



A New
Way of
Life
Reentry Project

2024 Annual Report

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A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT (ANWOL) EXECUTIVE LETTER

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every day at A New Way of Life Reentry Project (ANWOL) begins with a revolutionary practice: a cultivation of care, value, and resilience into the lives of women who our nation's carceral system has tried – and failed – to break.

In 2024, we watched as the visibility, value and worth of Black women and women of color was debated, negotiated, and questioned. We saw as systems and policies designed to protect our communities were dismissed, overturned, and ignored. This past year was not without its trials. Yet, as we reflect on 2024, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the things that have remained sacred to our work – to be seen, to be understood, and to be valued is integral to help women transform their lives.

At ANWOL, we are inspired by each woman's commitment to break free from the harm of their past and dedicate themselves to a journey of healing. We have deepened our focus on housing stability, workforce development, and recovery, ensuring that our services meet the evolving needs of those we serve. This report is not just a numerical representation of the women we served last year, but rather an ongoing story of what is possible when the people around us provide us with the care and security necessary to thrive. As you read this report, we hope you see what we see: impactful glimpses into the lives of women who are alive with hope.

As we look ahead, we know that the responsibility to support formerly incarcerated women belongs to all of us. Together, the future we are creating is brighter because of your belief in us. Thank you for your commitment, dedication, and faith in our work.

With love and deep gratitude,

Pamela Marshall

Michael Towler

Pamela Marshall & Michael Towler
Co-Directors



ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

I'm treated as a human without judgement, surrounded by people who are caring and helpful in assisting me with resources to reintegrate into society such as ID, financial aid, birth certificate, housing, a beautiful home filled with love, clothes, transportation, etc. I feel at home, comfortable, and loved. ANWOL welcomes all walks of life. Thank you!" - LaVelma B.

A New Way of Life Reentry Project

(ANWOL) is a nationally acclaimed, Black woman-founded, and Black-led organization poised to transform the US approach to criminal justice. Our mission is to empower communities with opportunity where justice-impacted women heal, excel, and lead while disrupting systems of oppression and harm.



ANWOL Resident & Child

**WE ENVISION A WORLD
WHERE EVERYONE IS
VALUED, AND SYSTEMS OF
OPPRESSION ARE
ELIMINATED.**

We believe in...

- **Valuing:** Every person has inherent value and holds the power of possibility and transformation within them.
- **Investing:** Public resources are better invested in opportunities for transformation than on prisons and punishment.
- **Leading:** Formerly incarcerated people must be at the forefront in creating solutions to the incarceration crisis.
- **Healing:** Incarceration of one family member affects the entire family. The healing process must involve families as well.
- **Mentoring:** By sharing the ANWOL Reentry Model locally, nationally, and internationally, we are influencing and fostering profound and positive changes in areas with the greatest need.



ANWOL Resident



OUR STORY

For nearly thirty years, A New Way of Life has been a transformative force – empowering individuals, primarily women of color, including LGBTQ+ folks, as they step into new beginnings after convictions and/or incarceration. Our holistic and culturally competent reentry resources are embedded with care, directly informed by the voices and needs of the people we serve.

Since its founding in 1998 by visionary Susan Burton, ANWOL has been at the forefront of filling the void in recovery and reentry services that failed to see Black women and women of color as a population worthy of the same care, support, and resources as formerly incarcerated men.

In 2021, Co-Directors Pamela Marshall and Michael Towler stepped up to the task of preserving and expanding the legacy Susan Burton began with ANWOL. For the last four years, Pamela and Michael have brought strength, authenticity, and adaptability into not just the lives of the women we serve, but into the deeper impact ANWOL is making globally. Their unwavering commitment to this work is a testament to the strong foundation put in place by our founder.

CHERYL'S STORY



Global SAFE Housing Network Organizer, Cheryl Ward

In 1996, Cheryl Ward was sentenced to 262 months in federal prison. Treated as property of the United States, Cheryl's freedom was fungible – reduced to the sole control of perpetrators of carceral violence. As a young Black woman who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, in the 1970s, her freedom was already modified by the parts of herself that she couldn't separate. Cheryl was Black, a woman, and refused the limited freedom the world attempted to sell her. Instead, she created her own. She went where she wanted, when she wanted, and with whom she wanted.

"You are a leader. Just because you have been incarcerated doesn't change your capacity to be who you are." - Cheryl Ward

While incarcerated, Cheryl made freedom and escape a possibility. She found warmth in the moments she stole outside in Danbury. When singing in a choir in Carswell, her spirit was brought peace through the harmonizing of the other women's voices. And when she was feeling suffocated by the weight of her confinement, Cheryl transported herself into the lives housed in the stories she read. These are the moments of escape that helped keep her sane.

