

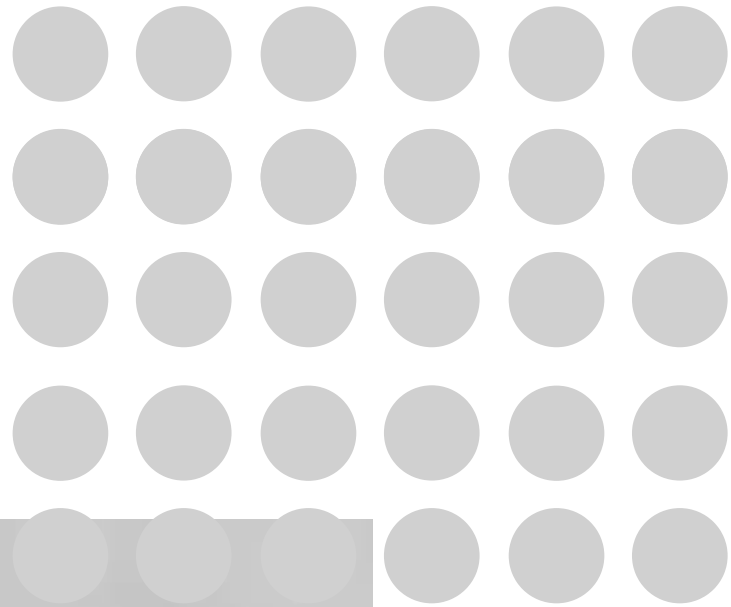
annual report

2018



A New
Way of
Life

Reentry Project



Credit: Maxwell Poth

our story

A New Way of Life Reentry Project (ANWOL) provides housing, case management, pro bono legal services, advocacy and leadership development for women rebuilding their lives after prison.

We were founded in 1998 by Susan Burton, who cycled in and out of prison for nearly two decades after trauma led to addiction. When

Susan left prison for the sixth time, she found healing at a rehab center in a wealthy part of Los Angeles. This made her wonder: why are there so few resources for justice-involved women in poor communities in South Los Angeles? ANWOL was born.

To date, we have provided housing to more than 1,100 formerly incarcerated women, helped reunite more than 300 women with their children, and provided pro bono legal services to more than 3,000 community members with conviction histories.

Credit: Dario Griffin

Susan Burton
founder





we believe

*** Every person has inherent value and holds the power of possibility within.**

*** Public resources are better invested in opportunities for transformation than in prisons and punishment. ANWOL provides reentry services for less than a third the cost of incarceration.**

*** When a woman goes to prison, her kids serve time, too. Therefore, the healing process must be inclusive of her entire family.**

housing

We provide housing and support to formerly incarcerated women for successful community reentry, family reunification and individual healing.

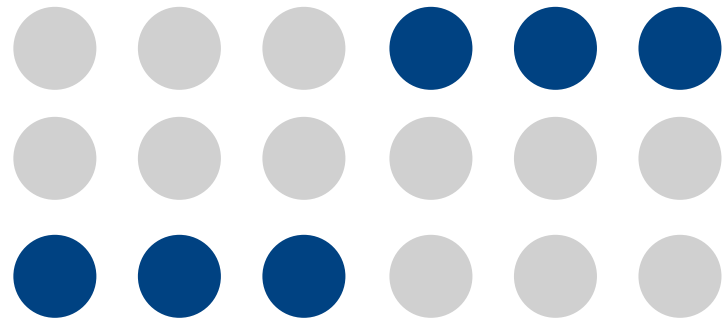
In 2018, we:

- **Served 81 women and their 55 minor children. These women were also able to reconnect with 75 adult children.**
- **Helped 28 women access education opportunities.**
- **Helped 45 women access permanent housing.**



Credit: Brittany Murray, Press-Telegram/SCNG

long beach expansion



We grew from five houses to eight! In 2018, Harbour Area Halfway Houses in Long Beach, California, asked us to take over their three reentry homes for women. Merging gave us access to 24 additional beds and allowed us to expand from our base in the Watts neighborhood of South Los Angeles into the southernmost part of LA County.

