

Our Mission

“Reduce the recidivism rate of the most vulnerable women released from the “Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women.”

By providing a source of post release housing appropriate to foster the achievement of the transition goals developed by the inmate as part of the Reentry Life Plan class prior to release.

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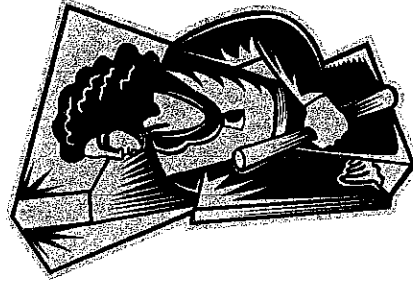
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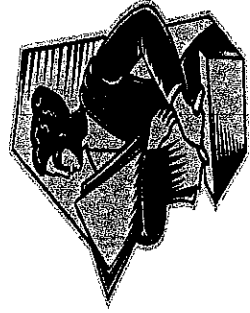
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SWANNANOA VALLEY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE (SVTHC)

SVTHC is an organization of volunteers who assist inmates of the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW) develop transitional goals and further assist in meeting those goals after the inmate is released. We work with any inmate planning to be released to WNC who sincerely wants to make a change in herself and the life style which resulted in her incarceration.

- By working with or providing mentors before and after release from prison.
- By finding or by providing emergency or transitional housing.
- By assistance in finding, or by supplying structured programs.
- By supplying or finding, and maintaining safe, affordable long term housing.
- By promoting cooperation among community organizations and providers of support services.
- By educating the public regarding the needs and benefits of supporting these women in transition.



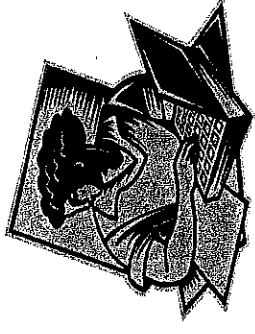
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BACKGROUND

Each year 41% of the admissions to prison for felony crimes are recidivist, also each year 53% of the admissions to prison for misdemeanor crimes are recidivists. NC Department of Corrections currently houses approximately 2850 female inmates. Women are the fastest growing population in the prison industry. In 2008 SCCW, then Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women, had an inmate population of 80 women. In 2010 the prison population at SCCW grew to 200 inmates and has the largest capacity for expansion of all women's prisons in the state. A population of 495 inmates is expected at SCCW.

Women who are most vulnerable are without a home plan. To have a home plan the inmate must either, own a home, or have a family member or a friend who will commit to providing shelter, or be accepted into a fee or free shelter which will commit to providing shelter for an extended period. On the day a sentence is completed an inmate without a home plan is transported to the steps of the convicting county courthouse and released. No money, no food, no clothes and now homeless. On average 70% of inmates released into this situation return to prison within 3 years.

Since 1999 until 2009, 400 women have participated in the Reentry Life Plan program at SCCW. Less than 10 women participants have returned to prison. This is a 4% failure rate, compared to the 70% average recidivism rate of North Carolina prisons



A SAFE PLACE TO
LIVE & LEARN

THE PROBLEM

With an estimated 600% increase of those we help it will be difficult to maintain the success rate we have previously held without being able to offer housing opportunities of our own.

The first obstacle any inmate without a home plan faces once released is housing. Without the assurance of appropriate housing survival instincts take over..

OUR GOAL

SVTHC will address the shelter issue by providing short term supervised transitional housing offering access to onsite and offsite programs and classes to insure a successful reentry as a positive citizen of WNC.

SVTHC will buy and/or rent appropriate short term housing for newly released citizens of WNC. The amount of housing available will depend on funding.

SVTHC will employ a house director as funds allow.