In the last two years of her confinement, Cheryl was transported to Dublin, a low-security prison. It was here that Cheryl heard about A New Way of Life Reentry Project (ANWOL). In preparation for her release, Cheryl attended a resource fair where she encountered a woman with connections to reentry organizations in Los Angeles. When she learned that Cheryl was from Los Angeles, the woman simply wrote "Susan Burton" on a piece of paper, and gave it to Cheryl. Three years later, after living and working in various places, Cheryl applied to and was accepted as a participant in A New Way of Life's leadership development initiative, Women Organizing for Justice and Opportunity (WOJO) Leadership Lab.

When she was freed from physical confinement, Cheryl realized there were ways that prison would never leave her. The experience of carcerality was embedded into her body. After being in prison for 17 ½ years, she believes there are limits to freedom in this world. Not for everyone, but for her.

Yet Cheryl has found freedom after incarceration through the women she has helped at ANWOL. After completing WOJO, being a community organizing fellow, and finally a full-time employee at the organization, Cheryl has experienced the impact of our work at every level. She has guided women from the gates at the correctional center to independence and stability. From their first time opening a refrigerator to them purchasing their own home, she has watched and supported women on their journeys toward reclaiming their autonomy. For her, this work is sacred. She helps women in a way that is unique to our organization – from an intimate place of knowing. She knows that formerly incarcerated women are not a monolith. Everyone's process of rebuilding their lives is different. Reentry isn't just about staying out of prison and not getting in trouble: *"It's a lifelong process of returning home to yourself."*

SAFE HOUSING REENTRY SUPPORT

ANWOL has identified **12 benchmarks** that measure progress toward successful community reentry after periods of incarceration. On an annual basis, we track each resident's progress and outcomes in meeting these benchmarks:

- Housing Stability
- Access to and Continuation of Physical/Mental Health Services
- Development of Self-Identified Goals
- Compliance with Conditions of Probation/Parole
- Maintenance of Sobriety
- Participation in On-Site Programming
- Accessing Eligible Public Assistance and Benefits
- Accessing Personal ID
- Progress toward Achieving Self-Identified Goals
- Enrollment in School and/or Progress toward Accessing Employment
- Regular Attendance at Recovery Meetings
- No Re-incarceration

On average in 2024, 9 out of every 10 women served met benchmarks identified as necessary for successful community reentry after periods of incarceration. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of women served were NOT reincarcerated. Services were provided for less than half the cost of incarceration.



ANWOL Residents on either side of Lead Housing Coordinator Renee Horton, celebrating Mother's Day



A NEW BEGINNING IN THE BIG EASY

In 2024, we acquired our first safe home in New Orleans – marking a historic milestone as our first direct expansion outside of California and the Sisterhood Alliance for Freedom and Equality (SAFE) Housing Network. The eight-bedroom home, generously donated by the Daughters of Charity, offers more than shelter; it offers women a second chance at life.

Before the home's opening in January of 2025, ANWOL staff visited local jails and prisons and learned that 90% of incarcerated women in the region are Black – an alarming statistic that underscores the urgent need for reentry support in Louisiana. ANWOL-NOLA is a direct response to that need. Early support from the local community reflects deep enthusiasm for ANWOL's holistic, gender-responsive approach to diversion and reentry.

Like ANWOL's California homes, the New Orleans safe home offers wraparound services including recovery support, workforce development, legal aid, and leadership development. But this site also represents something more: a new chapter in ANWOL's mission to create a nationwide network of healing spaces for justice-impacted women.

With a bold vision and strong community partnerships, ANWOL-NOLA is already planting the seeds for long-term impact – and proving that healing and hope can take root anywhere.

CAMILLE'S STORY

On July 12, 2024, after 30 years of incarceration, Camille came to A New Way of Life (ANWOL). There were ways in which ANWOL was familiar to the safe places she had cultivated for herself while she was incarcerated. She was surrounded by residents and staff who understood the importance of what it meant for them to put protection, healing, and growth at the forefront of every interaction. After reacclimatizing to the world, Camille utilized the financial, educational, and life skill tools that our housing and workforce program provided. She learned from Adrienne that the words 'could not' no longer belong in her vocabulary. With the help of Nicole, Natasha, and Lauren she has become a certified apartment maintenance technician and is now certified as an alcohol and drug technician. She is currently studying to take her exam to become nationally certified as an apartment maintenance technician. In the time that Camille has been with ANWOL, she has realized the importance of the special work we do here. She is hoping to work her way into outreach in the reentry community and talk to still-incarcerated women to help transform their mindset of what is waiting for them on the other side of the institution gates – a level of freedom that you forget about.



Former ANWOL Resident, Camille

"At CIW when it was foggy, all movement stopped. It was called fog alert. It was times like this when the four walls I shared with anywhere from six to eight women felt uniquely suffocating. The entire prison would be locked down. I couldn't go outside or do my exercises in the rec yard. On foggy days, the little control over my day that I had was stolen from me."