replication

**In 2018, we
founded**



SISTERHOOD
ALLIANCE
FOR FREEDOM
AND EQUALITY

**Which is a training
program that will
help organizations
around the world
replicate our model
& give even more
women a fresh start.**



**Our first cohort of 12
replicators met in Los
Angeles in December for
two days of training,
panel discussions and
tours. Our replicators
came from as far away as
Alabama, Arkansas,
Illinois & Washington, DC.**

employment

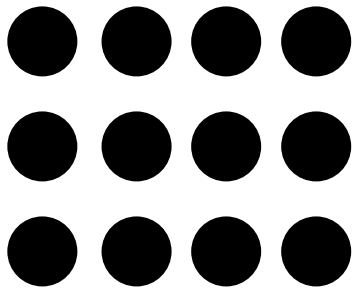
In 2018, we hired an employment & social enterprise associate to help our residents prepare for and find work or enroll in school.

*** A total of 73 residents and non-residents went to our employment associate for help.**

*** 63 were actively seeking employment.**

*** 58 (92%) of these women were able to get jobs.**





the women



In 2018, **April Adkins** went from resident to full-time housing coordinator for our Los Angeles homes. In her spare time, she is a passionate writer and spoken word artist.

Karen Hernandez got off parole early and had her record expunged. She enrolled in college, where she earned a 4.0 GPA in her first semester and became vice president of the Respect Immigrant Student Education club and a member of the Amaranth Club for formerly incarcerated students. She has spoken on numerous panels, both on campus and off.





April Amey moved into her own home in 2018. Since founding Mothers Educating Mothers to help women at California Institute for Women understand their parental rights and fight for their children, she has remained a passionate advocate for parents working to get their children out of the foster care system. She is also an avid public speaker.

Sequarier McCoy completed an internship in solar panel installation with Grid Alternatives. She then became the first female African American site supervisor with Center for Employment Opportunities, Wild Fires Crew and Beaches and Harbors.



policy

We empower, organize and mobilize formerly incarcerated people as advocates for social change & personal transformation.

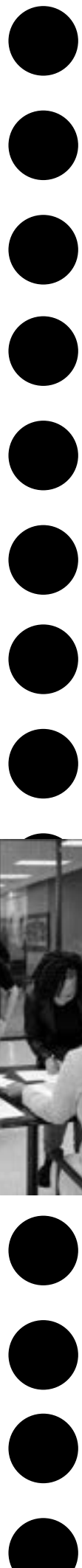
In 2018:

- o Our policy department worked with the LA County Probation Reform & Implementation Team to ensure that the primary role of probation officers will become “positively effecting behavioral change” through partnerships with community organizations.

- o We joined with county officials and hip hop artist Common in the LA Free the Vote campaign and registered nearly 1,000 people incarcerated in LA jails to vote.



- o We organized a convening on eliminating court-imposed fines and fees. In October, the LA County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to discharge \$90 million in fees imposed on families with children in the juvenile justice system.



legal

**We work to restore the civil rights of
formerly incarcerated people.**

In 2018, our
reentry legal
clinic
celebrated

10
years!

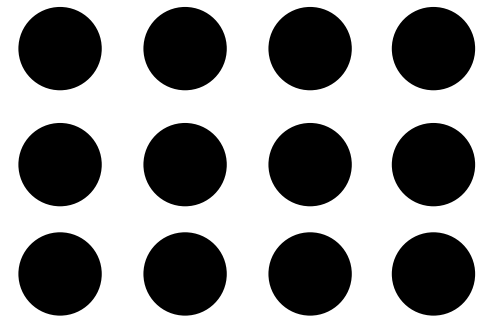


* Our reentry legal clinic was honored by Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove (middle), as well as Senator Holly Mitchell and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

In 2018, we served 275 people and had:

- An 87.7% success rate on 868 petitions filed for expungement.
- A 71.2% success rate on 68 petitions for reduction filed under PC 17.
- An 87.8% success rate on 117 petitions for reduction filed under Prop 47.
- A 98% success rate on 33 petitions for reduction filed under Prop 64.

wojo & family integrity



In 2018, through our family integrity project:

Women Organizing for Justice and Opportunity, our six-month leadership laboratory for formerly incarcerated women, graduated one cohort and brought on another one. Focused on family reunification and navigating dependency court, WOJO teaches women organizing theory and practice, issue identification, and campaign building.

