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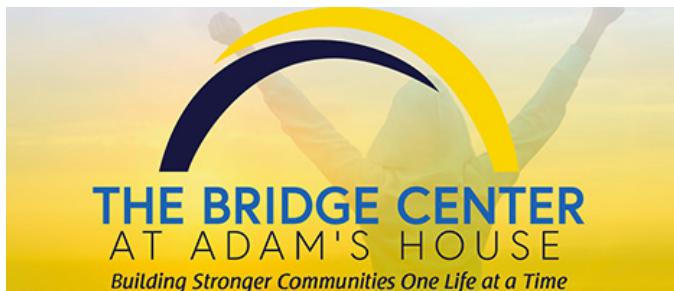
Vendors

20 Degrees (20°)



20 Degrees helps nonprofit organizations extend revenue beyond philanthropy. We relentlessly focus on growing revenue, be it from the traditional, alternative or emerging source. Through a proprietary assessment, executable strategies and modeling services, 20 Degrees helps nonprofits diversify revenue and achieve long-term sustainability.

The Bridge Center at Adam's House



The Bridge Center at Adam's House is an inter-agency collaboration between the Health Department, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Family Services and other community based partners to provide holistic assistance to any Prince George's County resident reentering the community, especially people that are formerly incarcerated, veterans, and youth (18-24 years old) who are trying to attain stability in the community.

For more information call 301-817-1900 or email BridgeCenter@co.pg.md.us.

Catholic Charities Welcome Home Reentry Program



Catholic Charities assists men and women returning home from incarceration to adjust and reorient their lives by providing them with supportive services and the guidance of experienced mentors. The Welcome Home Reentry Program works in close collaboration with many organizations to ensure that men and women are unconditionally welcomed back into the communities from which they came.

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Employ Prince George's



Employ Prince George's mission is to improve the local economy by creating a demand driven workforce system in Prince George's County, and workforce development programs that deliver qualified workers to businesses, improves the productivity of businesses, and provides job seekers with opportunities for careers in high demand/high growth industries.



Giant Food

Giant Food has operated for 75 years and has over 150 stores throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Working for Giant Food offers personal and professional growth along a career path that is solidly your own.

Prince George's County Human Relations Commission



The Prince George's County Human Relations Commission is the County's civil and human rights education and enforcement agency. The HRC will be speaking about the Prince George's County Ban the Box legislation. They will share how someone can file a complaint against an employer in Prince George's County that still has the box on their application. You can contact the HRC at 301-883-6170.



Life After Release

Life After Release is women based, formerly incarcerated led organization. We vow to provide at risk and formerly incarcerated women of Prince George's County with an opportunity to overcome the barriers that often plague women of color after released from incarceration.

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LW Arts & Design, Luther Wright

Innovative, diverse, and just simply gifted, Luther Wright, the C.E.O of LW Arts and Design is certainly leaving his mark on the world internationally. As a creator of art through the eyes of his own beauty, LW brings art to life through all things that he experiences. Born in 1983 and staking claim of being a part of the indigo children era, LW simply creates and recreates his art and image in the great spirit of rebellion. Drawing his inspiration from his favorites, Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso; LW hopes to touch and move his viewers as much as he has been moved through the gift of art. - Educated and downright artistically rounded Luther's art and his style are authentic. Luther isn't trying to be or be like anything. He doesn't attempt to fit in, and there for his art creates its own. Luther and his art are able to set a trend, without conforming to the standard of what is the trend. Mr. Wright

Mass Liberation (District 5 and 2)

The Mass Liberation Campaign (MLC) aims to become a major driving force for progressive governing power in jurisdictions and states, as we work with the field of social justice advocates to cut mass incarceration and mass supervision (probation and parole) in half by 2030. MLC is a comprehensive effort to end the criminalization of communities of color and low-income people by directly confronting and transforming our current criminal justice system.

A Wider Circle

A WIDER CIRCLE

A unique, holistic approach to ending poverty

The mission of A Wider Circle is to end poverty through on-the-ground programs and services, as well as through the development of large-scale solutions to its root causes. Our holistic approach focuses on the creation of stable homes; workforce development programming to move families to

economic self-sufficiency; neighborhood revitalization; and the creation of greater awareness and engagement by the community, as a whole.

