



Project RETURN to Host Public Ally for 2024-2025 Year

We are welcoming a new member to our team! Milo Blackwood, a Public Ally, started at our organization on September 23rd, having reached out to us in hopes of serving with us during his time in Public Allies. His role at Project RETURN will include working with participants, volunteers and Circle Keepers in our Circles of Support Program. Milo will also be managing the website, managing our social media pages, providing media resources through photography, designing materials to support our cause, and much more. When asked about the Public Allies program, Milo had this to say:

“Public Allies is an AmeriCorps program that focuses on forging people into leaders ready to change their communities for the better. The program focuses on offering opportunities to people of color, queer people, and people who have been incarcerated in the past – giving them the opportunities and funds needed to change their lives and the lives of others. Through the Public Allies program, I am offered a stipend while working at Project RETURN, and have access to food, transportation, and health care. The program also offers child care and networking opportunities. Once a participant’s term has been completed, they are given an educational award that will help them earn a degree or pay off student loans.

I joined Public Allies after being laid off, having spent the past decade in IT jobs focused on remote support and customer service. Through Public Allies, I hope to gain more experience and more skills, to better serve my community and offer assistance and resources to those who need it most. I’m excited about working for Project RETURN specifically because I want to learn more about restorative justice, and use the skills I learn here to forge a new career path.”



We are excited to have Milo join our team for the next 10 months. Milo is the first of many new additions to join our team. We will be posting new employment opportunities on our website (www.projectreturnmilwaukee.org) in the next few weeks.

Project RETURN holds 15th Annual Golf Outing



On June 26th the staff and supporters of Project RETURN participated in the 15th Annual Project RETURN Golf Outing on a beautiful day at Muskego Lakes Country Club. The golf outing gives Project RETURN the opportunity to spread our ministry in the community while raising valuable funds for the agency's operation. Through the event participants learned about our partners, shared



fellowship through a catered meal and heard from the staff of Project RETURN about the valuable work of the organization.

Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors!!

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October 26, 2024
Alverno College
3400 S 43rd Street
Meet and Greet
@ 5 pm &
Dinner @ 6pm



Motivating Testimonials
Exceptional Performances
Astonishing Silent Auction Items

Tickets:
\$75/person
\$525/table of 8
\$35/student

To register go to: projectreturnmilwaukee.org

For more information or questions contact Amanda Smit: amanda@projectreturnmilwaukee.org / 414-418-7312

You're invited to the 44th Annual Celebrate the RETURN fundraising banquet and silent auction event!

For more than four decades, Project RETURN has helped individuals who have experienced incarceration make a positive, permanent return to community, family and friends. "Celebrate the RETURN" is our major annual fundraising event. This event provides an opportunity to connect to the larger community and celebrate the successes of our clients in obtaining employment, addressing addiction issues, securing housing, obtaining education and other re-entry needs.

Join us as we Celebrate Our Award Winners:

2024 Elijah O'Neal Award Winner: Andron Lane

2024 Don Bein Award Winner: Laura Vuchetich

2024 Gwen Moore Restorative Justice Award Winner: Judge Mary Triggiano

Tickets for the event can be purchased on our website www.projectreturnmilwaukee.org or you can fill out the form on the next page and send it with payment in the enclosed envelope.



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or by filling out the form below and returning to us with check made out to Project RETURN.

I will support Project RETURN'S vital mission in the following way(s):

_____ I would like to RSVP to attend the Celebrate the Return event on October 26, 2024 at \$75/ticket.
There will be ___ people in my party.

Meal Preference(s)

_____ Chicken Breast Marinated in Lemon, Fresh Herbs and Garlic with a Cilantro Pesto

_____ Grilled Salmon with Tomato, Cucumber and Kalamata Olives

_____ Roasted Vegetable Lasagna – Vegetarian Option

_____ I would like to sponsor a TABLE of 8 at \$525/table with signage on the table and recognition in the banquet booklet.

Name to be recognized on table & in booklet: _____

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_____ I would like to sponsor tickets for Project RETURN clients and their families to attend the event at \$75/ticket. My donation of \$_____ will assist in this manner.

Please indicate the names of those attending and meal preferences.