



CREATING REAL SECOND CHANCES



Real second chances mean equity and opportunity for every young person. Help make the difference.

Young people entangled in our juvenile justice systems have ended up there largely due to the disadvantages they've faced: poverty, violence, abuse, trauma, discrimination, unemployment, homelessness and unmet literacy and educational needs. When they leave juvenile justice, they face the same barriers — as well as new ones from their time in the system.

We know education and employment are two keys to helping young people stay on the path to becoming productive, purposeful citizens. We also know they do not have the opportunities they need to further their schooling and gain job skills and experiences. Every young person deserve access to the education, skills, opportunities and connections they need to be successful. Your help will make that happen.

48,000

youths are confined in facilities away from home on any given day, 500 are no older than 12 years old.

40%

are detained for non-violent, non-criminal, low level offenses like truancy



Nearly half of all students who enter residential juvenile justice facilities have an academic achievement level that is below the grade equivalent for their age.*

Young people of color are nearly five times more likely to be incarcerated compared to their white peers for the same offense.



*www.youth.gov

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I want to be the one who breaks the chain of poverty in my family. My plan when I get out is to get a job to help me stay focused and out of trouble.

Reentry Award applicant

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I look forward to working with children and teens in the foster care and juvenile justice systems so I can be the hope that someone else was for me.”

Scholarship Award applicant

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School cost[s] a lot of money, and this scholarship will relieve me of that stress so that I can focus on the actual school work.”

Scholarship Award applicant

OUR MISSION

We believe every young person, no matter where their lives start, should have opportunities to better their economic and social situation. We are dedicated to creating education and employment opportunities for disadvantaged young people who become entangled in the juvenile justice system — so they can overcome the barriers they face blocking them from college admissions and financial aid, public housing and jobs. We do that one award, one youth at a time.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Scholarship Award enables young people to finish college degrees or earn credits toward their post-secondary education. Since the award was established five years ago, we have given out a total of \$30,000 in Scholarship Awards.

EMPLOYMENT MATCHING AWARD

Steady and fulfilling work can be the bridge back to law-abiding and self-sufficient living that young people leaving juvenile justice need. But they lack work experience and opportunities to demonstrate their ability to meet job expectations. The Employment Matching Award is designed to help youths gain meaningful work experience and employability skills, moving them another step closer to stable living and a sustainable career.

REENTRY AWARD

Our work in the juvenile justice field for more than 25 years has shown us that young people leaving facilities after years of incarceration, rarely have access to basic living necessities — sheets, groceries, clothes to present themselves to employers or transportation. The Reentry Award aims to close that gap for disadvantaged and struggling youths.



OUR IMPACT

\$151,258

Raised to assist young people with education and employment needs

102

Young people supported with scholarships, reentry gift cards for living expenses, and/or employment support

\$30,000

Given in scholarships for higher education or to gain tertiary qualifications.

40

Young people given financial aid for transport costs or basic living necessities to make the transition to independent living as smooth as possible. Sometimes as simple as sheets and blankets or a bus ticket, can make all the difference.

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Young people provided with meaningful work experience to gain job skills and move closer to meaningful and sustainable employment.

They dream of simply having a chance. Please join us by making your gift on our online donation form at pbseducationemployment.org/donate. Even the smallest donation can make it possible.

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A close-up photograph of a person's face, showing their mouth and chin, with a slight smile. Below the face, their hands are visible, resting on a surface. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights. The background is dark and out of focus.

STEPHEN

Stephen was incarcerated at age 16 for a non-violent crime. Tried as an adult meant he received a mandatory 100-month sentence with no chance of appeal, early release or parole.

His story begins like those of many other incarcerated youths -- with an extremely challenging family environment of anger, drama and abuse. Kept at home at age six, by age 10 Stephen was doing little more than watching TV and playing in the yard by himself. He had no friends, no social skills, and no ongoing education.

At 15, Stephen ran away. With no positive influences in his life to help him make the right choices, he made a mistake that landed him in a secure juvenile justice facility where he would spend close to the next nine years of his life.

“ *I was like, my life is over. I'm here for almost nine years, that's more than half as long as I've been alive.*”

What truly changed his life was that every youth in custody is required to go to school. It was the first real school experience he'd had and the first real social interaction with kids his age.

“ *I just loved it and soaked it up.*”

Seven years into his sentence, Stephen had completed his high school requirements and started asking about college. He applied to Portland State University and finished his business degree with the help of the Foundation's Awards program.

“ *PbS was a huge part of my success. I applied for and won two college scholarships through them, plus I was able to take advantage of their employment matching grant, all of which I put towards school.*”

Today, Stephen holds a master's degree in global supply chain management, has a full-time job, loves rock climbing and is learning how to code at night. Life is good. But Stephen will tell you there are many kids like him that are incarcerated and just need an opportunity.

“ *I met so many kids like me who just need a chance.”*

We would like to offer all the kids that chance. Your support will make those second chances happen.

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