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# *Women Who Rise: Celebrating Women's History Month with Stories of Strength & Second Chances*



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March gives us the opportunity to pause and honor the women who have shaped history, often without recognition, and those who continue to rise even when their voices have been overlooked or silenced. At ReNforce, this month feels especially meaningful because our work is rooted in helping women reclaim their voice, their power, and their place in the community.

For generations, women's stories, particularly the stories of justice impacted women, have been minimized or ignored. Yet we know that storytelling is a powerful form of healing, advocacy, and change. When women share their experiences, they challenge systems, reshape narratives, and open doors for others who are still finding their way forward.

Every day, we walk alongside women who are choosing to speak up, show up, and step into their next chapter with courage. Through supportive housing, workforce development, and community connection, we see firsthand how opportunity grows when women are heard and supported.

Women Who Rise is more than a theme. It is a reminder that when women use their voices, they not only change their own lives, but also help change the world around them. As we celebrate Women's History Month, I invite you to listen closely, uplift women's stories, and continue standing with ReNforce as we build spaces where women are seen, valued, and empowered to rise.



## Justice Day at the Capitol:



WHERE LEARNING  
MEETS ACTION

### Participant Spotlight:

#### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER “YOU ARE HIRED”

Many of you may remember Shelcey Burwell's first milestone, when she came to ReNforce searching for employment that felt right for her. Today, her journey continues to grow. Shelcey has successfully moved beyond her 90 days, earned a raise, and is now preparing to return to college with the support of her employer. She has been recognized as a hard worker and is already being considered for future leadership opportunities. What meant the most to our team was her decision to call and check in. Because reentry is not a moment, it's a relationship. It's growth layered on top of growth.

Shelcey's success is a powerful reminder of what happens when employers choose to see beyond a record and recognize talent for its full potential, reviewing each person case by case just as they would any other candidate. When that happens, stigma is replaced with opportunity and careers begin to take shape. Stories like this reflect true partnership it is you, the employers, and you, the participants, working together to build real bridges to economic mobility and long-term stability.

Support doesn't have an end date, opportunity shouldn't either.

In February, ReNforce traveled to Atlanta to take part in Justice Day, an annual gathering hosted by the [Justice Reform Partnership](#) for Human Rights. It was a day filled with learning, advocacy, and connection bringing together people from across Georgia who are working toward a fairer criminal legal system.

Throughout the day, we moved through breakout sessions on youth justice, reentry court accountability, data and policy, and the power of storytelling to create change. We also took time to learn about current House and Senate bills impacting our communities and what those policies mean in real life for the people we serve. Some participants stepped inside the Capitol to speak directly with lawmakers, while others joined interactive spaces like the Creative Resistance Labs. Each experience offered a deeper understanding of how decisions are made and how our voices can be part of that process.

For us, being in those rooms is about more than one day. It's about staying connected, from our work here in Augusta to the spaces where policies are shaped and bringing that knowledge back to the community we serve. Justice Day reminds us that advocacy is not just for a few. It is something we can all learn, step into, and grow through together.

It's a free, public event held each year, and we look forward to returning with even more of our community beside us.

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**Beyond the Record:**  
*A Reentry Simulation AND*  
**JOB FAIR**

**APRIL 15, 2026**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**8:30 AM-4:00 PM**

**ADDRESS**  
 1255 Druid Park Ave,  
 Augusta, GA 30904  
 HEEL Complex at  
 Paine College



## Listening Session at Diamond Lakes:

A ROOM WHERE EVERYONE LEARNED

Our February Listening Session brought together attorneys, judicial candidates, community members, advocates, and subject-matter experts, all in one shared space. What made the evening powerful was not just what was presented, but what was exchanged. Every voice added something. Curiosity led the way. Even as the session came to a close, no one rushed to leave people stayed, talking, connecting, and wanting to learn more. These gatherings are more than events; they are bridges that help us understand how decisions are made and how we can advocate together for change.

To those who have already been part of these spaces—thank you for continuing to show up and grow with us. And to those reading this who have not yet attended, we invite you to stay connected through our newsletter and bring a friend next time. We learn together so we can better serve our neighbors, our families, and our community.

## Workforce in Motion:

SIMULATION & JOB FAIR

Momentum is building for our upcoming Simulation & Job Fair, and employer tables are already filling. This event is where preparation meets opportunity.

The day will begin with our Workforce Simulation from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, where real-world scenarios. Employers are warmly invited to take part in this experience, though participation in the simulation is optional. After lunch is served, we will transition into the Job Fair from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, where prepared candidates and purpose-driven employers come together for meaningful connection.

Last year's event brought an incredible turnout, and employers shared that strong candidates were hired and partnerships were formed. We are grateful to those who have already registered and invite others to reserve a table and be part of this growing talent pipeline.

[To Join Register Here](#)



## Redemption House: Why Women's History Month Lives Here

Women's History Month reminds us that every chapter of progress begins with a safe place to stand. At the Redemption House, we see that truth every day women rebuilding their lives, finding stability, and learning to move forward at their own pace. Reentry does not have an end date, and neither does restoration. Here, history is not only something we honor it is something we witness in real time, as women reclaim their voice, their independence, and their future. This is why this month matters to us: because when women are given space to heal, grow, and begin again, entire communities rise with them.



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