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1980-2025

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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"I learned that I do have a community – people that care about me and that are here to help me."

-Current Participant



MISSION

To equip women with the tools and support they need to *heal*, *grow*, and *thrive* – both in prison and in the communities to which they return.



“I arrived with nothing and no hope. I have never felt so cared for.”

-Current Participant



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

2025 marked our 45th year.

When a group of Presbyterian women hired the first female chaplain in the North Carolina prison system in the late 1970s, they could not have known what they were setting in motion. They simply refused to accept that the women on the other side of those walls should be forgotten.

Forty-five years later, we are still refusing. The work they began has grown into something they could not have imagined: a continuum of care that walks with a woman from inside the prison, through the gate, and into the long work of coming home.

2025 was the year that continuum came into focus.

In January, we opened **The Arise Center** on the border of Raleigh and Cary. For the first time in our history, we have a dedicated home for reentry services, peer support, and the gathering of women at every stage. It is not simply a building. It is a home base for a community that had existed for decades without one. At our official ribbon-cutting in May, North Carolina's First Lady, Anna Stein, delivered the keynote address to our friends and partners. Her presence was one of many meaningful moments in which she lent her voice and platform to this work across the state.

Also in January, **Mothers and Their Children (MATCH)**, a unique North Carolina program that protects the mother-child bond during incarceration, merged with Arise Collective. Together, we now walk with women across the full arc of their journey. This begins with chaplaincy and transition education inside the walls, paired with parenting and family connection during incarceration. It continues with safe and supportive housing, along with comprehensive programs and services that lead to employment and education during reentry. All of this takes place within the context of community, which remains the heart of our work.

This is what a continuum of care looks like when it is built on purpose over time.

2025 also brought **Stitching Stories Reimagined** into public view — a 30-foot mosaic-and-mirror installation built from the voices and artistry of women within North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. Each square marks a year of time served. Each ribbon names a struggle carried. The mirror wall asks anyone standing in front of it to see a woman the culture has trained them not to see, and to recognize that as mothers, aunts, daughters, and sisters, we have far more in common than what divides us.

That visibility matters. Reentry happens on our streets, in our schools, in our workplaces — it is one of the most consequential things we do together as a state. When a woman receives support at home, her children are more likely to stay in school. Neighborhoods gain a renter, a worker, a neighbor who shows up. Families hold. Cycles break. These measurable returns compound across generations.

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In the pages that follow, you'll find the evidence: employment outpacing state averages, recidivism at less than half the state norm, women returning home to their children more prepared to care for them, and a financial picture reflecting both generosity and discipline — including a transformational multi-year commitment from the Anonymous Trust and 19 grants in 2025, five from new funders.

There are still more women who need this work than we can reach. Every day, another woman comes home to a moment that will shape the next chapter of her life. The work ahead is real.

In 2026, we will keep going. We will deepen the continuum, grow our capacity to serve more women, more completely, for longer, and broaden our reach to Anson Correctional Center for Women — because presence behind the gate can shape everything that comes on the other side. We will do this in solidarity with the Governor's Reentry 2030 initiative, community and faith partners, and the women themselves, who teach us every day what this work asks of us.

Forty-five years ago, a handful of women decided this work was worth doing. Today, a much larger community carries it forward. You are part of that community. Thank you for being part of our story.

Onward!

With gratitude,



Jennifer C. Jackson
CEO





WHO WE ARE

Arise Collective, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was started by Presbyterian Women in 1980 when a Presbyterian Coordinating Committee of Presbyteries across the state came together to fund the first female chaplain in the North Carolina prison system. For 45 years, the organization has provided chaplaincy services, as well as transition education and reentry support, for women.

We primarily work in and around the North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women (NCCIW) and its minimum-security Canary Unit, formerly known as the Raleigh Correctional Center for Women (RCCW), as well as at North Carolina's other two women's prisons, Anson Correctional Center for Women, and Western Correctional Center for Women.

We fulfill our mission through a variety of programs, services, and interventions, while also engaging the community in training and simulations to increase their awareness of issues surrounding incarceration and the people and families affected.

The overarching goal of Arise Collective is to provide a long-term solution for women as they discover their own worth, improve their overall well-being, and successfully navigate life after incarceration.

Since 1980, thousands of women have received services through the organization.





