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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE DETROIT KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 15
Belle Isle Park
10 am-6 pm
Detroit is hosting the annual Kite Festival on Belle Isle, including on-site kite making, professional kite flyers, a performance from the Michigan Philharmonic, and other activities.
FREE

COMERICA JAVA & JAZZ: JOAN BELGRAVE

Tuesday, July 17
Detroit Main Library
5021 Woodward Avenue
6-7:30pm
Joan Belgrave is a remarkable Jazz singer, known for clean notes, vibrant melodies and vocal versatility.
FREE

SADO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

WORKSHOP SERIES: RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES CENTER

Sunday, July 22
SADO Detroit
645 Griswold St
2pm-4pm
Join us for a discussion about available careers in the flourishing restaurant industry! Special guest Allen Lee, the director of the Restaurant Opportunities Center will discuss the paid training program designated for returning citizens. The workshop will also be a space for fellowshiping with the SADO community.

DETROIT MADE MARKET

Saturday, July 21
1pm-5pm
19556 Grand River Ave
Come by this monthly pop-up to see the work of Detroit artisans and small businesses
FREE



OBSERVING RAMADAN POST-INCARCERATION

BY EDWARD SANDERS

This past month was the first month that I was able to celebrate Ramadan in free society after 42 and a half years of being incarcerated.

My celebration of Ramadan included daily fasting from pre-dawn to sunset, which consisted of getting up as early as 4:30am in the morning to eat the pre-dawn meal, and waiting until a bit after 9pm to eat the sunset meal. In the time between, I would attempt to read the Quran in the morning before my prayer. I also focused on making myself busy with righteous deeds, including tending to others concerns in the community. By the end of the month, I was encouraged by my former neighbor in Taylor to stay in the mosque for the last ten days of Ramadan. The last day of Ramadan, I attended a public hearing for a former fellow inmate with a natural life sentence. He and I graduated from Spring Arbor College in 1997 together, as part of the largest inmate group in Michigan prison state history.

This Ramadan has been far more expansive than my time observing while in prison. While incarcerated, we were not able to observe ten days in seclusion or break fast through communal meals. This time, I was able to see families who took out the time to go to the mosque for spiritual growth. The Islamic Center of Detroit would provide meals every morning and evening and I was able to accept food from complete strangers, share words of wisdom with other observers, and watch children run around the mosque excitedly. Many of the children that I observed during the mosque at Ramadan were children whose parents have been born and raised in foreign countries. One thing that has been on my mind and in the news, has been the maltreatment of immigrant children as they are being separated from their families. This is a great injustice, unfolding in front of our eyes. Whether it is a child knocking on our door asking for help, or a child who has made a mistake, demonizing children anywhere gives way to demonizing children everywhere. Seeing the images of children being taken away from their parents in recent days, causes me to remember these children, who were running around the mosque during the Ramadan, and who were emulating their parents in making prayer.



JOBS

STATE BUILDING PRODUCTS WARREN, MICHIGAN

MANUFACTURING LABORER

2 open positions on 1st shift (7am-3:30pm)
3 open positions on 2nd shift (3:30pm-12:00am).
No experience required.
\$12-13/hour
Health benefits and bonus available after 90 days.
Apply by sending resume via email (preferred) to
HR@statebp.com or or by fax to (586) 772-6466.

JOHN JOHNSON COMPANY DETROIT, MICHIGAN

INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR

Full-time, Monday-Friday 7am-3:30pm
High school diploma or GED preferred.
Starting pay varies with experience.
Medical benefits after 90 days.
Dental, vision, 401k, paid vacation time available.
Apply by sending resume via email to Karyn at
kekadau@jjcompany.com or by fax to 313-496-0252.

LIBERTY CAST PRODUCTS STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK

Full-time, 40 hours/week.
\$14/hour.
Apply by sending resume via email to
amyj@libertycastproducts.com or by fax to
586-977-9077.

FOUNDRY LABORER

Full-time, Monday-Friday, 5:00am-2:30pm.
\$14.50/hour.
Apply by sending resume via email to
AmyJ@libertycastproducts.com or by fax to
586-977-9077.

GORDON FOOD SERVICE DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Part and full-time retail positions available at
the new GFS store, located at
2760 E Jefferson Ave Detroit, MI.
Apply in person or by going to
<https://www.gfs.com/en-us/careers>.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE
WITH YOUR RESUME, OR
WITH APPLYING TO A JOB, DO
NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT
TO PROJECT REENTRY!**

OPERATION ABLE

Operation ABLE of Michigan helps adults find employment via personalized searches, job placement, occupational training and career transition services. They focus on helping adults, aged 40 or older, who are interested in reentering the workforce. They provide their services for free to anyone who is low to moderate income.