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The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) seeks to create a world-class cultural environment where diverse high quality arts and humanities programs are available for all Prince George's County residents and visitors. The PGAHC is an independent non-profit organization designated by the

Prince George's County government to coordinate financial support and advocacy for the arts and humanities through grants, artistic programs and creative partnerships among business, education, government and residents.



Safeway

Safeway is an American supermarket chain founded in April 1915 in American Falls, Idaho by Marion Barton Skaggs. It is a subsidiary of Albertsons after being acquired by private equity investors led by Cerberus Capital Management in January 2015. Safeway's primary base of operations is in the western and central United States, with some stores located in the Mid-Atlantic region of the Eastern Seaboard. The subsidiary is headquartered in Pleasanton, California, with its parent company headquartered in Boise, Idaho. Diversity is fundamental at Safeway. We foster an inclusive working environment where the different strengths and perspectives of each employee is both recognized and valued. We believe that building successful relationships with our customers and our communities is only possible through the diversity of our people. And a diverse workforce leads to better teamwork and creative thinking, as well as mutual understanding and respect. The Safeway policy is to provide employment, training, compensation, promotion and other conditions of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, medical condition, marital status or any other legally protected status. We support a drug-free workplace -- all applicants offered a position are required to pass a pre-employment drug test and background check before they are hired. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.



Unshackled Ministries, Inc.

Unshackled Ministries is a faith based non-profit created to enable returning citizens with the skills, tools, knowledge, and resources necessary to successfully return to the Prince George's County community. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. provides each client with a case manager to oversee a comprehensive re-entry plan. Some of the areas that are addressed include: housing, employment, mental health, chemical dependency, continued education, life skills,

and family reintegration. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. provides a collaborative approach to best practice reentry services, serving the community by channeling the activities of returning citizens through services that provide a safer community for these individuals. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. utilizes client assessment, data collection, and monitoring to establish accountability and to measure success.

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SPEAKERS

Alfreda A. Robinson-Dawkins, Unshackled Ministries, Inc.

On November 18, 2000, Alfreda A. Robinson, #28611-037, walked out of Alderson, WV federal prison camp sure of one thing - that she would never return. After nine and a half years in federal custody, the task of returning to who she once was became her daily task, trying to seek ways to eradicate the systematic desensitization, degradation, and dehumanization that had been routinely applied and the stigma and shame prevalent in the day to day encounters of previously incarcerated persons everywhere as it affects our adjustment back into communities across the U.S. "I cannot walk around allowing shame to limit or define my life's goals, nor can I allow it to shape other females' goals as they try to start over. We must provide opportunities for them, their children and families, and our community at large. If you have ever made a mistake, would you not seek another chance? That's what Alfreda's work does. It gives ladies who have been incarcerated another chance that begins with the hope that you can go forward and release the shame to succeed. Alfreda's life is a testimony that" We fall down, but we get back up!". Alfreda is a consultant for the Bon Secours Community Works program and as a team coordinator for AARP Experience Corps program. She has a BS in Sociology (Morgan State), an MA in Special Education (Coppin State University) and another MA in Counseling (Johns Hopkins University).

Reverend Brenda K. Thompson, Unshackled Ministries, Inc.