"The day I really felt my freedom, it was foggy. Since being at A New Way of Life, I had created a morning ritual that was unimaginable in prison: waking up early, making a cup of coffee, and sitting outside on the porch."

"This particular morning, we were having that kind of fog where you could feel the crispness of it in your lungs. It was so thick that I couldn't see the house across the street or the coffee in my cup. But that's when I realized, I was standing outside in the fog. It was something so simple, but it felt like a defying act. That's when I knew. I could do this."

"It wasn't when I heard the gates of the California Institute for Women close behind me after living on the other side of them that I knew I was free. It wasn't walking around the corner by myself, or talking on the phone with the comfort that a correctional officer wasn't listening on another line. It was one foggy morning at A New Way of Life Reentry Project."

OUR IMPACT - SEEKING SAFETY & OPPORTUNITY



ANWOL Resident at our Mother's Day Celebration

In 2024, **345 incarcerated individuals** (312 women and 33 men) from across California wrote to A New Way of Life seeking a safe place to live. Every letter was answered with assurance that they will be offered resources appropriate to their needs when they return to our community.

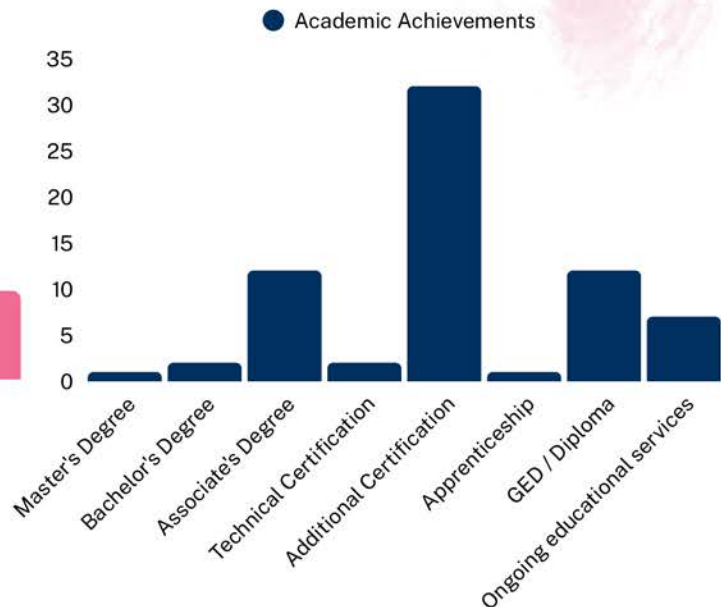
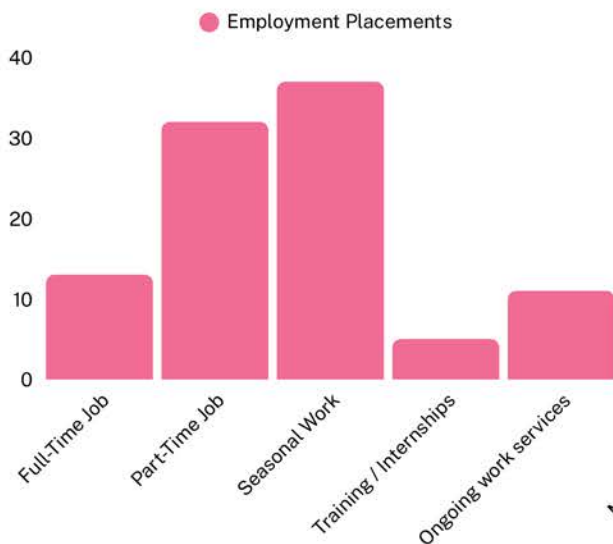
IN OUR SAFE HOMES

We provided services for **112 women**, mothers of **109 minor and 89 adult children**. Of the women who received our reentry safe home services:

- **Eighty (80)** were enrolled in school, training, or both;
- **Eight (8)** were able to discharge from parole and/or probation;
- **Seventeen (17)** women were able to access permanent housing in the community; and
- Of the 60 women seeking employment, **59 (98%)** were able to get jobs.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In 2024, ANWOL's Workforce Development & Education programs served a total of **110 unique individuals**, demonstrating the significant impact of our initiatives in helping system-impacted individuals achieve their career and educational goals. Of these, **37 individuals** actively participated in both work and school programs, highlighting their dedication to holistic growth. Across all initiatives, a total of **267 services** were provided to participants, combining workforce and educational support efforts.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION



ANWOL Residents at our Day of Inspiration

Our Workforce Development & Education Program is grounded in four core pillars: **skill-building, career exploration, empowerment, and community building**. These pillars guide our efforts to provide system-impacted women and justice-involved individuals with the tools and opportunities needed to overcome barriers, achieve economic mobility, and build sustainable careers.