CELEBRATING 45 YEARS 1980-2025

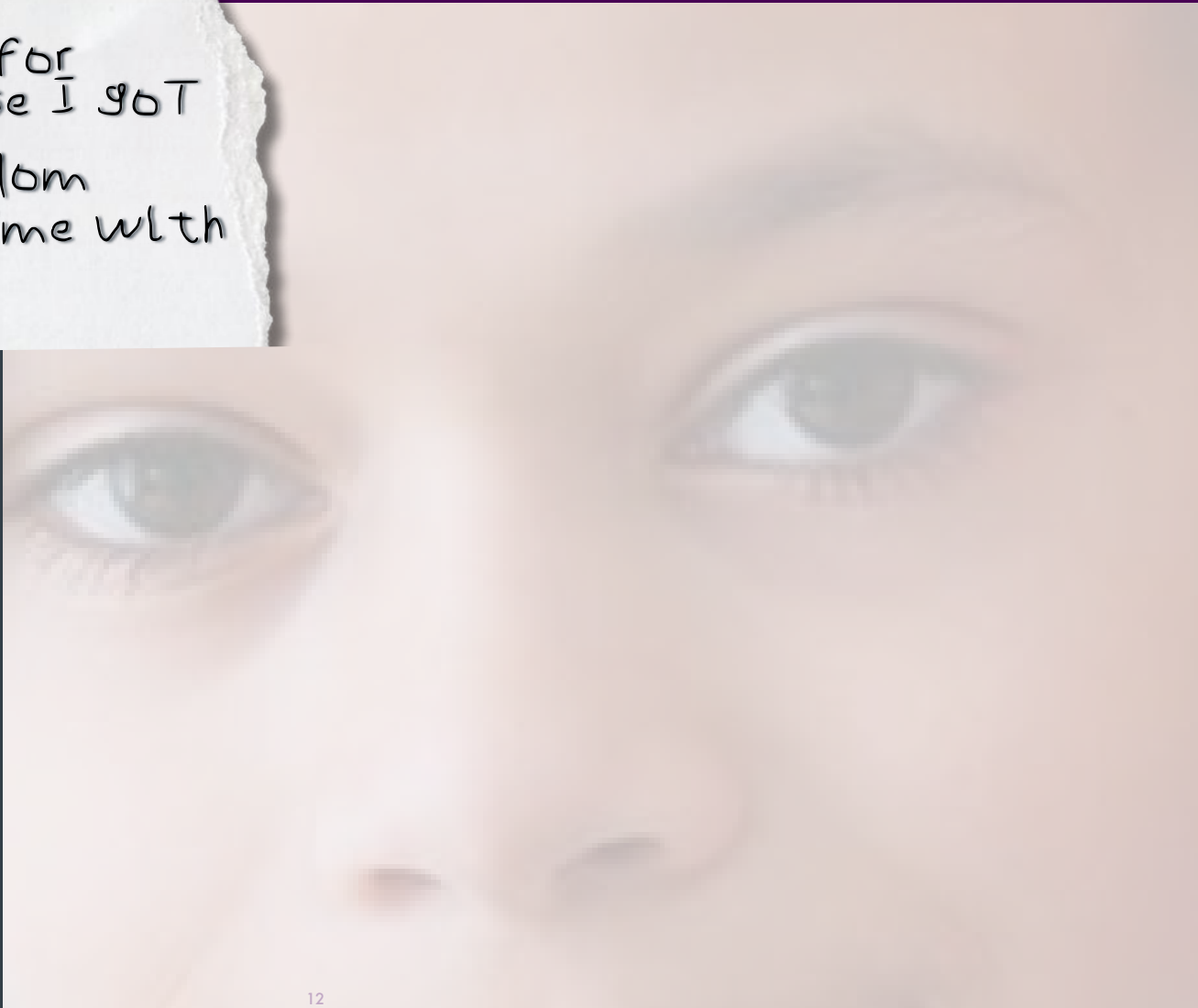
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to vIsit my Mom
And enjoy time wLth
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80%
OF INCARCERATED WOMEN
ARE MOTHERS*

~60%
OF INCARCERATED
MOTHERS HAVE MINOR
CHILDREN*

*PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE

MATCH MERGES INTO ARISE COLLECTIVE

On January 1, 2025, the Boards of Directors for Arise Collective and MATCH (Mothers and Their Children) unanimously approved MATCH's merger into Arise Collective. This decision brings together two organizations with a shared commitment to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers, their children, and justice-impacted families. The merger strengthens our collective ability to expand services, coordinate care, and address the unique challenges faced by families affected by incarceration.