Reverend Thompson was born in Washington DC and raised in Prince George's County. Raised by educators, education played a key role in her life. She received an academic scholarship to attend Central University where she was first introduced to and experimented with drugs. Her education went to the back burner and grades suffered. After returning home to attend Bowie State University her drug use worsened. Going in and out of jail at least 15-20 times until the charges became of greater consequences, she ended up in Federal Prison. Returning to society in 2013, she had trouble finding meaningful, gainful employment, a reality many ex-offenders experience. She was introduced to being an entrepreneur through the direct sales industry and has prospered within that industry ever since returning to society in 2013. She is now gainfully employed in the construction industry as the Quality Material Records Manager on the 3.2 billion dollars, I-66 Outside the Beltway Project. The same skills she used within the drug culture are just as valuable being an entrepreneur! People skills, communication, packaging, inventory, and product availability are transferable for having a successful business! In 2015 she accepted the call to Ministry in October of 2015 and was licensed to preach in June of 2018. Life has continued to get better as she stays in position to get everything that God has for her. She is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland University College (almost 36years later) to complete her degree! Her Prayer is that each Returning Citizen 1) Never give up on themselves, 2) Get and stay connected to positive people doing positive things who will keep you accountable, 3) Never give up on yourself, 4) Remain Humble, 5) Never give up on yourself, 6) Find the God of Your Understanding and last, yet MOST importantly, 7) Remember that God will Never Give Up on You! HE has given you another opportunity.... Grab Hold and Never Give Up!! #UnShackled!!

Dean Radcliffe-Lynes

Dean Radcliffe-Lynes is an Emmy Award winning television producer who has produced television specials and documentaries for national distribution including "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The March to Freedom", hosted by Julian Bond, for the Hearst Broadcast group, and "A Celebration of Life: Rising Above Breast Cancer", hosted by legendary jazz artist Nancy Wilson, nationally distributed by American Public Television to 133 public television stations nationwide. She was named a Fellow in the inaugural class of the Johns Hopkins/MICA Saul Zaentz Innovation Fund "Bold Voices" program and her documentary about women who were formerly incarcerated, It's Not Who I Am, is in production and hopes to premier in 2020.

Federico Spry, Master Barber, Owner of The Shop

Fredie is an entrepreneur, master barber and co-owner of The Shop, LL.C. which leads in community health advocacy among the African-American and Latino populations in the Washington, D.C. area. Mr. Spry provides bilingual teaching to his customers so they prevent outcomes in which great disparities afflict minority populations. His barbershop addresses prevention for colorectal cancer, hypertension and heart disease while advocating for vaccinations in ways that engage each customer in a dialogue for health equity. Mr. Spry's motivation comes from early in his life when, as a teenager, he reacted to his parent's divorce and the ridicule he faced in high school by taking to the streets. This led to four years in prison and when he came out he determined that he would work his way to success. He now is determined to teach others who come out of prison how they too can work their way to success. He co-founded the non-profit C.O.M.B (call on me brother) to help ex-offenders transform into functional citizens who succeed in coming back into society.

Reverend Dr. Carl F. Felton, Founder and CEO, Unshackled Ministries, Inc.

Reverend Dr. Carl F. Felton, Sr., was born in Washington, DC and attended the DC Public Schools. After graduating high school, he served in the United States Army for two years and worked at the United States Post Office for four years upon completion of his military service. He was employed as a computer operator at the University of Maryland for eleven years, and retired from the Defense Nuclear Agency as a Project Manager. Dr. Felton received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, University College and Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry Degrees from Calvary Christian College. He attends First Baptist Church of Highland Park where he was a deacon for 29 years. Dr. Felton is currently and Associate Minister and the Director of Outreach and Prison Ministry there. In the year 2000, at the leading of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Felton founded Unshackled Ministries, Inc. Through the years this Ministry has provided a variety of services to the prison population. With years of success, Unshackled Ministries, Inc. has partnered with other community service providers. Its primary focus is to establish a process for each individual to create a successful transition back into the community and into their families following incarceration, offering a systematic solution to problems resulting from past criminal behavior. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. recognizes that many needs go unmet due to the lack of a comprehensive resource center where clients can receive the needed support services. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. provides each client with a case manager to oversee a comprehensive re-entry plan that addresses the critical needs to transition back into society. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. provides each client with a case manager to oversee a comprehensive re-entry plan that addresses the critical needs to transition back into society. Unshackled Ministries, Inc. provides a collaborative approach to best practice reentry services.