When Shamone joined A New Way of Life, she was at one of the lowest points in her life – homeless, jobless, and battling untreated medical issues. With support from ANWOL, she addressed her medical needs, gained access to overdue care, and began taking steps toward a stable future. Today, Shamone is employed, providing her with financial stability, and she is in the process of enrolling in college to pursue a career in phlebotomy, a field she feels passionate about. Her story reflects the strength of the human spirit and the life-changing impact of ANWOL's support systems.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024



Building Job Skills

Expanded our workforce development programming and launched the Career Bridge Initiative, providing ANWOL residents and system-impacted community members with soft skills training, employment and educational opportunities, mental health support, and direct cash payments.



Industry Breakthrough

Hosted our first Entertainment Workforce Boot Camp in February, attended by 13 participants and featuring a panel of 4 Hollywood showrunners. Collaborated with 40+ entertainment employers and programs and secured MasterClass and MyFirstJobInFilm memberships for program participants.



Workforce Initiatives

Trained and onboarded 10 SAFE Housing Network members as part of the SAFE National Workforce Capacity Building Initiative, with 8 organizations selected to carry out workforce initiatives over the next 18 months.



Resource Expansion

Expanded our Financial Literacy Workshops in partnership with JPMorgan Chase, hosting 5 cohorts of financial planning workshops and reaching over 100 participants.

CLEAN SLATE LEGAL SERVICES

"Wow, it's so amazing [to get my cases expunged], thank you so much. I truly appreciate all the help the clinic has done for me. I'm so excited to see what the future holds for me. For so long, my past has followed me because of my record. A New Way of Life helped me close the door of my past and open a new door to my future. I have been trying so hard to get my license back from the state to do homecare again. I'm so excited to see all the new opportunities that are in store for me and it wouldn't have all been possible without the help of you all!" - Francine M.



ANWOL Legal Staff at a Resource Fair

In 2024, staff attorneys trained **235 volunteers**, who donated **700 hours** between all volunteers (3 hours per volunteer). Through 32 legal clinics, we helped **a total of 233 clients** (84 women, 136 men, 13 preferred not to disclose) **work to clean up their records and/or petition for and obtain record relief to improve their job prospects** and their overall lives. We were able to help **12 individuals with applications and approvals for occupational licenses**.

We also filed:

Type of Petition	Number of Petitions Filed
Expungement	1,163
Reduction of Felony to Misdemeanor	70
Reduction of Prop. 47-eligible Offenses to Misdemeanors	58
Sealing of Arrests	22

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

In 2024, **413 individuals** were referred to ANWOL's family reunification services (12 of whom were ANWOL residents). The testimony below is just one example of the challenges and triumphs our team faces while advocating for families to stay together.

CLIENT'S STORY

Our client, a mother, joined our family reunification program in December 2023 with an open Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) case. Her history included substance misuse, domestic violence, and chronic incarceration.

She made significant progress in her case, eventually earning unmonitored, overnight visits with her child. However, in May 2023, she was briefly reincarcerated, which resulted in her visits reverting to monitored status.

Our team supported her by helping her re-enroll in therapy and coordinated and advocated for her monitored visits. Twenty-six monitored visits were facilitated, and declarations regarding the parental bond were submitted to DCFS. Additionally, the team advocated for Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings and worked to transition her back to unmonitored visits. She did move to unmonitored, overnight visits in May 2024.

On July 2, 2024, the client's child was successfully returned to her sole custody.



ANWOL Residents & Children

While the whole reunification process can take over a year, we completed **123 intakes, represented or supported clients at 69 days in court, assisted with 174 monitored visits and participated in 23 Child and Family Team Meetings** to advocate on behalf of any issues the families were facing. **Fifty-one clients started or increased visitation and 16 minors were returned.** Four clients received alternative sentencing or a conditional release by engaging with our family reunification services.

ADVOCACY, POLICY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



With a focus on movement building and systemic change, our policy and advocacy efforts – anchored in **All of Us or None–Los Angeles/Long Beach** – advance the restoration of civil rights lost through convictions and incarceration. Through the **Women Organizing for Justice & Opportunity (WOJO) Leadership Lab**, we build leadership and collective power with formerly incarcerated women, inspiring them to create change in their communities.

ANWOL-BACKED BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2024:

AB 1986

Prison Book Ban List requires the CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to identify which books are banned.

AB 1810

Menstrual Equity for All makes it mandatory to provide menstrual products as requested to those incarcerated in jails and prisons.

AB 2929

Requires social workers to document their family finding efforts in review hearing reports to the dependency court when the child/youth is not already placed with a relative.

SB 2664

Amends the code to affirm that the timeline for reunification services is triggered by the removal order and the actual order of reunification, both of which are made at the dispositional hearing.

SB 1254

The FRESH Act will enable people who are still incarcerated nearing parole to sign up for CalFresh.

SB 2127

The bill continues funding for voter registration through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

VOTER OUTREACH

As active members in the community we serve, we understand the challenges our community faces and utilize our perspective to address and amplify its needs. With the collaborative support of community partners, we are able to address a variety of issues including nonpartisan voter turnout in our community.

