



**The Civic Justice Corps. . . Building healthier,
safer communities with the talent, energy
and contribution of people currently or
formerly incarcerated.**

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“In New York, a small service club raised tens of thousands of dollars to aid the survivors of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.”

“In Bend, Oregon 25 students worked tirelessly to build four homes for Habitat for Humanity.”

“In Stockton, California a computer science class refurbished hundreds of computers and donated them to impoverished elementary schools.”

“In Cleveland, Ohio volunteers stand vigilant over poor seniors to make certain that their homes are safe, their prescriptions are up to date and their social security checks are delivered and deposited.”

All of these good deeds were done by people in prison or on parole. Imagine the good that a service force of 2.5 million people could do to improve the livability of our nation’s communities. For that is how many of our citizens are in prisons or are coming home on parole who are able to make a contribution to their community if given the opportunity.

The limitless possibilities of mobilizing such a vast resource has prompted a group of community leaders, criminal justice officials and people formerly incarcerated to join forces and organize what will become known as the Civic Justice Corps.

The Civic Justice Corps is grounded in the belief that service is a universal currency that prompts goodwill, equips people with the skills and assets necessary to be responsible, productive citizens and builds healthier, stronger communities.

The Civic Justice Corps will be launched in a diverse set of communities to:

- Serve as a rallying point to identify unmet community needs and engage the community in a plan of action to address those needs
- Improve the economic vitality of neighborhoods
- Improve workforce quality for local businesses
- Provide a measurable means to demonstrate returns on taxes invested in public safety
- Provide an opportunity to demonstrate that community members involved in the justice system can be held accountable constructively in the neighborhood
- Provide a publicly supported mechanism to reduce reliance on incarceration and re-invest savings in proven community building strategies