The decision followed a rigorous strategic alignment review and several months of due diligence and planning. Together, Arise Collective and MATCH bring more than seventy-five years of combined experience supporting the mother-child bond during and after a prison sentence. The merger also reflects a broader commitment to addressing the impact of parental incarceration on caregivers, children, and the communities to which women return.

MATCH Board Chair Stephanie Hastings noted the significance of the moment. "The opportunity for MATCH to merge into Arise Collective creates a stronger foundation, as well as enhanced leadership and support that will ensure MATCH's growth and success for the future. It has been exciting and reassuring to connect with another organization that shares our same passion and vision for the mothers and their children."

Arise Collective Board Chair Amy Otto affirmed the shared direction. "The board and staff of Arise Collective welcome this opportunity to expand our commitment to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers and their children. This merger represents a critical step in ensuring women have the support they need to heal, grow, and thrive in our communities and beyond."



THE ARISE CENTER



The Arise Center for Healing and Transformation opened in early 2025, giving Arise Collective its first dedicated space for reentry services. The center provides a safe, supportive environment where participants in the Women's Reentry Project and community members can gather, learn, and rebuild their lives.

Programming began in January and expanded quickly. By February, the center was hosting activities focused on resilience, relationships, recovery, and emotional, financial, and spiritual health.

The opening celebration in May highlighted the power of investing in women. Leaders and partners from across the state, including First Lady Anna Stein, affirmed what we see every day: when women have support, children flourish, families strengthen, communities stabilize, and opportunities grow.

Today, The Arise Center stands as a cornerstone of our continuum of care. It is a place where women find guidance for the road ahead and where those who have been successful on this journey begin to guide others. It reflects our commitment to walk with women from the moment of release into the long work of rebuilding a life.



STITCHING STORIES REIMAGINED

“Visually stunning” was how one patron described the unveiling of Stitching Stories Reimagined at Benevolence Farm in Graham, North Carolina. Supported by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the Mellon Foundation, this traveling public art installation transforms a handmade prison-awareness quilt into a 30-foot piece that brings the voices and experiences of incarcerated women into public view.

The installation is rooted in a twenty-five-foot quilt created during the COVID-19 pandemic by women in the H.A.T.S. (Handmade and Totally Special) group at the minimum-security Canary Unit of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW). Completed just before Mother’s Day 2021, the quilt carried the stories of sixty-two women, who tied ribbons on one another’s squares in a final act of connection and care.

In 2023, Arise Collective received funding to reinterpret the quilt as an inclusive public artwork designed for travel and permanent installation. Four North Carolina artists, Carlos Gonzalez, David Wilson, Eliza Redmann, and Owens Daniels, brought the piece to life through mosaics, glasswork, folded poetry, and photography. As with the original quilt, each square in the mosaic represents one year of time served, marked with acrylic ribbons symbolizing the struggles many women carry. A mirror wall invites viewers to see themselves in place of the original quilt makers and the many women incarcerated in North Carolina today. Words from workshops held inside NCCIW and in the community surround the portraits.

After its October 2025 unveiling at Benevolence Farm in Alamance County, NC, Stitching Stories Reimagined began a statewide tour that included stops at The Caraway Foundation in Anson County, the High Point Public Library, and the Ministry of Hope in Black Mountain. It will reach its permanent home at Dix Park in Raleigh, where the public is invited to encounter the stories it carries.

Stitching Stories Reimagined honors the resilience of incarcerated women and offers a powerful platform for healing, empathy, and advocacy.

STITCHING-STORIES.ORG



A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION 2025

On Thursday, October 30th, Arise Collective's board, staff, program participants, friends, and allies gathered for **A Cause for Celebration 2025** and the **6th Annual Hope Awards Ceremony** at The Palm Venue in Cary, NC.

This year's event lifted up the power of **community** ... the ground that makes rebuilding possible — when women return to a circle of people who see their strength and stand with them, they can take brave steps toward the futures they deserve.

Guided by Mistress of Ceremonies **Valonda Calloway**, the evening featured a beautiful dinner and desserts from **The Palm**; an exceptional, alcohol-free beverage bar from **Umbrella Dry Bar**; powerful stories from current reentry participants, women with lived experience, and the child of a **MATCH** mom; music by **SmoothIvory2**; and a lively Fund-A-Need auction led by Ben Farrell of **Custom Benefit Auctions**.