During 2024, we engaged in the following nonpartisan voter activities with partner organizations: in-person canvassing, phone banking, community resource fairs, voter education and overall community engagement.

The total **non-partisan voter engagement reached 14,583 individuals** (through phone banking, in-person canvassing and educational workshops). Thanks to these efforts, **11,921 community members confirmed plans to vote** in the November 5, 2024 election via mail, in person, drop box and/or early voting.

WOMEN ORGANIZING FOR JUSTICE & OPPORTUNITY



WOJO Participants at FICPFM Convening

Established in 2006, our **Women Organizing for Justice & Opportunity (WOJO) Leadership Lab** is a rigorous, 6-month specialized training program open only to system-impacted women. In 2021, WOJO expanded to become a virtual, national program open to all staff and residents of ANWOL's SAFE Housing Network.

Eighteen women from the US and ten from Africa participated in and graduated from WOJO in 2024. All but one of the 18 US participants traveled to Detroit, Michigan to participate in the Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted People and Families Movement (FICPFM) convening. While in Detroit, we held a ceremony for our participants where Dr. Jennifer Madden presented each graduate with a Certificate of Completion from Linfield University.

The women from Africa were unable to attend their graduation in the US because of yet another barrier from histories of incarceration. While they were able to get passports, they were not able to get visas because of past convictions. Therefore, we arranged for the ten women from the 2024 group along with five participants from 2023 WOJO cohort to graduate in Kenya on February 21, 2025.



WOJO Participants with Susan Burton & Cheryl Ward in Kenya

SAFE HOUSING NETWORK

A New Way of Life and our SAFE (Sisterhood Alliance for Freedom & Equality) Housing Network partners have collectively reshaped reentry services, prioritized decarceration efforts, and expanded our ability to meet the urgent housing and support needs of justice-impacted women and LGBTQ+ individuals across the US and internationally.



IN 2024, THE SAFE HOUSING NETWORK GREW TO INCLUDE:

34 organizations **19** States **30** US Cities **54** SAFE Homes

In 2024, SAFE Housing Network members **housed 472 people and provided other reentry services to another roughly 10,000 people**, offering critical support in employment, family reunification, civic engagement, and legal advocacy. These milestones reflect our commitment to ensuring that no woman or LGBTQ+ person is left without the support they need upon returning to their communities.

A key development in 2024 was ANWOL's successful hosting of the first-ever SAFE Housing Training outside of Los Angeles. In April, more than 75 participants attended this landmark training in Chicago, Illinois, laying the foundation for the expansion of SAFE Homes into rural areas of the state. This initiative aligns with Illinois' broader commitment to decarceration, particularly in reducing the number of women incarcerated in state prisons. Over the past four years, ANWOL has played a crucial role in supporting efforts that have led to a 50% reduction in the Illinois women's prison population. Building on this success, ANWOL is now focused on achieving an additional 50% reduction, with a targeted emphasis on underserved rural communities where safe and supportive reentry housing is urgently needed.



Susan Burton & Safe Member, Jahmalie Smith at the SAFE Training

Maria, a single mother who faced multiple barriers to employment, joined SAFE Member Starting Over, Inc.'s Path 2 Seed seeking job training. Through case management, she not only completed the program but also enrolled in college to pursue a degree in social work. With transportation assistance and career guidance, she is now working part-time while attending school. "This program didn't just help me find a job – it helped me believe in myself again. Now, I'm on the path to a future I never thought was possible."

Since 2019, the SAFE Housing Network, including ANWOL, has provided housing to more than 1,500 formerly incarcerated individuals. Additionally, the network has offered non-housing reentry services to another more than 30,000 individuals, reinforcing its role as a critical support system for those navigating the complex challenges of reentry. These services have been instrumental in reducing recidivism, strengthening family reunification efforts, and creating pathways to long-term stability and economic independence.



SAFE members on a nature walk outing during the SAFE Retreat in New Mexico

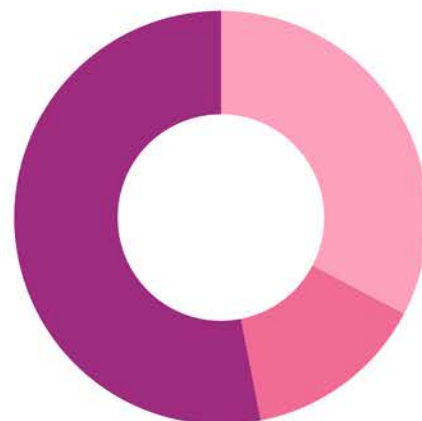
EXPANDING WORKFORCE TO THE SAFE NETWORK

*Eight SAFE Members implemented ANWOL's workforce development model in 2024, increasing access to employment and economic mobility. Some **789 participants** enrolled in workforce services with **220 workshops** conducted by SAFE Members.*

Training in case management and data tracking helped members improve service delivery, and site visits provided direct mentorship and partnership-building with employers.