In addition to offering workforce development services, Operation ABLE also provides a variety of financial coaching services, including budget development and credit counseling. They also provide assistance with securing transitional housing, accessing health care, and foreclosure prevention.

To learn more, or to access services, visit or call the Operation ABLE office, located at:
4750 Woodward Ave - Suite 201
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 832-0922
or visit their webpage:
http://www.spectrumhuman.org/index_oable.

To see past versions of
The Drum, visit
www.sado.org/go/drum
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**HAVE QUESTIONS OR
SOMETHING
TO CONTRIBUTE?**

Send your letter to:

**PROJECT REENTRY
STATE APPELLATE
DEFENDER OFFICE
645 GRISWOLD,
SUITE 3300
DETROIT, MI 48226**

Call:

**THE STATE APPELLATE
DEFENDER OFFICE
(313) 256-9833
AND ASK FOR A
PROJECT REENTRY
TEAM MEMBER**

Email:

REENTRY@SADO.ORG

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

JAMES "JAMO" THOMAS

CAME HOME APRIL 2017



HOMETOWN:

Detroit, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

I love to advocate in the community, and speak for the voiceless. I have a passion for feeding the homeless population in Detroit. I am also passionate about doing community service work in any way I can and I enjoy motivating people.

SUCCESSES SINCE RELEASE

I recently went to Washington, D.C. after being invited by the ACLU to attend a conference with multiple panels centered around mass incarceration. I got to participate in the discussion and met with several lawmakers and advocates and talked about the issues faced by juveniles sentenced to life without parole.

STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

Getting to know my family again. Many of my family members weren't even born when I went in.

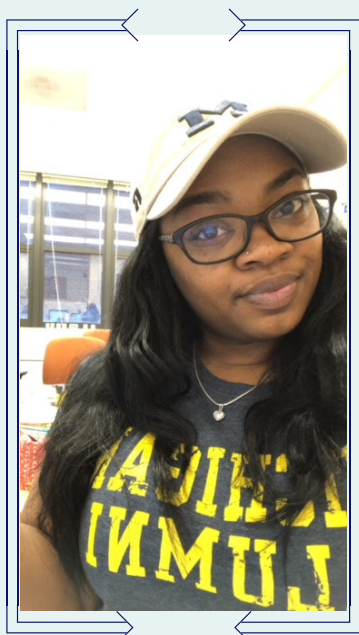
MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Our worst moments in life really don't define us. It's what we do from this moment on that will define us.

MEET THE TEAM

ANNETTA JOYCE

**PROJECT REENTRY TEAM
MEMBER SINCE JANUARY 2018**



HOMETOWN

Detroit, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Coloring, watching HGTV or Food Network, listening to Hip-Hop/R&B music, and people-watching.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I am very excited and appreciative to be a part of this amazing project. I truly enjoy listening, learning, and most importantly laughing with the clients. From workshops to phone calls, I really appreciate you all's willingness to share your knowledge and letting me be a part of your network. Peace and Blessings.

TEAM PICK

One of my favorite movies is Four Christmases.



READ THE MARSHALL PROJECT

The Marshall Project is a nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization that seeks to create and sustain a sense of national urgency about the U.S. criminal justice system. They strive to educate and enlarge the audience of people who care about the state of criminal justice. The Marshall Project is named for Justice Thurgood Marshall, an accomplished civil rights attorney and the first African American justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The Marshall Project's recent piece "The Long Way Home" tracks one man's transition from incarceration to life as a returning citizen. www.themarshallproject.org.



WATCH FLINT TOWN

Flint Town is an eight-part docudrama about the crisis of policing in Flint, Michigan. Documentarians embedded themselves in the Flint Police Department, a 98-officer force serving a city of 100,000, in 2015 and 2016. The series spans the intensification of the Flint Water Crisis and the 2016 national election. Flint Town is a troubling and fascinating immersion in small-city crime and punishment that addresses issues of policing, crime, poverty, and racism. Available on Netflix.



LISTEN TO UNCIVIL

Uncivil is a history podcast by Gimlet Media that delves into how America's divisions led to the Civil War, and tells the untold stories of the Civil War that didn't make it into your history book. Hosted by journalists Jack Hitt and Chenjerai Kumanyika, the series discusses covert operations, corruption, resistance, mutiny, counterfeiting, antebellum drones and more. Uncivil also connects the forgotten struggles of the Civil War to modern political struggles. Available on Apple Podcasts, Overcast, Spotify, Google Play, Pocket Casts, Breaker, Stitcher, Tune In, iHeartRadio, and RadioPublic.