The celebration also included the **6th Annual Hope Awards Ceremony**, honoring three remarkable leaders whose work lights the way for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people: **Wheels4Hope**, Angel of Hope; **Tanisha "Chef T" Carter** (Foosic Experience), Beacon of Hope; and **Anna Stein** (First Lady of North Carolina), Champion of Hope.

"This celebration showed the courage of women impacted by incarceration and affirmed that, with support, they can build lives of dignity and purpose," said Kim Stone, Women's Reentry Project Director, Arise Collective.

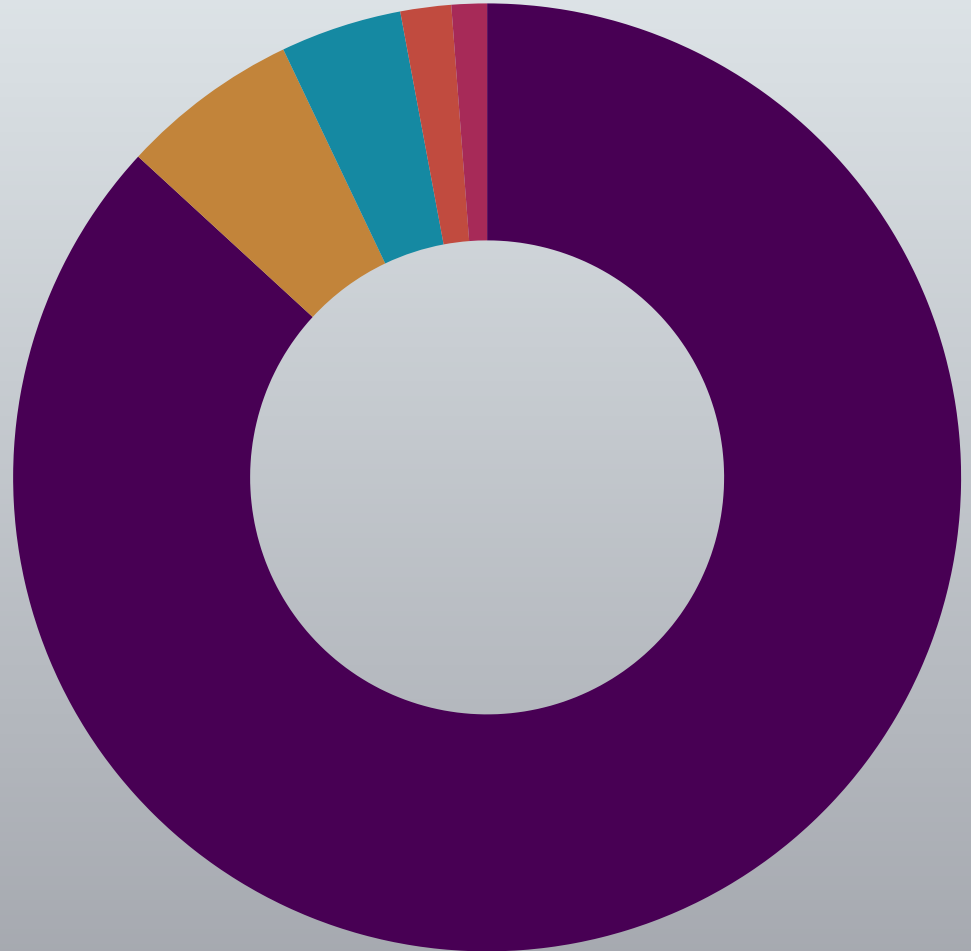
We are deeply grateful to our sponsors and to everyone whose generosity made this year's celebration such a success.



