

Dear colleagues,

Please [sign-up here](#) as a partner for [Second Chance Month](#) this April. Second Chance Month is an initiative involving a growing coalition of over 80 partners to help raise awareness about the challenges people face when they return home and promote ways we can all unlock second chances.

We welcome all different types of entities to join us in celebrating (organizations, businesses, churches, temples, universities, etc.) and you do not have to make a big commitment to do so – promoting April as Second Chance Month via social media is an easy and impactful way to spread the word. We even have a handy social media toolkit you can use.

For those of you interested in engaging at a deeper level, take a look at a menu of options at www.prisonfellowship.org/secondchances or plan your own April event, pen your own op-ed, or advance a Second Chance Month resolution. U.S. Sen. Portman and Rep. Cardenas have both agreed to lead House and Senate resolutions again this year and we have a form email asking the President to issue a Second Chance proclamation here. There is a model resolution/proclamation you can share with your state or city policymaker contacts here,

Also, please save these dates for those in DC – Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm we will have a Second Chance Month kick-off event at the Museum of the Bible hosted by Prison Fellowship. Then on Saturday, April 7th at 9:30am we will have the “Road to Second Chances” event in SE DC. More details below my signature and if you or your organization would like to table or volunteer at the Road to Second Chances event, please contact my colleague Caitlin Dawkins at Caitlin_Dawkins@pfm.org.

I look forward to celebrating with you this April!

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Remember those in prison

Event: Road to Second Chances

Date, time, and location: Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in SE DC

Event Objective : This event will bring the media, faith leaders, returning neighbors, and community organizations together to celebrate April as Second Chance Month. Faith leaders will lead community members on a prayer walk as returning citizens share their stories. The walk will start at Anacostia Park Skating Pavilion at 1900 Anacostia Drive SE, Washington D.C. (Once you enter the park, look for directional signs to the skating pavilion. Participants may begin to arrive at 9:00 at the park and the event will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.). The walk will end with a reentry fair at the DC Dream Center at 2826 Q St SE, Washington, DC 20020 approximately one mile away. The resource fair will provide information and tools to returning citizens and families impacted by crime and incarceration. This event will be a collaborative, non-partisan event hosted by Second Chance Month coalition members and faith partners. Faith leaders will provide prayer, and partner churches will donate work-related attire so fair attendees in need will receive clothing for job interviews.

Confirmed resources to participate in tabling:

Prison Fellowship, DC Dream Center, Mayors Office of Returning Citizens Affairs, Arm & Arm, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Central Union Mission, Women Involved in Reentry Efforts, Christian Legal Aid, Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School, Suited for Change, Council for Court Experience, One Love = True Change and more