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

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to RSVP to attend the Celebrate the Return event on October 7<sup>th</sup> at \$60/ticket. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ people in my party.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a table of 8 at \$400/table with signage on the table and recognition in the banquet booklet.

Name to be recognized on table & in booklet: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Preference(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken Breast Marsala-Gluten Free Option

\_\_\_\_\_ Tortilla Crusted Tilapia

\_\_\_\_\_ Breaded Eggplant Lasagna-Vegetarian Option

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor tickets for Project RETURN clients and their families to attend the event at \$60/ticket.

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will assist in this manner.

**Names of Those Who Will Be Attending**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to support Project RETURN by underwriting the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate the Return in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Underwriting to be listed in the Banquet Booklet as: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2017



37<sup>th</sup>  
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## Celebrate the RETURN

October 7, 2017

Meet & Greet at 5pm

Meal Served at 6pm

### Help Us Celebrate Our Clients'

**Victories With:**

**Silent Auction**

**Food**

**Testimonials**

**Live Performances including:**

**Voices of the Fatherless Child**

**Apollian**

**AND MORE!!!!!!**

For more information or to purchase tickets

Contact Wendel Hruska at 414-218-2238

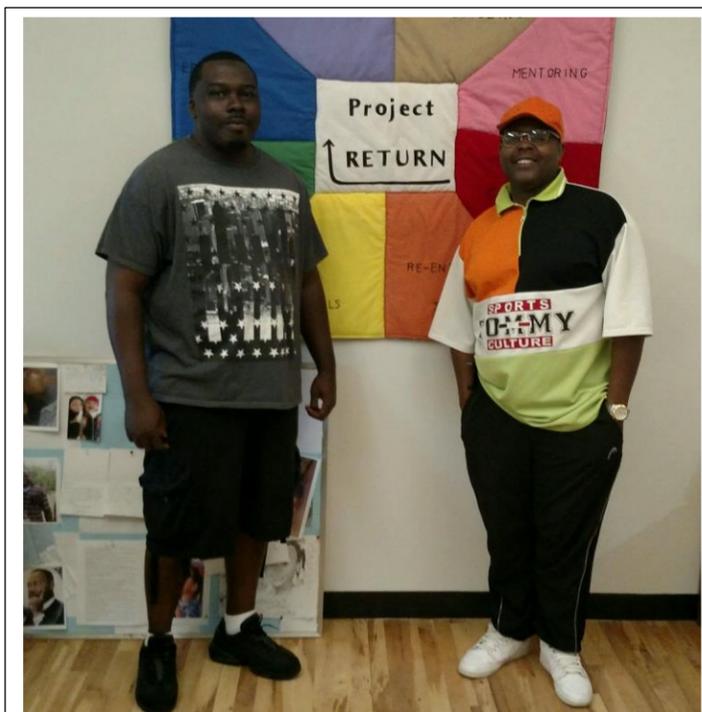
## Meet the New Project RETURN Staff...

In June Project RETURN had the good fortune of being able to expand our staff. We were able to do this through a subcontract of ResCare. This subcontract opened two part-time positions who will be providing case management to our clients while also recruiting eligible participants in the FSET Program (Food Share Employment Training). Through the first couple of months in this program we have been able to enroll many people while also reaching new clients through the increased staff availability. Please welcome our new staff.

### Eugene Nelson

My name is Eugene Nelson (Geno) and I am no stranger to the interfaith ministry of working with individuals who are returning citizens. In fact, it's my "passion" and I share Project RETURN's vision of assisting clients who are often disenfranchised, encouraging them to take advantage of resources and support services which enables them to be positive, productive, and contributing members of society.

As a graduate student at UWM I served my practicum/internship in a local district Senate office working in community outreach, I currently sit on the Prison Action Milwaukee Inc. (PAM) Board of Directors, and I am excited to make a difference in the lives of others individuals on behalf of a reputable organization such as Project RETURN.



Bryan Winters (left) and Eugene (Geno) Nelson (right) started working at Project RETURN in June of 2017.

### Bryan Winters

Bryan Winters became a Case Manager/FSET coordinator at Project RETURN in June 2017. Bryan has had ties off and on with Project RETURN dating back to 2003. He was referred to Project RETURN for AODA counseling by his Parole Agent upon release from prison. Over the years Bryan was bouncing around to different programs seeking help on his quest of re-integrating back into society, but for some reason none impacted him in his life the way Project RETURN did.

In 2015, Bryan once again walked through the doors of Project RETURN, but this time as an intern. During his internship Bryan helped individuals with preparing resumes, spoke one on one with clients, assisted with creating job search packets, housing packets, free and low cost activity packets for families and all day to day duties around the office. He also was given the opportunity to speak at Green Bay Correctional Institution to current inmates, explaining to them the benefits of working with Project RETURN upon release from prison.

After completing his internship at Project RETURN, Bryan obtained his Associates Degree in Human Services at MATC in May 2015. Bryan has continued his schooling and is on track to obtain his SAC-IT and is currently enrolled in Upper Iowa University working toward achieving a degree in Psychology.

## And the New DVR Intern!

My name is Laura Friese, and I came to Project RETURN through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. I am completing a temporary work experience. I will be working for three months in order to gain some experience in my field of study. I have my B.S. in Criminal Justice from UW Milwaukee, where I graduated in 2010. I am originally from Beaver Dam, WI, but my attempt to pursue a career has brought me back to the Milwaukee area. I have spent some time interning and volunteering for Restorative Justice for Dodge Co., Inc. During this time, I realized that I have a desire to help people, and that is the direction I would like to head in my career. I am excited to have the opportunity to work at Project RETURN because of my desire to help people and give back to the community. It is great to be able to get a chance to be a part of an organization that's mission is to help people move forward and be successful. I am excited about what the next three months have to offer.



Laura Friese started her internship at Project RETURN in late August, 2017.

## My Summer at Project RETURN – Eliana Winterbauer-Light



Marquette Summer Intern  
Eliana Winterbauer-Light

I only wish I could have stayed longer. The brief period of my life that I spent at Project RETURN is filled with many moments that I will long recall in all the roles that I will occupy in my life as a student, a psychologist, a family member, and community member, to name a few. I came to this internship in June with only two limited forms of experience working with individuals who have been incarcerated. I was fortunate enough to take a seminar at Marquette that had both students from Marquette and students from the Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center. It rapidly became my favorite class at Marquette. My other experience was mostly vicarious. My dad was an impassioned public defense lawyer for 35 years until the month before he passed away last autumn. I was grateful for this natural segway to continue his work in another form that would inspire my persisting connection with him.

From canvassing throughout the surrounding neighborhoods, to participating in the weekly women's group, and to helping out on office days when I would converse about any given topic with the Project RETURN staff members...I have cherished the relationships I have formed and the greater sense of closeness to Milwaukee I have reached. I've learned what it means to be invested in the well-being of others, whether they are in our office, neighborhood, or city. I witnessed numerous examples when the Project RETURN crew's care and concern did not end with their clients or with the end of their work day. Rather, the care and concern was extended to each other, all they encountered, and in their lives outside of Project RETURN. I know this is only the beginning of my growth in community work and surely not the end of my involvement with this organization.