REVENUE

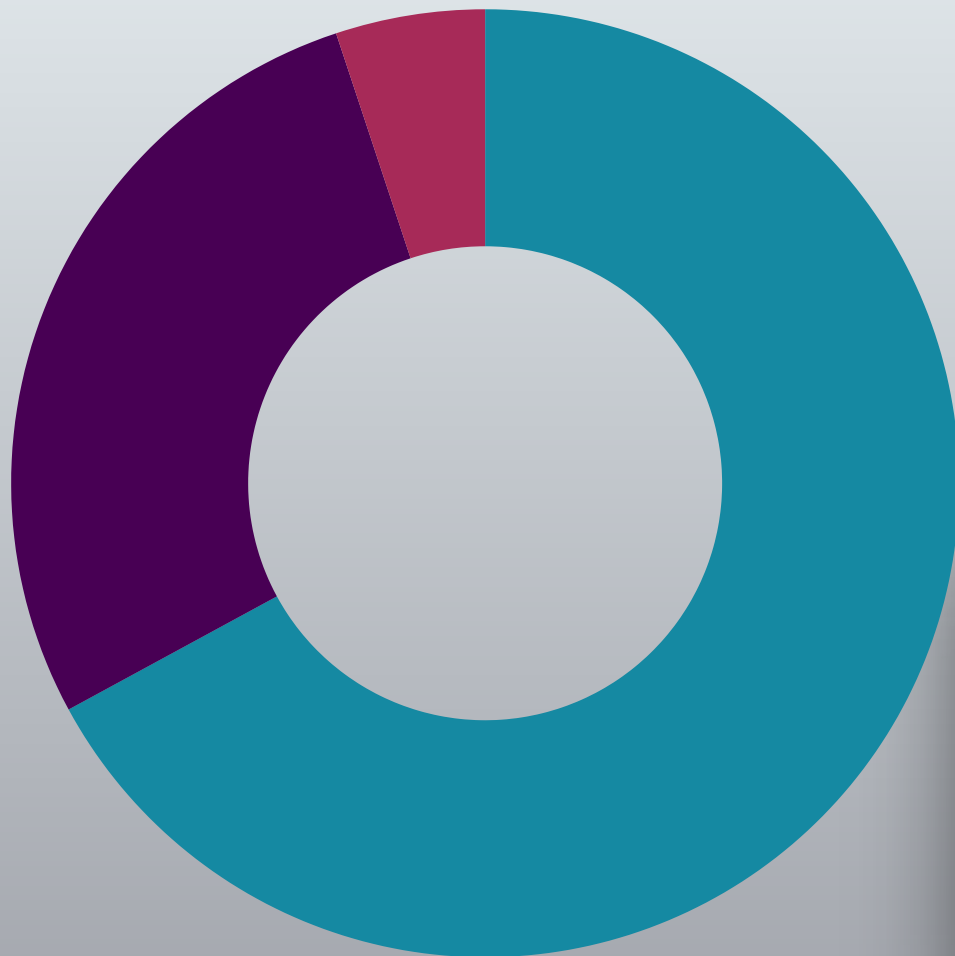
\$2,603,597

Grants	\$2,261,316
Contract/Other	\$158,724
Individuals	\$107,091
Family Foundations	\$45,040
Faith-Based	\$31,426





FINANCIALS



EXPENSES

\$2,997,136

Program Services	\$2,509,502
Management + General	\$343,172
Fundraising	\$144,462

