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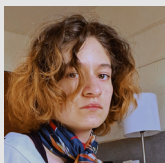
Jessie Anderson | Utica Rescue Mission

Jessie works with the homeless population as a peer engagement specialist with the Utica Rescue Mission, specializing in chemical dependency. She is a proud mother of three children and a grandmother of four—soon to be five. Her life has been dedicated to helping others and giving back to the community.



Montwella Bufford | Unchained

Montwella is the proud parent of three adult children and also has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She has worked in the Syracuse community for more than thirty years, taking care of both the elderly and children. For the past two years, she has worked as a peer specialist, and she is also a member of Unchained.



Ilhy Gomez Del Campo Rojas | Writing & Rhetoric, Creative Writing

Born in Mexico City, Ilhy gained a passion for writing that followed him into the United States when he migrated in 2011 with his family. He has since published two novels, *Say Something Nice* and *Killing Beethoven*. He is the editor in chief for the Boston branch of ALPFA and a digital writer for *Jerk Magazine*.



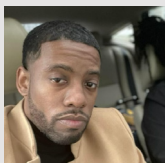
Vince Moody | Unchained

Vince is one of the founders of Real Fathers/Real Men, a mentoring program for young men in Syracuse. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Vince has spent most of his life in Syracuse, where he worked as an electrician/engineer until 2020. He is a member of Unchained.



Katherine Nikolau | Writing & Rhetoric, Public Communications

Born in Moscow, Russia, and raised near Philadelphia, Katherine came to Syracuse to hone her passion for writing in creative and professional contexts. At Syracuse, she enjoys editing for *Perception*, the only arts and literary magazine on campus, meditating with the Buddhist Chaplaincy, and going to cat cafés.



Daquan Noel | Prime Music Management

Daquan is a former musician and currently the manager of Prime Music Management. He has interests in criminal and civil law and a passion for mixed martial arts. Born and raised in Syracuse, NY, he is a father of three and works with Unchained.



Troy Paris | Human Services, Onondaga Community College

Troy is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is committed to helping those in Syracuse recover from various addictions, as he, too, continues his recovery. He is a single father of an eighteen-year-old college student. He is also a member of Unchained.

Theodore Robinson | Unchained

Theo is a retired truck driver and a proud father of two children. While incarcerated, he participated in numerous educational initiatives, earning several vocational certificates. He also has experience working with justice-impacted people. He is a member of Unchained.



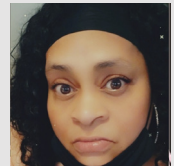
James Seibles | Liberty Resource Behavioral Health

James is a NY Board Certified Peer Recovery Specialist. He works at Liberty Resources Behavioral Health. This year he was nominated for a Proclamation award. He takes pride in being able to channel his personal experiences into empathy and compassion for others.



Jacqueline Thompkins | Outreach Worker

Jacqueline is a proud mother and grandmother. An AmeriCorps alumna, she has worked as a family health development manager for more than twenty years, helping pregnant and parenting women. She has also worked with ACR, promoting prevention options.



Troy White | Senior Editor, Project Mend

Troy is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz with a BS in Social Science. After his release following a fifteen-year sentence, he devoted over 27 years to working in the human services field in a variety of capacities and holds numerous certifications. He is committed to dismantling the carceral state.



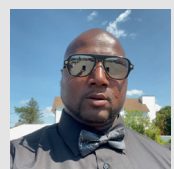
Sherba Whitehurst | Unchained

Sherba is a health care professional and has two beautiful children and four grandchildren. She is an activist against gun violence and a member of Yard Kids, Fountain of Life Church, Shield of Faith, and Unchained.



Michael J. Willacy | PEACE, Inc.

Michael is a poet and the author of four books. He and his wife, Shana, founded Hood Love, LLC, a book publishing company, in 2005, while he was incarcerated. Originally from Queens, NY, Michael is currently a case manager for the family re-entry program at PEACE, Inc.



Daquane Williams | Editor, Project Mend

Daquane is a poet, a writer, and a motivated person with high ambitions. He loves to try his hand at new things. He is currently getting ready to start a new YouTube channel with the hopes of building a community focused on everyday life.



Gabriella Wilson | Composition and Cultural Rhetoric

Gabby is a Ph.D. candidate in the Composition and Cultural Rhetoric program at Syracuse University. She is passionate about disability justice, and her research centers on the experiences of disabled graduate students.

She cares deeply about the practice of transformative justice.

