



Go ReEntry

2024 Annual Report

A letter from our Executive Director

Dear friends of Go ReEntry,

God continues to do amazing things through Go ReEntry!

Everything we do, centers around 1 of these 7 areas: sobriety, housing, employment, support, accountability, education, and HOPE. This past year we have been busy in each area as we carry out our mission to *help incarcerated people return home, stay home and be successful*. Go ReEntry's impact in 2024 included helping over 180 individuals (127 for the very first time). Since our first day in 2020, the total number of people we have reached is well over 700. Our focus remains helping those closest to Centre County, in reality though we have a presence that reaches 17 counties across Pennsylvania.

Our definition of *support* finds its roots in Ecclesiastes 4. In verse 12 it says, "But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up". Many of those we help, don't have the support network needed to be successful. Go ReEntry is that "someone" who helps people when they don't have anyone else.

Every person we help has unique circumstances and needs. After evaluating the need, we respond accordingly, housing, transportation, employment, medication, etc. So everyone is helped differently. The one thing that we offer everyone is *HOPE*. Those we help know the odds are against them, 64% of those released from incarceration will return to jail. How would you like to face the future with those odds?!?! Go ReEntry spends a great deal of time letting those we serve know that they can beat the odds and be 1 of the 36% that never return to incarceration. The source of our hope is not in our programs or personalities. David writes in Psalm 62:5 "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him".

Our sober living program at The Willow Tree Inn (WTI) was able to help 13 women in 2024. Currently, 5 of our 6 beds are taken and there are several other women who want to come. Because quality matters in all we do; we sought licensure, and were granted a license, with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP). DDAP inspected the WTI and reviewed all our programs, our policies and procedures, and made sure that our staff were all properly trained. This license gives our program integrity and should give confidence to our supporters and the public.

I keep coming back to 1 Thessalonians 5 where Paul reminds us "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it". God is doing it and He is using churches, individuals, and businesses to help us impact lives. Thank you to all who pray for us and support us financially.

Mark Frailey

Executive Director





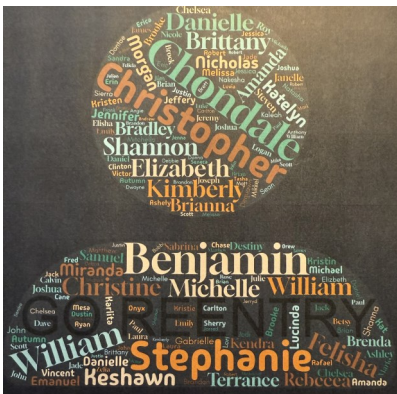
Our tasks vary day to day, but they all center on helping inmates return home, stay home and be successful. **Jackie O'Brien** has been with Go ReEntry for over a year. Her ministry with Go ReEntry has had a huge impact on those involved in our programs. She is a case manager at the WTI, but also goes into Centre County Correctional Facility every week to teach ReEntry Strategies. She teaches this class with **Dr. De Mel Coleman**. This is a 6 week class designed to prepare those that are still incarcerated for their transition back into the community.



Justine Korn has been with us about 6 months now. Justine is a case manager who primarily works at the WTI. Justine has lived experience with incarceration and addiction. She has completed her Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) training and is waiting to take her State test to become a licensed CRS.



Betsy Frailey does a lot of behind the scenes and her impact on Go ReEntry is priceless. My best estimate is that she receives 10 calls or texts every week from those in our program. She often calls the ladies who have been through our program just to check in and tell them we are still praying and cheering for their success. Another huge task that Betsy handles is our outreach to the children who have a parent who is incarcerated. We give birthday gifts and have a Christmas party for children who have an incarcerated parent. This past Christmas we had 52 applications from inmates wanting their children to participate in our party.



Names of some we helped in 2024

When Mark is not giving rides or providing other services he is busy handling the administrative tasks with Go ReEntry. He serves on the Centre County ReEntry Coalition, the Centre County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Pennsylvania Re-entry Council (PARC), and also works with the Pennsylvania Prison Society. This year, Mark was asked to speak at a few conferences and hosted a PARC trauma training in Johnstown.

Staff, with the exception of Betsy, record their activities, we call them Ministry Opportunities (MO). Each MO can involved hours or just a few minutes. We have recorded over 1,020 MOs in 2024. These MOs included driving over 11, 408 miles, administering 260 drug tests, leading bi-weekly support groups, answering phone calls, text messages, leading ReEntry Strategies groups, leading house meetings, and coaching individuals one on one.

Without counting the countless hours Betsy works behind the scenes, our staff average 65 hours a week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 18 Banquet at Calvary Church

This year we are partnering with PSU to make this an unforgettable experience. This is our big fundraising event for the year! Plan now to join us.

June Go ReEntry will be 5 years old

Stay tuned for celebration details.

July 12 Go ReEntry Night at the Spikes

This is a great opportunity to get all the churches that support Go ReEntry together for a great night of fun. It will also serve as a fund raising event for Go ReEntry.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS

Go ReEntry is funded entirely through donations and grants. We do not charge for any of our services. * We are blessed to have several churches who support us monthly through their missions budget. Several businesses help us annually by sponsoring our banquet. There are also individuals who believe in our mission and support us with one time gifts or regular monthly donations.

Our annual budget is \$120,000.00, that is \$10,000.00 a month. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OUR MINISTRY. While one time gifts are very much appreciated, we are looking for churches and individuals who will support us monthly. As grants become available, we are applying. Pray with us that God will provide our financial needs.

You can donate on line at www.goreentry.com and hitting the donate button. Here you can make a one time donation or set up automatic monthly donations. You can also mail checks to Go ReEntry 108 Bending Oak Drive Bellefonte, Pa 16823.

I have been asked several times for a Go ReEntry dream list, if money were not an issue.

- A property in the Bellefonte area is being sold for \$150,000. This property would be a great location for a men's sober living house. We get many calls looking for a program like our WTI, but for men.
- A 15 passenger van. We are currently having issues finding rides for people wanting to go to church.

*We do charge a small weekly tuition fee for those living in the WTI to cover costs.

The Go ReEntry Board of Directors is made up of 16 members. Each member brings expertise and valuable experience to our ministry. Go ReEntry is thankful to have such amazing people lead our ministry.

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Please pray for our Board of Directors as they lead Go ReEntry into our 5th year of ministry.

In 2025 we will

- Expand our foot print to at least 1 other county. This will include teaching ReEntry Strategies and offering our program to children who have a parent incarcerated.
- Focus on trauma informed care. This may involve A Time to Heal being led inside at least one county facility.
- Start our Parenting Inside Out and Batter's Intervention programs.
- Become more financially sound. Our Board of Directors have determined that we do not have a spending problem, our challenge is to raise enough financial support so we can continue offering quality ministry programs. We will do this by continuing to build relationships and partnerships with local churches, businesses, and individuals. Finding someone to write grants will also be a priority.



A few highlights from 2024



Crystal baptized. She is 1 of 4 who were baptized this past year.



Standing with 2 amazing women. Marie Hamilton started Centre Peace. Barbara is the current Executive Director. It's a honor to partner with them.



Angela graduates DUI Court.



Working hard. I just love her smile.



Jada shares her story of trauma and how it led her to addiction.



Anthony baptized.



Robert spent over 20 years in State Prison. Only thing standing between him and a job was paying for his CDL.



The 4 of us spent the day at PSU. We spoke in 2 Criminal Justice Classes about our lived experiences.



Enjoying the Creamery.