- An ANWOL resident won a multi-year battle to regain custody of her son.
- We provided guidance to more than 40 family members excluded from becoming resource families because of criminal records.
- We represented six families who were approved as caregivers, keeping more than a dozen children out of the foster care system.



In 2018, our JustUS Voices storytelling platform for formerly incarcerated women became Testif-i. The name has a double meaning: it refers both to the testimony a defendant makes under oath in a courtroom and to the witness these women bear to their own lives now that they live in freedom.



In 2018, we created 12 videos of formerly incarcerated women, and their children, telling their stories. Watch them at www.testif-i.com.



2018 gala



To commemorate our 20th anniversary, we remembered the 1,100+ women we have served over the years during a gala celebration on December 2 at the LA Grand Hotel Downtown.

We also honored:



Peter Sheehan
Civil rights attorney
Community Champion Award



Ellen Adler
New Press publisher
Industry Impact Award

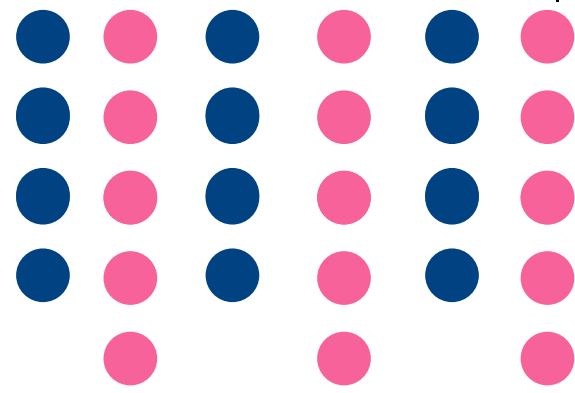


Ingrid Archie
Former ANWOL resident
Flozelle Woodmore Award



Margaret Prescod
KPFK Radio
Movement Builder Award

rebrand



As you've probably noticed, we look a little different these days. To celebrate our 20th birthday, we got a new logo with new colors...

Leaving behind the bars...

...and aiming for the stars.

A New Way of Life
Reentry Project

...and a new website. Take a look at www.anewwayoflife.org.





justice on trial film festival



In September, we held our sixth annual **Justice on Trial Film Festival** at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. We were joined by guests including now-First Partner of California Jennifer Newsom (left) and LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (right), among others.

More than 300 people attended the two-day festival, which featured 12 short and full-length justice-focused films, power panels, a keynote address from Newsom, and a living library where festivalgoers could speak with formerly incarcerated women and their children.



media

We had over 40 news stories, features and mentions in the media in 2018. Here are just a few.



VARIETY

"INSIDE AMY POEHLER'S SMART GIRLS 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER"
DEC. 11, 2018

CAPITAL & MAIN



"PROP. 64 LETS PEOPLE REDUCE MARIJUANA CONVICTIONS, BUT HARDLY ANYONE'S DOING IT"
FEB. 13, 2018



"ESSENCE 2018 WOKE 100 WOMEN"
APRIL 2018

ESSENCE

"NEGOTIATING TRAUMA: HOW SUSAN BURTON GAVE DISCARDED WOMEN A TOMORROW"
JAN. 8, 2018



"GETTING OUT THE VOTE FROM COUNTY JAIL "
NOV. 4, 2018

"CLOSER LOOK WITH ROSE SCOTT"
AUG. 29, 2018



The Atlantic

Los Angeles Times

"EX-INMATE SUSAN BURTON GOES BACK TO PRISON TO LEAD OUT WOMEN SHE LEFT BEHIND"
MAY 26, 2018



"WHY ARE WOMEN THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT OF THE PRISON POPULATION?"

