



H.O.P.E Baltimore

Today, I would like to introduce to you H.O.P.E. Baltimore first newsletter. This newsletter will feature stories of triumph in the face of seemingly overwhelming obstacles. It will celebrate the thousands of Baltimore residents, who have come home from incarceration and rebuilt their lives, re-established their family ties and contributed to our great city. Beyond the success stories, this newsletter will also detail many of the services available to the formerly incarcerated in our city. It is our goal to create stronger bonds between our returning citizens and the city they call home. H.O.P.E. stands for Helping Oppressed People Excel. And we believe it is only through. It is only through better integrating our returning citizens into our city that they can begin to heal, and tap into their limitless potential. And it is only through this process that

Baltimore —home to more than 70,000 people who have either been to prison or are currently under state supervision — can truly help all the oppressed people in Baltimore, from the formerly incarcerated to those who have and never will see the inside of a prison, excel.

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Nigel Jackson

Incarceration date: 10/18/2018

Release date: 02/14/2023

A SUCCESS STORY

My name is Troy Alexander from H.O.P.E (helping oppressed people excel) a reentry community connection organization. I had the pleasure to interview my close friend Nigel Jackson who is also a member of H.O.P.E. Mr. Nigel Jackson faced many challenges coming home. The main two were stable housing and the allure of his past criminal life that would lead to his incarceration again if he went back. They gave him the title of King pin which he states is more of a trick by the government to give a person more time. Nigel states in his opinion that such titles should be reserved for people like El Chapo and Big Meech. Then he stated that all that he wanted was to provide for his family and children legally. So he decided not to rush the reentry process because he knew the damage that he caused to himself, others and his community. Nigel took his time to acquire the necessities to function as a mature man and productive citizen of society. Nigel got his driver license and through H.O.P.E was placed in the Americorp program to get his community health worker certification. Nigel is now helping others through H.O.P.E and Americorp by giving people the same resources that were given to him to succeed. As Nigel's mindset keeps growing, Nigel says it feels good to be a

giver into society rather than a liability. Nigel told me even though he lost everything, what was important to him was that he still had his name and family. Nigel Jackson's story proves that you can overcome the system that is set up against you and still thrive.



RESOURCES

EMERGENCY SHELTER

HELPING MISSION

410 675 7500

701 S. Charles ST.

Intake: 9am-5pm

Everyday 24hrs

HEALTH CARE

Park West Health Systems

410 764 2216

4120 Patterson AVE.

410 542 7800

3319 W. Belvedere AVE

Anthony Blackwell

Entry date: 07/17/1975

Release date: 09/25/2019

Mr. Anthony Blackwell. Mr. Anthony's story is truly amazing. He served 40 plus years in prison. While in prison He took an art class for graphic print design and then he entered into a design contest and won. One of the judges was named Jack Webber who would later become his boss when he was released. Mr. Anthony's home plan was to stay with his sister but she passed away. Mr. Anthony was then placed in transitional housing owned by Mr. Pastor Payne. He stayed in the house for a year from 2019 until 2020. He got his learner permit, and then went to driver school where he then was able to achieve his driver license. Mr. Anthony was working at an Italian restaurant on Fleet ST. in little Italy, and Mr, Webber from earlier hired him as a contractual worker at uptown press for two months. The restaurant closed due to covid, and he was hired full time at uptown press as a digital copier technician. Mr. Anthony also operates the four big copy machine laminators, and the wide format machine. Mr.

Anthony is still working there until this very day. Mr. Anthony gets the gold star in my book, because he overcame a forty plus year sentence. He has shown that nothing can stop a person with the will to do it. All of us at H.O.P.E salute Mr. Anthony Blackwell. Be safe and blessed.