

THE VOLUNTEER VOICE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NEWS FOR VOLUNTEERS



UPDATES

- First virtual Spiritual Growth session for R2R clients met February 21
- Makin' it Work successfully completed its third virtual class with 11 graduates; 32 residents at the Transition Center have graduated since December



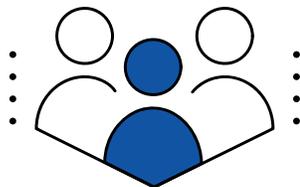
Volunteers: Paul Faust and Bob Kremer instructing a Makin' it Work class through Zoom with residents at the Transition Center.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us:

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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pen Pal- To provide recipient with a connection to the outside community from the comfort of your own home

Stage/Set-Up Apartment for R2R clients

NPO Virtual Office Volunteer- To assist clients requesting maintenance services

Transition Center St. Louis-

- Journal Leader- To lead personal development/professional journaling
- Creative Arts- To help supervise art and/or music room

If interested, please complete the volunteer interest questionnaire on our website [here](#), or email victoriap@cjmstlouis.org to apply.

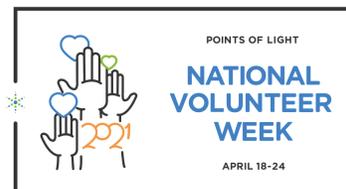
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 6 PM - 7 PM- Virtual Volunteer Appreciation Event. More information to come.

All upcoming events will be promoted on our social media.

 facebook.com/CJMSTL

 twitter.com/CJM_STL



ADVOCACY AND CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT



RESOURCES TO CONSIDER

ST. LOUIS COUNTY JUSTICE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Made up of six community members. Tune in to advisory board meetings by visiting the [Public Notices](#) page. Advisory board meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 9:00 AM.



Watch previous board meetings on YouTube, or visit their website [here](#) to review agendas, meeting videos, and minutes.

IMPACT

"I don't honestly know where I'd be now if I hadn't had a soft place to land after prison... I haven't forgotten everything you did for me...I'm living proof that people can bounce back no matter what the courts say. We aren't bad people, most of us are just put in tough situations and make a bad decision."

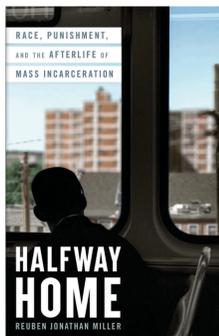
Courtesy of a CJM Alumnus

LOOKING FOR A NEW BOOK?

Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration

By: Reuben Jonathan Miller

Photo from [The New York Times](#). Check out the New York Times or click [here](#) to learn more about the book from NPR.



POSITIVITY IN 2021

["Former Prisoners Turn Waste Into Beautiful Furniture, Re-Building Their Lives At the Same Time."](#)

There are positive things happening around the world, but become clouded by chaos and uncertainty during turbulent times. Visit the [Good News Network](#) for more positive news.