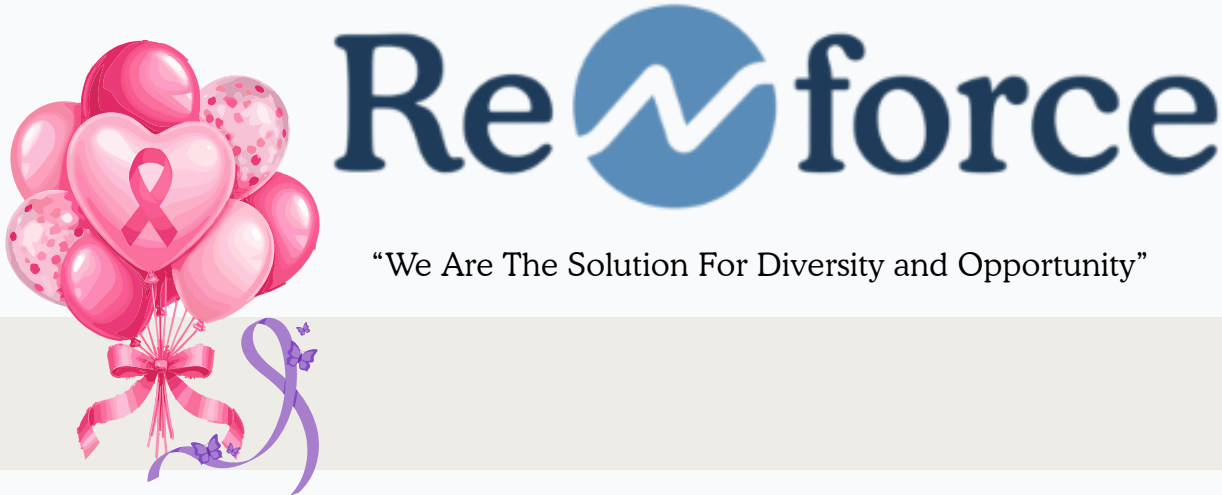




“We Are The Solution For Diversity and Opportunity”



Progress In Motion: Knowledge, Opportunity, & A Voice In What Comes Next



What We Carry. How We Show Up.

October holds space for two important conversations: Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And while they are very different, both remind me of something we can easily forget. We never fully know what someone is carrying when they walk into a room.

Someone may be showing up for work while fighting breast cancer or caring for someone they love. Another person may be smiling, working, raising children, and trying to build a future while quietly navigating an unsafe relationship. Strength does not always announce itself. That matters to me, both personally and as the CEO of ReNforce.

Our work has always been about seeing the whole person. Not a record. Not a circumstance. Not a diagnosis. Not the hardest chapter of someone's life. The whole person.

That same belief should shape how we show up for one another. Sometimes support looks like providing resources. Sometimes it means creating opportunity. And sometimes it is simply paying attention, listening without judgment, and making sure someone knows they do not have to navigate a difficult season alone.

As you read this month's newsletter, you will see ReNforce in motion through workforce development, civic education, community conversations, and people continuing to build what comes next. But progress is not only measured by certifications, employment, or programs. It is also measured by whether people feel safe, supported, informed, and seen.

Community means we celebrate each other's progress, but it also means we make room for what people may be carrying along the way.

This October, I encourage all of us to check on the people we love, learn the warning signs, schedule the screenings we've been putting off, share resources, and create spaces where asking for help is met with compassion rather than judgment.

Because sometimes the most powerful way we help someone move forward is simply by letting them know: I see you. I hear you. And you matter here.

With care and purpose,

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Participant Spotlight

MEETING OPPORTUNITY WHERE IT IS

Angel is already balancing a full plate working a full-time job, raising her children, and continuing to think about what comes next for her career.

Now, she is taking another step forward by joining ReNforce's 2026 Electrician Cohort.

But getting started came with a real-life barrier. Angel's work schedule made it difficult for her to complete what she needed during traditional office hours. Instead of allowing her schedule to become the reason she missed an opportunity, our Workforce Development team met Angel where she was, literally. We went to her workplace.

Being an extension of our participants means recognizing that access does not always look like someone walking through our doors between 9 and 5. Sometimes it means taking support beyond our walls so that working parents and individuals already navigating demanding schedules can continue moving forward.