The impact of this work extends beyond individual lives to broader systemic change. By redirecting public dollars from corrections to community-based services, ANWOL and our SAFE Housing Network partners have demonstrated that investment in reentry housing and holistic support is not only effective but also cost-saving and humane.

2024 WORKFORCE INITIATIVE OUTCOMES



WOMEN THRIVING! EXPANDING HIV EDUCATION

More older people are living with HIV/AIDS. Part of this is due to improvement in treatment. However it is important to remember that people of any age can be diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Symptoms of HIV/AIDS might be mistaken for the normal pains of aging. People who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS might experience the effects of aging younger.



With generous support from the Gilead Foundation in 2024, we launched *Women Thriving!* – a three-year national initiative to deliver HIV education, prevention, and testing to formerly incarcerated Black women and their communities. The program is rooted in ANWOL's SAFE (Sisterhood Alliance for Freedom & Equality) Housing Network, a global network of 34 reentry organizations led mostly by formerly incarcerated Black women.

Women Thriving! exceeded expectations in its first year, reaching **more than 1,900 individuals – 25% more than projected.** Thirteen SAFE Network partners hosted

community events across 12 US cities and in Kampala, Uganda. These events prioritized culturally responsive HIV education and often included on-site, confidential HIV testing with follow-up care available. To ensure accessibility, events provided childcare and engaging activities for families. Demographic data confirms the program's focus is reaching those most impacted: **62.5% of participants were women, 60.2% were Black, and nearly one-third had a history of incarceration.** Over 14% identified as LGBTQ+.

Beyond community events, ANWOL Founder Susan Burton personally brought HIV education into women's prisons across seven states, extending our reach to those still behind bars. Meanwhile, our digital outreach reached thousands more through both ANWOL and SAFE partner platforms.

Women Thriving! is building health equity, one conversation at a time, and ensuring that those most vulnerable to HIV are informed, supported, and seen. We are deeply grateful to the Gilead Foundation for making this work possible.



For more information, scan the below QR code or visit: <https://anewwayoflife.org/health-and-wellness/>





Members of the SAFE Housing Network, Changemaker Honoree Angela Burrell, and Co-Director Pamela Marshall at the 2024 Gala

2024 Gala

At our 2024 gala, themed “Radical Reentry”, we finished the year by honoring women who supported our work in meaningful ways.

Hosted by Radio Personality Tammi Mac, with more than 400 people in attendance, we honored L.A. City Mayor Karen Bass, CA State Assemblymember Tina McKinnor and former ANWOL resident and founder of Angel’s Safe Home, Angela Burrell.



Attendees at the Justice on Trial Film Festival

Justice On Trial Film Festival

In partnership with Loyola Marymount University (LMU), through the screening of social-justice themed films, the Justice On Trial Film Festival (JOTFF) educates local communities about needed criminal justice reforms. Participants are invited to join our advocacy efforts.

With the theme, “Exposing Injustice...Exploring Solutions,” the JOTFF was the first and remains the largest national film festival dedicated to spotlighting the stories and experiences of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people.

INTERNATIONAL HONORS

In August 2024, Susan Burton was recognized at the 16th Annual DVF Awards in Venice, Italy, during the Venice Film Festival.

As a past recipient, she was among five women awarded an additional grant from the Diller-von Fürstenberg Family Foundation, with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The award celebrates exceptional women driving positive global change and recognized Susan's continued leadership of A New Way of Life.



Susan Burton, Oprah Winfrey

The ceremony, where Oprah Winfrey served as a presenter, highlighted Susan's enduring impact.

Ms. Burton also joined an intimate gathering hosted by Diane von Furstenberg, attending a private lunch alongside Oprah Winfrey and Gayle King.



Gayle King, Diane von Fürstenberg, Susan Burton, Oprah Winfrey

KEEPERS OF THE KROWN



The incredibly talented Los Angeles artist Lauren Halsey, renowned for her unique approach to blending architecture with community spirit, presented her installation “Keepers of the Krown” at the prestigious Biennale Arte in Venice, Italy.

