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OCTOBER MOMENTUM: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION



ReNforce



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we step into the final quarter of 2025, I find myself reflecting on just how much we've accomplished together and how much we've learned along the way. This year has been a powerful reminder that change takes both resilience and collaboration—and our community has shown both in abundance.

We've learned that when justice-impacted individuals are given the right tools, support, and opportunities, they not only succeed but thrive. We've seen the impact of safe and supportive housing, the importance of employer partnerships that open doors to second chances, and the role of community generosity in fueling programs like Careers Over Coffee. Each step forward has taught us that transformation is possible when dignity and opportunity lead the way.

Looking ahead to this last quarter, we remain focused on deepening our impact: strengthening workforce development, expanding supportive housing initiatives, and continuing to build bridges with partners and employers who share our belief in second chances. We are also committed to carrying the lessons of 2025 forward, ensuring that the work we do is sustainable, equitable, and rooted in the needs of the people we serve.

Thank you for walking with us through this journey. As we close out the year, I invite you to continue standing alongside ReNforce as we turn resilience into opportunity and opportunity into lasting change.

Team Spotlight: Lakeland Barnes - Community Organizer



We are excited to welcome Lakeland Barnes, a nonprofit and government leader with over a decade of experience in policy, governance, and civic engagement. With a background in political science, she has dedicated the past seven years to advocacy—equipping communities with tools to drive meaningful change and ensuring marginalized voices are heard.

With voting season here, Lakeland is ready to put her passion for advocacy in action, helping communities engage, get informed, and make their voices heard at the ballot box.

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Civic Engagement starts with being prepared. Whether you're registering for the first time, voting early, or finding your polling place, every steps matters. Use the links below to take action and make sure your voice is heard!

[REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCT. 6](#)



[REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY OCT. 24](#)



[EARLY VOTING ENDS OCT. 31: POLLING LOCATIONS](#)



Your Voice. Your Power. Our Movement.

At ReNforce, we're growing our advocacy and civic engagement work—and we need you with us. Too often, decisions are made about us without us. That ends now. Justice-impacted people deserve more than a seat at the table—we're here to build our own and make sure our voices cannot be ignored.

This starts with community. We're creating a safe space where you can share your story, connect with others who understand, and simply be. From there, we'll work together to turn those stories into action—through phone and text banking, canvassing, voter outreach, and real skills that build political power. No experience? No problem. We'll train, support, and move forward as one.

And the time to act is now. Georgia's Public Service Commission election is coming up on November 4th, and the last day to register to vote is October 6th. Your story and your vote matter—this is our chance to show up, speak out, and shift the future.

Our movement is rising in Augusta. Our stories are powerful. And whether they're ready or not, they will hear us.



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Ready, Willing, & ReHired Job Fair: Our job fair brought together local employers and job seekers for a powerful day of opportunity. With resumes in hand and employers on site, participants took real steps toward meaningful employment and brighter futures. The energy of connection and possibility filled the room. **Voices & Moments in Action: Watch Now**

New Job Fair Coming Spring 2026!

Our last event brought together 241+ attendees. Help us make the next one even bigger, share this newsletter with employers you'd like to see in the room. Together we can expand opportunities and build brighter futures!

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EVENTS: <https://renforce.org/events/>

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING: OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY

We are deeply grateful to all who volunteered their time and talents to help us complete recent projects. Because of you, we continue to build spaces of hope and transformation. check out photos from our first two volunteering days!

And the work continues - our next volunteering day is scheduled for October 4th! Register below to join us as we create more opportunities for healing, growth, and second chances.

Volunteering Registration Link



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Together with Lowe's, and ReNforce we have transformed the backyard into a safe and beautiful oasis and now it's time to finish strong with a yard cleanup and final touches!



REGISTER NOW

Volunteers needed

Saturday, October 4th
from 8am-12pm
or
12pm-5pm



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KARLA'S JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND RENEWAL

Karla Edwards' journey with ReNforce is a powerful example of what second chances can achieve. When Karla first connected with us, she was determined to rebuild her life and find meaningful opportunities after facing barriers in reentry.

Through the support of ReNforce programs, from one-on-one career coaching to workforce development workshops. Karla has not only grown her skills but also her confidence. She has become more empowered to set goals, pursue career opportunities, and embrace personal growth.

Karla's story reflects the true impact of ReNforce: breaking barriers, creating pathways, and transforming lives. Her success inspires others to believe in the possibility of change and the strength that comes from community support.

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