BY CLAIRE NAGEL

THANK YOU TO
THOSE OF YOU WHO
ATTENDED OUR
EASTERN MARKET
WORKSHOP!

SADO's next workshop will be held July 22nd at 2pm. See more above in the Upcoming Events section.



FAREWELL!

The bittersweet time has come to say goodbye to two of our wonderful team members at Project Reentry, Brooke and Claire. While we will miss them a great deal, we are so excited about their next steps. Thank you for all the spirit, innovation, and dedication you both brought to the project.



Brooke, pictured right.

GOODBYE, BROOKE WOLTERS!

REASON FOR LEAVING

I'm graduating with my Masters in Social Work, so my field placement at SADO is unfortunately coming to an end.

FUTURE PLANS

I'm moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan to work on an organic farm. I plan on spending my free-time finding work related to community reentry, homelessness prevention, and/or drug policy reform.

PROJECT REENTRY HIGHLIGHT

I've been able to sit down with some of you and interview you on where you're at now: sharing your wisdom, hearing about your successes and your struggles, your hobbies and interests. Those conversations have meant so much to me. Working on this newsletter, too, has been a gift (shoutout to Mr. Antonio Williams for all of his heart and inspiration in that development!).

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

This year has flown by. I will never be able to thank you all enough for the incredible impact that you've had on me. Thank you, from the deepest depths of my being, for teaching me about the power of resilience, motivation, a positive attitude, and empathetic hearts. Stay strong, and know that you're not in it alone. I wish you all the best as you continue to make the world a more restorative, healthy place. Peace!



GOODBYE, CLAIRE NAGEL!

REASON FOR LEAVING

I'm leaving to focus on my coursework as I finish up my MSW and law degree at the University of Michigan.

FUTURE PLANS

I will graduate in December. After that, I plan to move to Chicago and find work related to criminal justice reform.

PROJECT REENTRY HIGHLIGHT

The best part of working on Project Reentry was getting to know our clients!

I loved talking with clients through video visits to discuss post-release plans, spending time with clients in the days following their release, and seeing our clients at monthly workshops. My favorite aspect of Project Reentry is problem-solving with clients when they encounter an obstacle and celebrating clients' many achievements and successes.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY I am so grateful to all of the people who helped me learn and grow during my time working with Project Reentry. Thank you to our clients, my supervisors and colleagues, and everyone at SADO for making this such a great learning experience.



ALLISON GORINE'S FAMOUS CHICKEN AND RICE

Ingredients:

1 whole chicken, cut into serving pieces
2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, diced
1 tbsp cumin
2 tbsp smoked paprika
4 cloves garlic, sliced thin
1/3 cup sliced green olives
2 tbsp capers
1 tbsp dried oregano
1/4 tbsp cayenne pepper
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
2 tbsp sugar
2 tbsp kosher salt
1/4 cup tomato paste
2 cups white long grain rice
4 cups chicken broth

On high heat brown chicken parts on both sides using a sauté pan (about 5 minutes per side). After chicken is browned, add about 1/4 cup of broth to pan to deglaze. Turn heat off and set aside.

In a Dutch oven or oven safe soup pot, sweat onion and peppers in olive oil on the stove top for about 5 minutes. Add all spices, garlic, capers, olives, tomato paste, and stir for a couple minutes. Pour in rice and stir until rice is coated with the tomato paste.

Add broth and chicken parts and bring to a simmer. Cover with lid and bake in oven at 350 degrees for approximately 45 minutes or until rice is cooked thoroughly.

Tip: Skip the task of cutting a whole chicken and use wings and/or thighs instead. Any 6-8 pieces of chicken is sufficient.

Note: Capers and olives are optional.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MOVIES

GRAB A PARK CHAIR OR SPREAD YOUR BLANKET ON THE LAWN AND ENJOY THIS MIX OF OLD AND NEW FILMS IN THE OPEN-AIR. DOORS AT 8:00 P.M. MOVIES AT 9:00 P.M. OR LATER.

New Center Park
2998 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202

July 11th: Lean On Me (PG-13)
July 18th: No movie
July 25th: I Am Not Your Negro (PG-13)
August 1st: Dream Girls (PG)
August 8th: It (R)
August 15th: Wonder Woman (PG-13)
August 22nd: Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13)
August 28th: Black Panther (PG-13)

THE DRUM IS BEGINNING A FEATURE ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) AND HOW TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS AND ACCESS RESOURCES TO HELP COPE. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE UTILIZING PTSD RESOURCES, OR IF YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING YOUR EXPERIENCE, PLEASE CONTACT KATE YUGO AT KYUGO@UMICH.EDU OR LEAVE A VOICEMAIL AT (313) 731-2057