TOTAL ASSETS

JANUARY 1, 2025

\$1,433,265

DECEMBER 31, 2025

\$1,088,316



CONTINUUM OF CARE

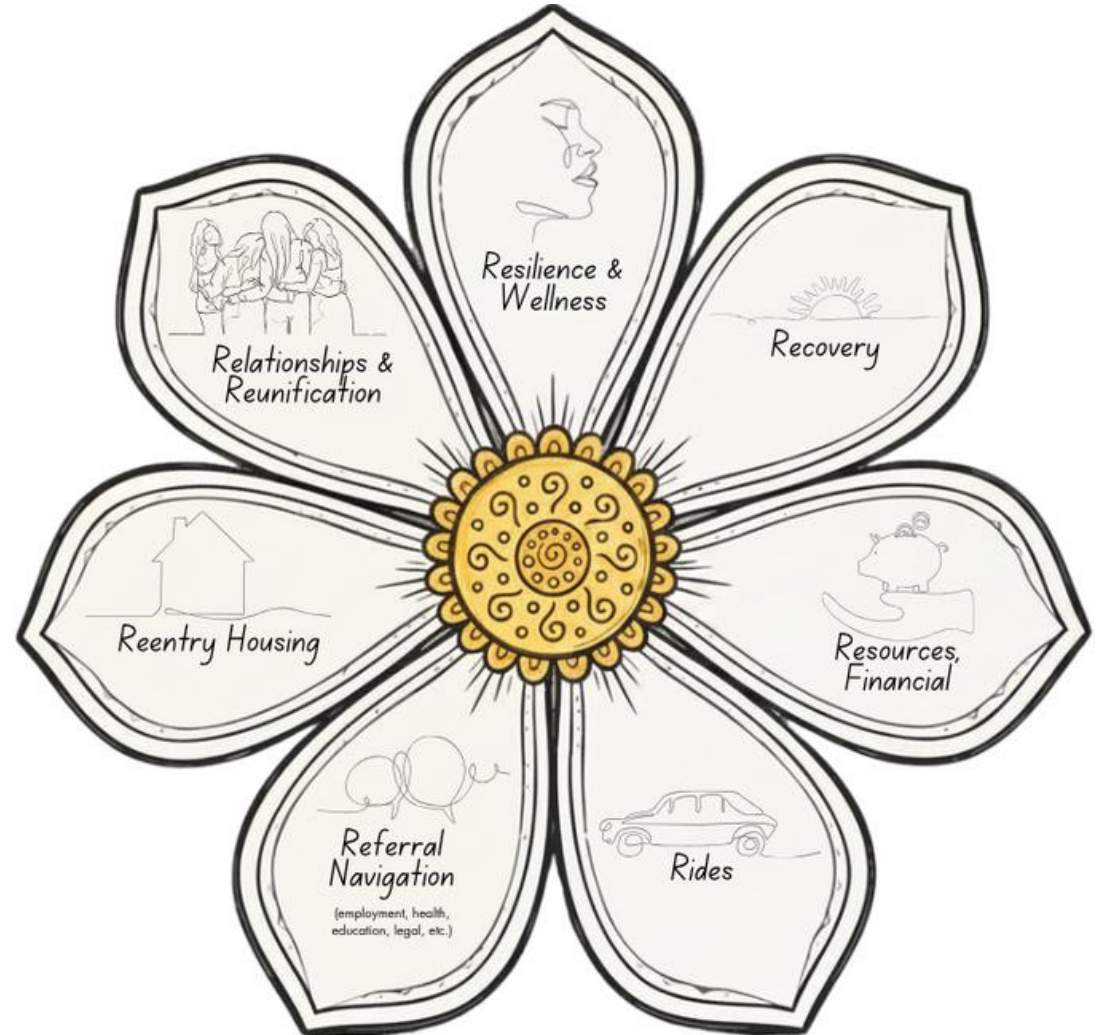
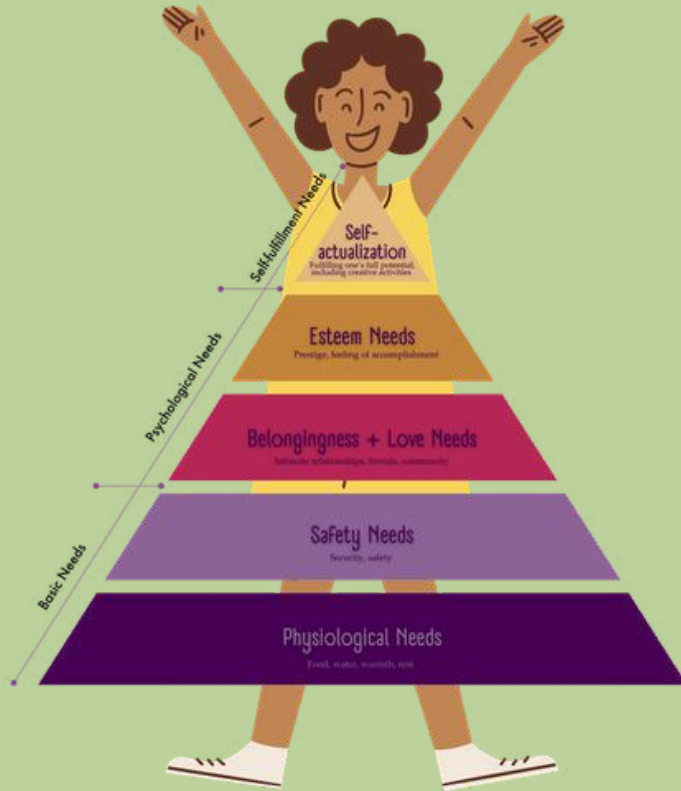




*Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!
For believing in me when I
did not believe in myself.*

-Current Participant

SUPPORTING WOMEN FOR SUCCESSFUL REENTRY





CHAPLAINCY INSIDE

In 2025, the Arise Collective Community-Funded Chaplain provided spiritual care and cultural support across a wide range of faith traditions and wellness practices. Regular programs included: Christian Worship, Wiccan Worship, American Indian Prayer Circle, Catholic Worship, Yokefellows, Stress Reduction, GESS (Gender, Education, and Spirituality Support Group), Youth Services, and Mindfulness Meditation.

These offerings ensured that women had access to consistent, trauma-informed spiritual support rooted in dignity, choice, and belonging.