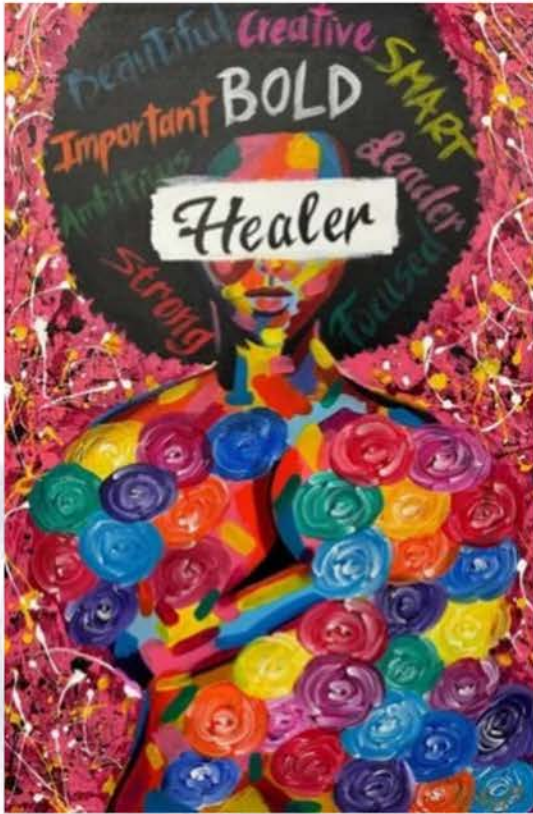
Positioned at the end of the Arsenale, her work features six monumental columns that draw inspiration from the vibrant day-to-day life of South Central Los Angeles. Each column is carved with likenesses honoring community leaders, one of which features Susan Burton.

This installation is not only a testament to Halsey’s artistic vision but also a profound commentary on community, resilience, and environment.



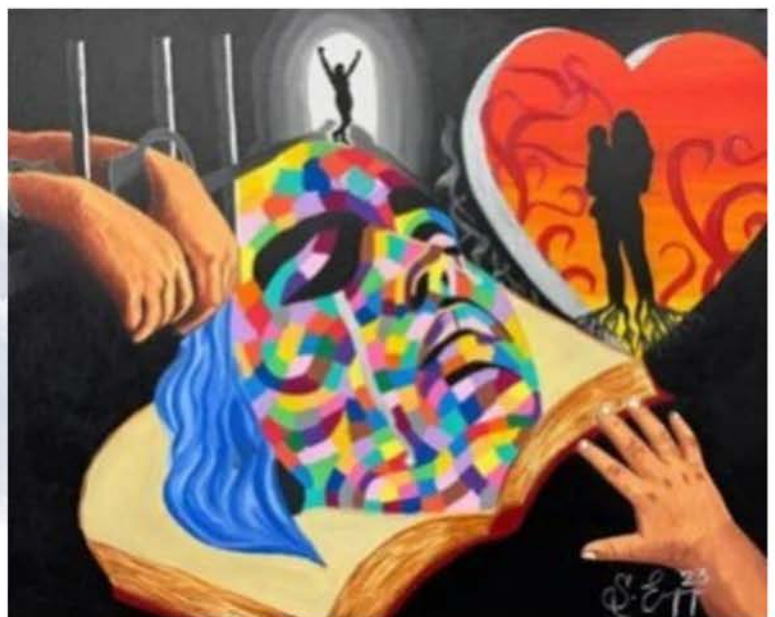
A NEW WAY OF LIFE DISCOVERS AND NURTURES HIDDEN TALENT

“When was the last time discomfort forced a conversation you otherwise wouldn’t have had?”



When this question was posed during a panel discussion at A New Way of Life’s 2023 Justice on Trial Film Festival, Sherrick Enriquez found himself mentally transported back to the trauma of incarceration. Our founder, Susan Burton, noticed his growing discomfort and encouraged him to stay to the end. Sherrick was eventually able to become grounded by healing images of freedom. Susan was intrigued by his engagement with the group, and, after learning more about him, she offered Sherrick a job with A New Way of Life’s maintenance team.

As an expression of gratitude for this opportunity, Sherrick drew a picture of Susan – sketching was his hobby, something he had used to pass the time while incarcerated. Recognizing his talent, Susan purchased his first set of paints which allowed him to develop his craft on canvas. A New Way of Life’s management team also encouraged him to increase his skills as our artist in residence.





Sherrick Enriquez

Along with his work in maintenance, Sherrick spent hours at our Montebello campus honing his skills. Sherrick has gone on to pursue art as a profession, with his paintings being featured in various exhibits. He recently completed all conditions of parole and is engaged to be married.

While Sherrick's journey is unique, his ability to overcome the trauma of incarceration and flourish is not. When people are offered the right opportunities to develop their talents and pursue their dreams, success follows. For others like Sherrick, A New Way of Life works tirelessly to provide unique and individualized resources to set them on trajectories that lead to true freedom.



***"Some people cannot be cured,
but everyone can heal." - Hugo Simberg***



WE'RE BUILDING THE FUTURE— FOR WOMEN, FOR FAMILIES, FOR JUSTICE



For over 25 years, A New Way of Life has transformed what reentry can look like. We grew from a single safe home into a nationally acclaimed model with 13 safe homes and 34 model replicators (31 in the US and 3 in Africa).

In just the last five years, our staff has doubled as demand for our life-changing programs has surged.



Now, we are boldly stepping into our next chapter. We've purchased our office building at 9512 South Central Avenue in Los Angeles!

