigation against Sandcastle Towers Housing Development. In their statement, U.S. DOJ argues that the Fair Housing Act (FHA) requires that landlords who consider criminal records in evaluating prospective tenants do not use overly broad generalizations that disproportionately disqualify people based on a legally protected characteristic, such as race or national origin.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a guidance that details their interpretation of the FHA – housing providers must distinguish between arrest and convictions, and cannot use an arrest to ban applicants from housing. In the case of applicants with convictions, property owners must prove that the exclusion is justified and consider factors like the nature and severity of the crime in assessing prospective tenants before excluding someone.

The State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees voted to “ban the box” from its general application, expanding college access and education opportunity for individuals with justice involvement.
Healthy living conditions = happy families

Protect tenant rights

Everyone deserves safe and affordable housing

Dear landlord - off my healthcare

Protect tenants right to choose
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

Your contributions allow us to address the needs of our clients and continue to grow the vital services and programs that support alternatives to incarceration and successful reentry after incarceration. Financial contributions also enhance The Fortune Society’s ability to advocate for systemic change that promotes the fair and just treatment of people with justice involvement.

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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td>Accrued salaries and related expenses</td>
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<td>Deferred rent</td>
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Consolidated Statement of Activities For The Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015.

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| Net assets, beginning of year | $5,395,844 | $5,290,738 |

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