



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Diocese of Arlington

Welcome Home Re-Entry Program

Catholic Charities serves men and women returning to their communities after incarceration. Sadly, many re-offend and return to prison within three years of their release. Part of the problem is their lack of connection with their community; the heart of this program is helping ex-offenders establish that connection.

We seek to reduce recidivism, educate the community and develop strong systems of support, by building relationships and matching returning individuals with compassionate volunteer mentors.



Our Mission:

- ✓ Build a network of resources and faith communities that offer transformational support incarcerated
- ✓ Prevent returning citizens from falling back to previous mistakes by aiding them find and follow a path to a new life
- ✓ Recruit, train and support volunteer mentors
- ✓ Offer initial financial support for returning citizens needing housing through a partnership with Oxford House
- ✓ Welcome the returning citizens; remind them that they have dignity and are cherished as God's creations
- ✓ Provide Welcome Home Backpacks to those leaving incarceration.
- ✓ Offer "When Prisoners Come Home" presentations to promote awareness

Interested in being a Volunteer Mentor on our team? We are seeking people who will:

- look at a returning citizen's problem objectively and relate to individuals with a variety of socio-economic backgrounds without judgement
- Commit to mentor for up to 6 months
- Be available the first 30 days of release (up 4 hours per week) and then able to meet at least weekly with mentee
- complete online application, background check and training—for more info, **contact sodwyer@ccda.net**



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"I was in prison and you came to visit me ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:36