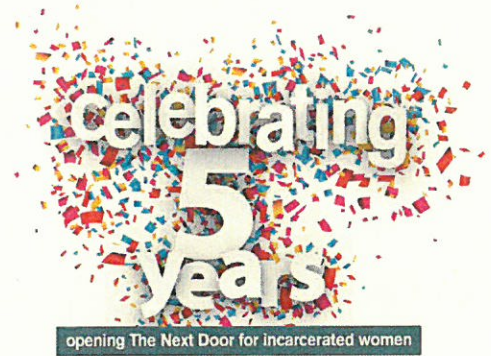




The
Next Door
CHATTANOOGA

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Jim Brewer
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Dear Jim,

We are so very grateful for the support you have given to The Next Door (TND) Chattanooga over the past year. All year, we are celebrating FIVE YEARS of *opening the next door for incarcerated women* and we want to thank you for being such an important part of equipping women for a successful transition back to society.

In the five-year history of our Correctional Release Center, we have served over 400 women and celebrate a recidivism rate of 18%, which compares to a national average near 77%, and a state average of 48%. It seems that our nurturing program of therapy, case management, workforce development and family enrichment, specializing in gender-specific, trauma-informed care, is truly having a positive impact on lives.



Recently, another resident walked through her next door to freedom. At her transition ceremony, she shared words she hoped would express a portion of her gratitude for the chance to come to TND Chattanooga.

I'm not proud of what I did, and am so sorry for the pain I caused to many. After being locked up for 15 years, being here at The Next Door has helped me feel more like my true self, a woman of integrity. Each staff member has taught me something, and has helped me feel respected and cared for. And to all of those people who give to support this organization, Thank You so much. Because of you, I was able to come here and now feel so much more prepared and confident about going back into society. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Jim, YOU have helped write this story and produce these outcomes, and your support has helped TND Chattanooga provide Teresa and other women with ongoing programming in a collaborate environment that is nurturing, supportive, and empowering.

Thank you for being a part of this story! We hope you'll consider celebrating with us at our Sept. 22 party!

Cindy

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*Jim,
Thank you for all the ways you
are helping to write
Teresa's story, and TND's
story!
-Cindy*

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