Dr. Henry P. Davis, III, Pastor First Baptist Church of Highland Park

Since 1982, Dr. Henry Pinckney Davis III has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, having been licensed and ordained at the St. Paul Baptist Church of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, under the pastoral leadership of his father, Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. His preaching is relevant, challenging, and inspirational. In 2000, Dr. Davis was called to pastor the First Baptist Church of Highland Park in Landover, Maryland. Dr. Davis leads a "Bible Believing, Christ Centered & Spirit Led Congregation" with an active membership of over 3,000 Disciples who are engaged in Kingdom Building through more than 80 ministries. The church has five worship assemblies each week with three weekend worship services – Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.; Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and two on Wednesdays, which we refer to as Wonderful Wednesdays With Jesus, at 12:00 noon is The Power Hour and at 6:45 p.m., which is a time of corporate Prayer, Praise, Worship, and The Word. First Baptist Highland Park is a progressive and visionary church that offers a Christian school (Highland Park Christian Academy – Pre-K – 8th Grade) and numerous Bible study groups. The church also has a senior citizens center and offers ministries to reach out to the youth, young adults, couples, singles, prisoners, sick, bereaved and widowed.

Dr. Ricardo Washington

Dr. Ricardo Washington is the current Executive Director of the Institute for Workforce Development, which performs research, advocacy and program application for workforce development. Dr. Washington is a native of Washington D.C. However, he has been a proud Prince Georges County residence since 1985. He's a proud graduate of Suitland High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College), a Masters and PhD in Philosophy from Georgetown University. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served as a Nuclear Weapons Systems Specialist on the F-16 Fighter Jet during Desert Storm. He has engineered innovative, yet practical workforce development programs which have been consistently achieving at the highest levels.

Dr. Washington's industry-leading expertise is the product of his formal education and management experience with such major government agencies as The U.S. Department of Interior where he wrote policy for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Washington has designed job readiness and employment training programs for the Prince George's County's SNAP and TCA programs, the Prince George's County's Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program, and the Pathways to Employment Program for Shepherd's Cove Shelter for Women and Children. He has also developed a comprehensive Entrepreneurial Program and a Non-Profit Management curriculum.

Mirinda Jackson, Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Manager

Mirinda Jackson is the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Compliance Manager for Prince George's County Council. In this role, she is responsible for ensuring local businesses are utilized on major development projects in the County and the Developers and General Contractors hire residents. She has been involved in numerous projects throughout the County including MGM at the National Harbor, the National Harbor Project, Woodmore Towne Center, Brandywine Crossing, CIS Project in Camp Springs and many others. As Compliance Manager, she negotiates the MBE Plans with developers for major development projects, which includes establishing contracting and employment goals, monitoring achievements, identifying and providing potential sources to ensure that local businesses and County residents benefit from the major development projects in the County. She is also responsible for reaching out to the trade associations, professional organizations, training and outreach to the business community. She works closely with the various stakeholders in the County responsible for economic development to ensure the local MBE Community have the necessary training, technical and managerial support as well as the capacity to work on major development projects in the County and throughout the region. Ms. Jackson is known for her passion for working with small business owners and continues to share her knowledge, experience, and expertise with business owners throughout the country.

Sistah Joy Alford, Poet Laureate of Prince George's County, MD

Sistah Joy was appointed as the Inaugural Poet Laureate of Prince George's County, Maryland on September 18, 2018. Sistah Joy is known for messages of social consciousness, inspiration and empowerment. She has blazed literary trails for over 25 years through her impassioned activist poetry. In 2002 she received the Poet Laureate Special Award from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities "for her outstanding contributions to the art of poetry in Washington, DC." Sistah Joy is an arts event consultant who coordinates and develops programs for individuals, companies and organizations such as M-NCPPC, PGAHC, area schools, churches, libraries and other community-based entities. She has been commissioned to create poetry and develop poetry events for elected officials, national organizations as well as private organizations and companies, state, military and Federal agencies. Sistah Joy is a poet who lifts messages that herald a society of unity and inclusion through arts-based citizen empowerment. In 2010, she was designated an Ambassador of Prince George's Envision, an initiative established to help shape the vision, goals and strategies to guide Prince George's County now and into the future. Sistah Joy embraces the belief that poetry can build bridges where divisions exist, and can offer empowerment, enlightenment and healing wherever searching or hurting souls are found.