A renovation of our building will allow us to create the **Susan Burton Healing Center**. We will gather our services under one roof – housing, workforce development, education, clean slate legal services, family reunification, leadership training, policy/advocacy and model replication resources – all will be offered in one central, welcoming location.

Our permanent home will anchor our work for decades to come. Designed in partnership with a world-renowned architecture firm, it will be more than an office – it will be a sanctuary. A place of dignity, beauty, and purpose. A space that honors the strength of the women we serve.

We invite you to be part of this visionary step forward. For more information, email gifts@anewwayoflife.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A huge thanks to our 2024 Board of Directors for their service and dedication to A New Way of Life Reentry Project.

Whitney Davis-Houston, Esq.

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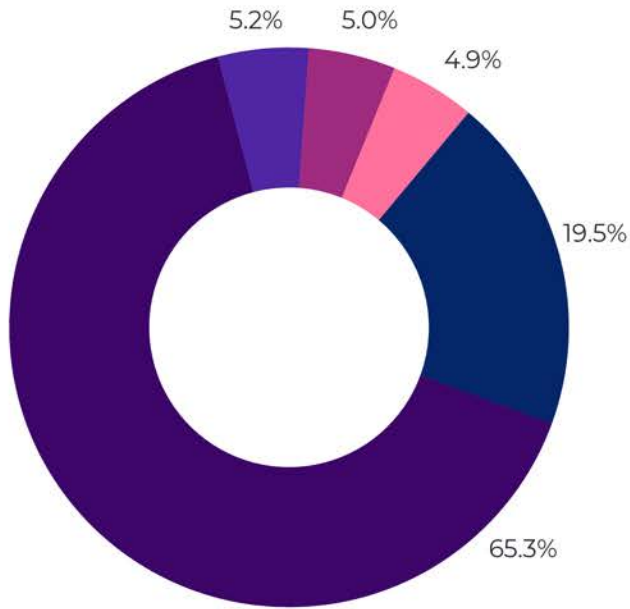
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Several A New Way of Life Board Members with Founder, Susan Burton, Co-Directors Michael Towler and Pamela Marshall, and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass at ANWOL's 2024 Gala

FINANCIAL REPORT

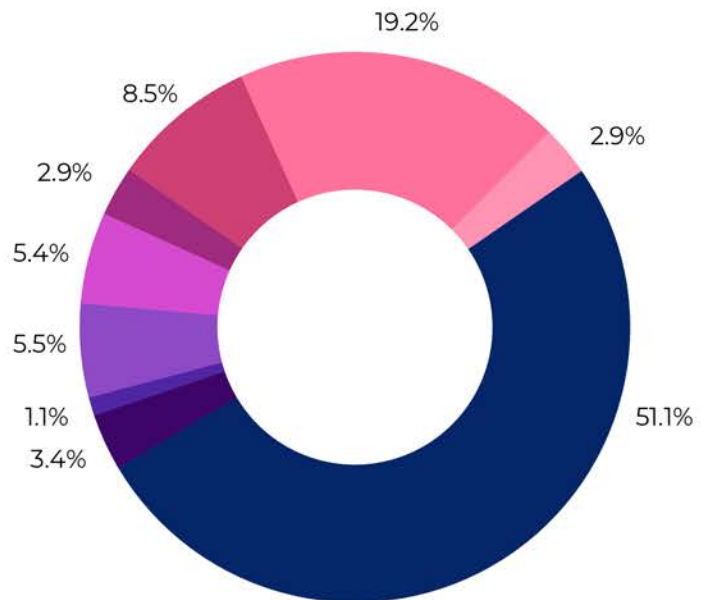


REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Public	\$1,830,132
Private	\$6,128,883
Program Services	\$490,915
Special Events	\$471,225
Other Income	\$461,721

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$4,582,654
Administrative costs	\$300,779
Insurance	\$96,358
Facility Costs	\$494,519
Program supplies and services	\$482,292
Travel and transportation	\$262,348
Professional services	\$765,479
Sub-recipient grants	\$1,726,500
Other expenses	\$263,076



\$9.4M

REVENUE
AND
SUPPORT

\$9M

OPERATING
EXPENSES

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,049,647
Contribution Receivable	\$3,280,993
Investments	\$10,934,724
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$54,872

NET ASSETS

WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

\$30,046,603

WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

\$6,522,849

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Land	\$5,072,692
Buildings and Improvements	\$5,295,748
Furniture and Equipment	\$105,421
Vehicles	\$277,696
Leasehold Improvements	\$135,939
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	-\$9,798,774

LIABILITIES



\$315,596

Accrued Payroll
and Related
Liabilities

\$177,726

Accounts Payable

\$56,234

Other Liabilities
and Accrued
Expenses

TOTAL CURRENT
ASSETS

\$27.3M

PROPERTY AND
EQUIPMENT

\$9.8M

TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS

\$37.1M



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