Throughout the year, the Chaplain also helped to plan and facilitate major cultural and religious observances, including: American Indian Green Corn Festival, Summer Solstice, Winter Solstice, Easter Service, Mother's Day Worship, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Christmas programming, and more.

Together, these programs and celebrations created meaningful opportunities for reflection, connection, and cultural expression, strengthening the spiritual and emotional well-being of women preparing for reentry.



375+ WOMEN

served on

**880+
OCCASIONS**



3,300+

Program Attendees

BY THE NUMBERS: CHAPLAINCY

CHAPLAINCY OUTSIDE

Reentry chaplaincy is an emerging field within clinical professional chaplaincy, offering spiritual care that bridges the transition from incarceration into community life. Our Community Chaplain serves as a full member of our interdisciplinary Reentry Team, providing a clinical, trauma-informed perspective that supports women in the Women's Reentry Project.

This year, chaplaincy support included:

- **Weekly spiritual programming** at the new Arise Center.
- **Access to restorative resources** such as daily devotionals, guided journals, scriptures, inspirational coloring books, and self-help materials that encourage reflection and emotional grounding.
- **Scaffolding for therapeutic art and horticulture projects** that provide outlets for women to process experiences, build confidence, and practice new coping skills.
- **Community-based excursions** to public gardens, craft supply stores, museums, thrift stores, and bookstores, offering safe, low-pressure environments where trust can grow, and women can practice navigating everyday life.

Together, these practices contribute to a continuum of care that strengthens each woman's sense of belonging and supports her healing as she prepares for the next chapter of her life.



40+ WOMEN

served on

**500+
OCCASIONS**



160+

Spiritual Health
Attendees



In 2025, mothers in the MATCH program continued to chart new paths for themselves and their families. Education remained a steady anchor. Two mothers pursued four-year degrees, four enrolled in divinity school courses, and others built skills through cosmetology and work-release placements, including one at the Governor's Mansion.

MATCH's impact also extended beyond incarceration. One participant stepped into leadership through the NCCIW Women's Club inside the prison, and a former participant entered the Arise Collective transitional reentry program. The program strengthened its parenting resources by adopting Parenting From the Inside Out, introduced after Program Director Jerri attended the Association for Justice-Involved Females and Organizations Conference.

MATCH also created moments of connection that reminded families they are not alone. The annual Mother's Day Luncheon honored a graduate of the first MATCH class, April Scales. The Back-to-School event provided supplies for 25 children, offering support during an important annual milestone.

Families were also welcomed into community spaces. In October, former MATCH child Jerrilyn DeLaRosa shared her story at the Cause for Celebration fundraiser, showing the long arc of MATCH's impact. First Lady Anna Stein invited mothers and children to the Governor's Mansion in November to create Christmas ornaments to be put on display there, offering a rare moment of creativity and togetherness.

The year closed with the Winter Celebration, which brought together 250 mothers, children, caregivers, staff, and volunteers under the theme "Camp Winterstay." It was a reminder that even in challenging seasons, community can create warmth, belonging, and hope. Across these milestones, MATCH continued to strengthen the mother-child bond and support each family's growth and resilience.

BY THE NUMBERS: MATCH



42

current MATCH
mothers



25

new graduates
into MATCH



75

children served



3

mothers released



5

families aged out



Preparing women for a successful reentry by teaching and reinforcing the skills needed to navigate society's demands and norms

Providing housing, transportation, case management, peer support, and a healthy community to guide women along the road to employment, security, and self-sufficiency

The Women's Reentry Project continued to provide essential support for women returning home from incarceration as they rebuild stability and confidence during their first days, weeks, and months of reentry.

This year, 90% of participants secured state-issued identification, and every woman who needed transportation assistance received it. These early milestones ensured crucial and reliable access to work, appointments, and community resources.

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Economic stability also strengthened. 74% of participants gained or maintained employment, and 85% demonstrated progress on the Daily Living Assessment, indicating growth in budgeting, communication, and daily problem-solving.

The Women's Reentry Project remains a powerful example of what becomes possible when women are met with consistent support, practical resources, and a community committed to their success.

BY THE NUMBERS: **TRANSITION** + **REENTRY**



39

Residential participants

1,829

Residential touchpoints



61

Non-residential participants

357

Non-residential touchpoints



90%

of participants received assistance obtaining personal identification



74%

of participants achieved stable employment



100%

of participants received transportation assistance



67%

of participants received dental care



8*

participants acquired vehicles

*5 vehicles were obtained through our partnership with Wheels4Hope



92%

of participants engaged in therapeutic sessions



ACADEMIC PROGRESS & STUDENT SUCCESS

Academic Performance and Students in the Reentry Higher Education Initiative continued to excel throughout the year. One student is on track to graduate from Campbell University in May with an Associate of Science degree — a milestone that reflects both her commitment and the strength of our academic partnerships. Several additional students are progressing toward completing their Bachelor of Science degrees in December, demonstrating the growing pipeline of women advancing through higher education while navigating reentry.

