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Justice Reform for America Smartfund

The Justice Reform for America Smartfund provides an opportunity to maximally leverage a gift intended to support incarcerated people and their families, and develop a fair and transparent criminal justice system. Goodnation vets all our recommended nonprofits, taking into account the investments of the most rigorous professional foundations while also assessing the current financial health and governance of the organization.

In recent years, the United States has spent around \$80 billion annually to incarcerate a population of over 2 million people, a large proportion of whom are incarcerated for nonviolent crimes. Once released, formerly incarcerated people are unemployed at a rate far higher than the general public; a rate of over 27% according to the most recent available data. *Prison Policy Initiative and Equal Justice Initiative*

Direct Services: 70%



Bard Prison Initiative's mission is to prepare graduates to successfully transition to productive lives in their communities. They enroll incarcerated women and men in college programs that culminate in associate's and bachelor's degrees from Bard College. Their office of Reentry & Alumni Affairs works with students as they pursue robust civic and professional lives after release.



exalt demonstrates the power of effective educational engagement as a viable alternative to criminal justice involvement for today's young people. They combine a rigorous, proprietary curriculum with paid internships and career development opportunities to elevate expectations of personal success for court-involved youth ages 15-19.



The Fortune Society's mission is to support successful reentry from incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities. They help individuals with justice involvement rebuild their lives through innovative services and advocacy.



Rehabilitation Through The Arts is a world leader in arts-in-corrections helping incarcerated men and women develop critical life skills through the arts. They use the transformative power of the arts to help people in prison develop skills to unlock their potential and succeed in the larger community.

Systems-Level Change: 30%



The Center for Court Innovation seeks to create a more fair, effective and humane justice system. Originally founded as a public/private partnership between the New York State Unified Court System and the Fund for the City of New York, they create operating programs to test new ideas and solve problems, perform original research to determine what works (and what doesn't) and provide expert assistance to justice reformers around the world.



The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. They provide legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced or abused in state jails and prisons; they challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment; and they provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people.