Sponsors New Look
JUSTICE REIMAGINED

With the support of amazing partners and friends, Sponsors is growing towards the future, which means as an organization we are ever-evolving, constantly moving, and forwardly imagining.

Part of our evolution as an organization includes a more visible and modern presence within the community. We are excited to present our new look and tagline which have changed to reflect our growth and vision for the future!

The new logo, which features a path of steps, embodies the unique path each individual must take on their journey. The new color scheme reinforces our critical position as friendly and trustworthy allies in helping transform individuals’ lives after incarceration.

The provocative new tagline “Justice Reimagined” demonstrates our deep commitment to being thought leaders and experts in the field of social justice and transformative reentry services for individuals with conviction histories.

We hope you love Sponsors’ new look as much as we do!
The Sponsors Community Bike Shop is managed by current and former Sponsors participants who receive training and mentorship from experienced volunteers to refurbish and repair bicycles. The newly restored bicycles are provided on loan to Sponsors program participants who need a bike to maintain employment, access support services, and visit family and loved ones. Additionally, the program sells refurbished bicycles to the community at large, which includes former Sponsors participants who no longer live in Transitional Housing. The shop offers discounted bike repair services at rates that are 50-75% less than local bike shop prices for labor, parts and repairs.

All revenues from the shop are directly reinvested in the bike program. They support job training, participant stipends and scholarships, and help to cover basic operational costs. Individuals who work a minimum of six months in the shop receive a scholarship to obtain Bike Mechanic Certification. Proceeds also support a Hardship Fund that provides assistance to individuals who need bike repairs but do not have the means to pay for them. Proceeds from the shop also allow for a small monthly stipend for the lead mechanic and help to offset Sponsors’ costs for parts and materials.

Please consider us the next time your bike needs a tune-up or repair! The shop is in need of a new bike stand and could use your support; if you’d like to donate directly to this need, please contact Jen Jackson at jenjackson@sponsorsinc.org. We are also currently seeking an experienced bike mechanic to volunteer as a mentor in the Community Bike Shop on Thursdays from 9am-12pm.

Sponsors Community Bike Shop
OFFERING RELIABLE SERVICES WHILE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

The Sponsors Bike Shop is open Tuesdays 12-4pm and Wednesdays/Thursdays from 9am-12pm.

Like Our Mentorship Page On Facebook!
The Mentorship Program...

- Facilitates mentoring relationships between community volunteers and people who have been released from jail or prison
- Offers certified Peer Mentoring to support folks who are on a path to recovery from substance abuse
- Coordinates pro-social, healthy activities for program participants and their friends and families, with the aim of fostering new habits and providing experiences that otherwise would not be accessible to participants

Throughout the month of December, we’re holding a “Facebook Likes Drive” to build awareness in the community about this amazing program!

facebook.com/sponsorsincmentorship

Be sure to click “like” and “share”!
From The Director
PAUL SOLOMON

As we enter this season of giving and gratitude,

I am reminded that we have so much to be thankful for, including the many ways our community supports our work. Your donations of clothing and household goods, volunteer hours, financial support and advocacy make it possible for participants to make major transformations.

Approximately 700,000 people will release from prison this next year alone. Here in Oregon, more than 50% of the people getting out of prison have no identified housing and few if any resources. As homelessness continues to rise in Lane County, Sponsors is playing a critical role in one of the most complex social issues of today. Which is why we are growing and expanding services, a few highlights include:

- Construction of our new tiny home community that will add an additional 10 units for people who experience housing instability
- Expansion of our cognitive behavioral therapy offerings to include 39 groups a week at Sponsors facilities and the Lane County Jail
- On-site mental health services
- A new housing initiative, The Way Home

This year, you have an opportunity to make a real, meaningful difference to those who are faced with the daunting task of rebuilding their lives from scratch upon reentry. You can be a part of their transformation by making a donation today. Your gift pays for direct services and basic needs, including bus passes, Oregon identification, bedding, hygienic supplies, rent assistance and much more. On behalf of our board of directors, staff and most importantly the brave men and women who work so hard to turn their lives around, we thank you for your generosity.

With all best wishes for a healthy and joyful holiday season,

Paul Solomon
Executive Director

Ways to Support Sponsors

1. Sponsors Warehouse
We are always accepting donations of household goods, clothing and personal items for our participants to make their home feel like home after release. Open Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm.

2. Art Gallery
Browse our selection of art that reveals a story of healing and redemption. These items would make for wonderful gifts and are available for purchase to support our artists!

3. Financial Giving
Donations to support our programs can be conveniently made both by check and online through PayPal at https://sponsorsinc.org/donate/.
Welcome New Staff & Board Members!

Nick Riolo  
Finance Director

Nick is a US Navy Veteran with 12+ years of experience in accounting & finance. Nick’s role is to maximize revenue contracts & grants, provide budgeting and financial reports, and ensure solid financial controls within the organization.

Megan Falkenstein  
Development Director

With 5+ years of experience in donor relations, as well as a distinguished understanding of affordable housing, Megan brings in her passion, expertise and creativity to increasing organizational awareness and building relationships.

Rob Dodson  
Board Member

In joining Sponsors Board, Rob brings experience in human resources, organization effectiveness, training, and team building. Having once taken advantage of a second chance opportunity himself, Rob also brings a personal appreciation for Sponsors’ mission.

Support Sponsors and give back to the community when you shop through Amazon Smile and pick Sponsors as your charitable organization of choice.