COHORT III BOOT CAMP

From June through August, seven students completed a six-week academic boot camp designed to strengthen study skills, build confidence, and prepare them for college-level coursework. As part of their transition into the program, Campbell University students also participated in a two-day New Student Orientation on campus, offering them a firsthand experience of college life and a warm welcome into the Campbell community.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

In October, Arise Collective hosted a recognition event to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. Kelly Morin, Assistant Dean of Adult & Online Education at Campbell University and a leader of the University's Second Chance Initiative, joined the celebration. Her presence underscored the deepening partnership and the shared commitment to expanding educational opportunities for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women.

BY THE NUMBERS: EDUCATION



10

Students
enrolled

8 Campbell University

2 Wake Technical
Community College



564

interactions w/
students



3

active cohorts of
students

■ Providing a community of encouragement, practical guidance, consistent presence, and tangible support to the women being served



In 2025, Arise Collective deepened relationships across the Triangle while expanding its network of partners supporting women returning home. The Outreach team met with community leaders, participated in events, and shared information about the resources available through Arise Collective. These efforts opened new pathways for collaboration and strengthened the ecosystem of care surrounding the women we serve.

Partnership Appreciation Luncheons with Campbell University, First Presbyterian Church, Our Journey, and Pleasant Grove Church created space to celebrate shared accomplishments and gather feedback. A Faith Leaders Focus Group Luncheon brought together the Women's Alliance of MAPAC (Muslim American Public Affairs Council), Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Soapstone United Methodist Church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Victory Tabernacle, and Wake Missionary Baptist Association to explore how faith communities can reduce stigma and welcome women home.

Reentry simulations remained a powerful tool for building understanding. Angels Change Ministry, Christ Church Episcopal, North Carolina Central University, Soapstone United Methodist Church, StepUp Ministry, and Our Journey, in partnership with Meredith College, helped to host simulations that offered a firsthand look at the challenges women face after incarceration.

Several program initiatives also grew this year. The Collective Boutique, the new clothing closet at the program center, launched on July 1 with 96 appointments scheduled. Volunteer and mentor engagement expanded through an in-person training with ten attendees and the development of a new online training portal set to launch publicly in 2026.

Community generosity fueled the Women's Reentry First Aid Kit initiative, launched in November with 1,221 donated items. Faith-based partners played an essential role in this effort. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church sponsored Holiday *Queen for the Day* Baskets and a July 4 cookout. Soapstone United Methodist Church hosted a reentry simulation and committed to assembling 75 Reentry First Aid Kits. And Christ Church Episcopal contributed funds to support Christmas dinners for women and their families.

Together, these partnerships and milestones reflect a year of steady growth and shared purpose. By investing in relationships and expanding access to essential resources, Arise Collective continues to strengthen the path forward for women rebuilding their lives after incarceration.

BY THE NUMBERS: VOLUNTEER + OUTREACH



90+

community
partners
engaged



6

reentry
simulations



4

partnership
luncheons



96

boutique
appointments



49

volunteer interest
submissions



15

trained volunteers
and mentors



1,221

items donated for
reentry kits



SPECIAL THANKS ...

... to YOU for your continued support of and commitment to Arise Collective.

To the **389** individuals, churches, and businesses that contributed in 2025.


To the Anonymous Trust, Bob Barker Company Foundation, Carlyle Adams Foundation, Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina, PNC Foundation, John William Pope Foundation, Presbytery of New Hope, W. Trent Ragland, Jr. Foundation, Nancy A. Wright Foundation, and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for their generous support of this work.

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To our strategic partners, including Campbell University, Community Success Initiative, Duke Divinity School, East Carolina University, Green Chair Project, NeighborHealth, SouthLight Healthcare, Wake Technical Community College, Wheels4Hope, and many more, for their advocacy, work, and dedication.

To the member organizations of the Wake County Local Reentry Council, including individuals, other nonprofit service providers, faith-based organizations, and area businesses, all of whom work with women in securing their post-release needs.

**... and to the many women we are privileged to serve.
We could not do this work without you!**





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