THE WOMEN'S PROJECT

Means to me safety and understanding. When no one else would take me, The Women's Project took me on and advocated for me. I am grateful for The Women's Project because they have given me a chance for recovery, staying clean and sober one day at a time. They gave me a second chance at freedom.

— T.R.

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WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

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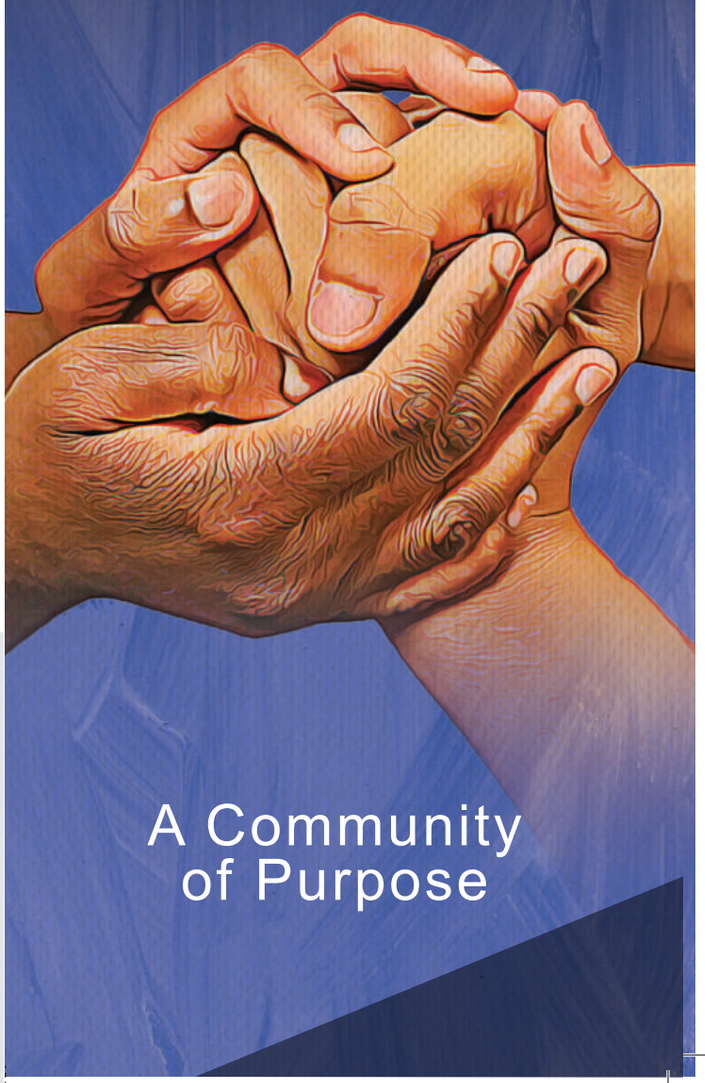

A Community of Purpose

WHO WE ARE

The Women's Project is a program that provides an alternative to pre-trial detention and incarceration. We marry legal advocacy, education and service provision to transform the existing culture in our criminal courts and permanently decrease the number of women detained in our City jails and State prisons. We provide holistic, integrative, culturally competent and person-centered services to assist women in returning to court and participating in their defense.

We are a community of shared expertise and experience. We believe in the power of individual agency and collective engagement. Women come to our space to learn, to grow, and to gather support. We aim to create the space and stop the noise that often prevents women from finding their individual power—the power that will help them to live the lives they want and make their dreams real, no matter what challenges await.

The Women's Project is part of a larger partnership with defender offices and District Attorneys in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. We have strong relationships with numerous community-based organizations throughout the city to ensure that holistic services are fully synchronized.

WHAT WE DO

- Provide immediate, clinically-informed support and continued coordinated care.
- Craft individualized plans designed around each woman's stated needs and help advocate for release.
- Assist women in applying for benefits, securing housing and otherwise interfacing with governmental agencies.
- Help in accessing medical assessments and firm connections to preferred care.
- Create advocacy plans to address collateral consequences of arrest and detention.
- Provide court reminders and support at every appearance.
- Make connections to employment, training and education.
- Place women in transitional and permanent jobs through Wildcat and external partners.
- Develop financial wellness plans and connect women to individual financial mentors.
- Facilitate self-care workshops and self-advocacy trainings.
- Hold weekly therapeutic groups.
- Contribute to policy conversations.
- Publish monthly community newsletters and quarterly creative writing collections.
- The Women's Project Book Club.

WHEN DO OUR SERVICES BEGIN?

We begin to coordinate care and advocate for women while they are still detained.

WHEN DO OUR SERVICES END?

When women are stabilized in the community.

HOW TO REFER?

All referrals to ***The Women's Project*** must come through defense counsel. If you would like to refer someone, please contact us, and we can reach out to the assigned attorney.

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