By reducing the effort required to access services, Angel was able to complete the steps needed to join our evening Electrician Cohort without having to choose between her current employment and investing in her future.

Angel's story is what human capital development looks like in action. She is building upon what she already brings to the table, her work ethic, responsibilities, lived experience, and determination while gaining new skills and exposure to the electrical trade.

We don't just ask participants to meet us where we are. We work to meet them where they are, too.



Your Voice Starts With Being Informed

REGISTER, RESEARCH, & READ THE BALLOT

Civic engagement starts before you ever enter a voting booth.

As early voting approaches, ReNforce encourages our community to take time to check your voter registration, review your sample ballot, and research the people seeking to represent you.

Being informed means looking beyond a name on a ballot. Learn about the offices being elected. Research the candidates' documented positions and records. Ask questions. Consider the issues that matter to you, your family, and your community, and make your own informed decisions.

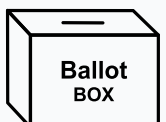
And bring the next generation into the conversation. Teach your children how to read a ballot. Talk with them about what different public offices do and why local, state, and federal elections matter. They may not be old enough to cast a ballot today, but helping them understand the process builds civic knowledge they can carry into adulthood.

Not knowing where to start shouldn't keep anyone from learning.

Georgia voters can use the My Voter Page to check their registration status, locate early-voting sites, see a sample ballot, and identify their elected officials.

You can also use [Branch](https://gcv.branch.vote) (gcv.branch.vote), a free, nonpartisan resource that allows you to enter your address, see what will appear on your ballot, and learn about candidates and their positions.

Georgia Early Voting: October 13–30, 2026
Election Day: November 3, 2026



Don't just know that an election is happening. Know what's on your ballot, understand who is asking to represent you, ask questions, and make the decision that reflects your own priorities.

That is how we strengthen civic knowledge one person, one family, and one generation at a time.

Understanding Parole: Knowledge Strengthens Our Community

PAROLE AFFECTS MORE THAN ONE PERSON, IT IMPACTS FAMILIES, WORKPLACES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND ENTIRE COMMUNITIES.

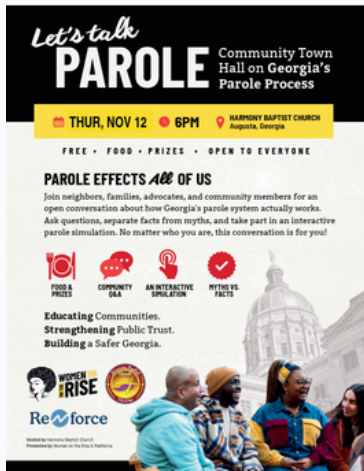
Knowing access to clear information is an important part of strengthening communities and supporting people as they move forward. For individuals and families impacted by the justice system, understanding the parole process can help replace uncertainty and misinformation with knowledge.

That is why ReNforce and Women on the Rise, with the event hosted by Harmony Baptist Church, are bringing the community together for “Let’s Talk Parole: Community Town Hall on Georgia’s Parole Process.”

This community conversation will create a space for neighbors, families, advocates, and community members to learn more about how Georgia’s parole system works. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, explore myths versus facts, and take part in an interactive parole simulation designed to provide greater insight into the process.

Ensuring justice-impacted people and their families have access to information, resources, and community support. Education also gives the broader community an opportunity to better understand systems that can directly affect successful reentry and family stability.

This conversation is not only for people who have experienced the justice system. It is for all of us. The town hall will be held **Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 PM at Harmony Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia.** The event is free and open to everyone, with food and prizes available.



October Awareness: Supporting Our Community

October recognizes both Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, reminding us that awareness, education, and access to support matter.

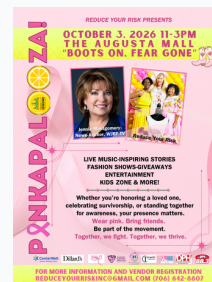
Join our Augusta community for Pinkapalooza: “Boots On, Fear Gone” on October 3 from 11 AM–3 PM at Augusta Mall, celebrating survivors, honoring loved ones, and raising breast cancer awareness.

For anyone experiencing domestic violence, confidential help is available 24/7 through the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Need Support?

Call: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Text: START to 88788

Awareness connects people to information, resources, and support



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