board of directors



**A big thank you to our board for
their faithful service!**

L-R: Mark Burman, Barbara Osborn, Leah Daniels-Butler, Marta Lopez-Garza, Regina Jones, Lynn Nguyen, Judith Sydner-Gordon, Susan Burton, Whitney Davis-Houston, Tami Warren, Gregory Burks and Michael Woltz (Not pictured: Jackie Andrews, Leon Kaplan and Tam Watkins)

2018 financials

(Pre-Audit)

REVENUE & SUPPORT

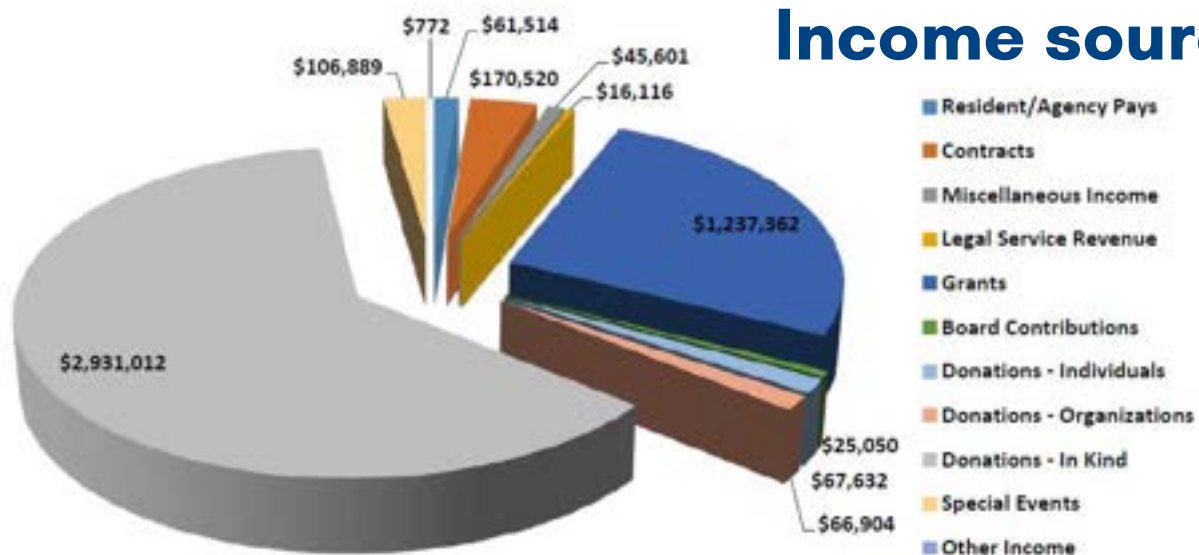
Resident/Agency Pays	\$59,085
Contracts	\$68,791
Miscellaneous Income	\$128,545
Legal Service Revenue	\$24,467
Grants	\$2,154,455
Board Contributions	\$13,855
Donations - Individuals	\$101,308
Donations - Organizations	\$226,895
Donations - In Kind	\$530,722
Special Events	\$166,752
Other Income	\$3,987
Total Income	\$3,478,861

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$2,969,085
Management & Administrative	\$75,940
Fundraising	\$54,553
Total Expenses	\$3,099,577
Net Income	\$379,284

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Cash and Equivalents	\$2,031,926
Accounts Receivable	\$44,366
Contracts & Grants Receivable	\$1,026,145
Property & Equipment (Net)	\$742,622
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	\$27,836
Total assets	\$3,872,894
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$84,992
Accrued Vacation	\$16,826
Other Accrued Expenses	\$75,226
Deferred Revenue	\$1,729,575
Mortgage Payable	\$326,388
Total liabilities	\$2,233,007
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,639,887
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$3,872,894





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