

# the Reentry INITIATIVE

RESTORING LIVES, RECONCILING FAMILIES, RENEWING COMMUNITIES

## TRI Needs Your Help!

By the end of 2017, we will be securing housing for reentering citizens in Longmont. You can help us make this happen!

### 1) Journey Home:

By making a major gift of \$500 - \$5,000, your contribution will make a large difference in this effort. This may be a great opportunity for your company to get involved, too! [Click here for more info.](#)



### 2) Fundraise for TRI:

We are looking for individuals like you to get your friends, colleagues, and family involved by setting up a fundraising page. You set your personal goal, we give you the tools, and you spread the word. [Click here](#) for more info.

3) **Donate Directly:** Gifts of any size are so helpful right now! Click here to [donate](#).

## Meet Our Newest TRI Board Member

Living proof of someone who was addicted after trying cocaine just once, Kellie's addiction overcame her life and she walked away from everything good in it. Having experienced addiction for 10 years and 12 rehabilitation stints, Kellie landed in prison after being on the run for a state-wide crime spree of robbery. It was sitting in the back of the police car that she found her freedom, making a vow to God that she would walk out of the prison gates a better woman than the broken girl who was walking in, and she did just that.



Today you wouldn't ever guess Kellie has a checkered past. She has been out of prison a little over two years and worked hard to get off parole a year and a half early. She is married to her wonderful husband, Coleman, has a job that she loves, and is rebuilding the relationships with her family.

Kellie is finishing up her Certified Addictions Counselor II licensing and only has 2 more years until she successfully completes her bachelor's degree program in Psychology. She is living a restored life and has joined our TRI Board of Directors because she wants to give back what was so freely given to her and she loves seeing returning citizens leaving incarceration, looking back on a place they never have to go again. TRI is so excited to welcome our newest board member, Kellie Thimmes!

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

*"I looked over the list of vendors and it was TRI that really stood out to me and what you are doing in the community, so I want to donate all my tips for the day to you."--Micah Frank, Owner [The Coffee Pedaler](#)*

TRI attended the first annual Eric United Methodist Church "Food Truck Rally For A Cause" event where over 20 vendors signed up to participate. While the chilly and rainy weather put a damper on attendance, the food was amazing, and we were honored to take part in reaching out to the community to bring more public education and awareness to what we do and the issues of mass incarceration and reentry.



## PROGRAM UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that TRI has received our official approval from the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF) to start the first week in January 2018 our University of Cincinnati *Cognitive Behavioral Intervention* curriculum! While that may seem like a long time away, it really isn't considering we need to plan all the logistics involved in this highly anticipated class. We also have realized we will need to offer this class on the outside as well to ensure that clients upon their release can finish the class.

Between these two opportunities, we will need volunteers to help both at DWCF and on the outside to help facilitate the class in Longmont. While TRI staff and trained UCCI-CBI volunteers will be doing the actual teaching, we need others to help assist and facilitate small groups and role-playing. The class at DWCF is going to be held each week on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. A date and time for the class on the outside will be determined based on volunteer responses and availability. If you are interested, please contact Kristi via email [kristi@reentryinitiative.org](mailto:kristi@reentryinitiative.org) or phone 970.290.1572.

## New Way to Support TRI

The Reentry Initiative is now registered on AmazonSmile, a program that turns your everyday online shopping experience into an opportunity to give. For every item you purchase with Smile, Amazon will donate .5% of each item's price to the Reentry Initiative. This comes at no extra cost to you, and it helps get much-needed funds to women reentering their local community after prison.



It's easy to sign up—visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in to your regular Amazon account. Select The Reentry Initiative in Longmont, Colorado as your charity of choice. Then, just shop like you usually would! For as long as you use AmazonSmile, you'll be giving back to your community at the same time.

## Thank You!

Thank you to [UCC-Longmont](#) for welcoming TRI and Sisterhood Studio to your worship service this past month. We were so blessed by your hospitality, our participation the sermon, and conversations!

Thank you as well to [St Stephen's Episcopal Church](#) in Longmont for donating 21 backpacks to TRI and named TRI as their August and September plate outreach recipient!

What a blessing to partner with each of these generous faith communities. Together we are solving issues surrounding reentry and mass incarceration!



## IN THE NEWS

Each month we highlight a local, national, or international news articles that brings education and awareness to our criminal justice system, mass incarceration, and reentry. This month we feature an [article](#) on the accessibility of registries that includes the names of those charged with a sex offense.



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