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Sir/Ma'am,

Before/During/After Foundation

Our mission is to ignite a movement that inspires – and demands – the eradication of incarceration. We believe in human dignity, second chances, and the unstoppable power of hope.

Through the **Before/During/After Foundation**, we are rewriting the narrative and transforming the lives of individuals and families impacted by incarceration. With nearly 2 million people incarcerated in the United States and over 600,000 returning to their communities each year, the effects of incarceration are far-reaching and deeply felt—even by those who may not be directly touched by the justice system. The financial cost to taxpayers is a staggering \$182 billion annually, but the true cost lies in the lost potential of those incarcerated and the lack of meaningful resources for rehabilitation and reintegration.

Our mission is rooted in a comprehensive approach:

Before: We aim to reach those at-risk individuals who may be headed down a path toward incarceration and offer intervention, encouragement, and guidance before it's too late.

During: We support those currently serving time by providing access to inspiration, education, personal development, and support for their families, especially as they prepare for the complex process of reentry.

After: We are committed to walking alongside returning citizens, ensuring they are connected to critical resources for employment, housing, mental health, and community support. Our goal is to ease their transition, rebuild their sense of dignity, and foster successful reintegration into their families and society.

We are committed to changing the system—not just by addressing incarceration, but by offering hope, healing, and real opportunities for those most affected by it.

Eradicating Incarceration. Empowering Lives.



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At the **Before/During/After Foundation**, we know that stories have the power to transform—not just minds, but entire lives. Too often, the voices of incarcerated individuals are silenced or overlooked. Yet behind prison walls are stories of pain, survival, redemption, and resilience waiting to be heard. That’s why we’ve created the BDA Author Empowerment Grant—to remove financial barriers and open a path for incarcerated individuals to tell their stories and be seen as more than their past.

We’re proud to partner with Comeback Season Publishing to offer these grants, giving aspiring incarcerated authors the opportunity to share their stories, reclaim their voices, and become published authors. This is more than a creative outlet—it is a chance for healing, empowerment, and redemption.

Apply for a BDA Author Empowerment Grant:

Eligible applicants are currently incarcerated individuals only. They can request a Comeback Season Publishing Grant Application by mail or email. Grants will cover the cost of professional publishing services, including manuscript preparation, editing, cover design, and placement in the publisher’s online bookstore. Applicants must submit a completed application to be considered for a grant.

Completed applications can be sent to:

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Why Donate:

Every donation directly supports our grant fund and the resources needed to help authors reclaim their stories and transform their futures. When you donate, you are not just supporting a book—you’re investing in hope, humanity, and long-term change. Together, we are building a future where incarceration no longer defines lives. Your support helps us expand expectations, shift outcomes, and restore dignity to individuals who deserve the opportunity to rebuild, thrive, and contribute positively to society.

We thank you for your interest in our mission and invite you to join us in rewriting what’s possible—for every life, at every stage: Before, During, and After.

Jamison Charles
Founder

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