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Life Together Final Escape Program
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GRAND OPENING

May 15, 2021
10 AM - 2 PM



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Executive Director



Yvonne D. Williams
Program Director

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Life Together, Inc. Final Escape Program

Life Together, Inc. was originally established in 1992 by Bishop David Allen Hall as a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving greater Memphis. As a longtime stakeholder in the South City area of Memphis, Life Together has provided a variety of community services during the last three decades such as the “I Took the Pledge” against gangs, drugs, violence campaign, pre-school day care and afterschool care, community athletics, and community health events.

More than three years ago, Bishop Hall, Executive Director of Life Together proposed a renaissance project designed to revitalize South City by providing comprehensive and innovative programs for the community. As its inaugural program, Final Escape is the cornerstone of the renaissance project.

Final Escape is a mentoring program designed to equip ex-offenders with the necessary skills to get out and stay out of prison. Participants will attend curriculum-based classes, receive re-entry care services, and referrals to community resources designed to revolutionize their lives and empower them to become productive, law-abiding citizens.

Attorney Mischelle Alexander-Best Mistress of Ceremony

Mischelle Alexander-Best, a former General Sessions Court Judge in Shelby County, served as the Domestic Violence Judge for almost five years. She is a longtime community activist. Mrs. Best earned her Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctorate from Memphis State University (University of Memphis). She is married and has two adult sons.



Mrs. Best is a member of various organizations which includes the Memphis Bar Association, National Association of Women Attorneys, NAACP, Women of Achievement, and League of Women Voters. Further, she is a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Prior to taking a job with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department she was in the private practice of law. She is a former public defender and has served as a pro-bono attorney for Delta Commission on Aging and Memphis Area Legal Services. She is a professor at Lemoyne-Owen College where she has taught for over twenty years. Attorney Alexander-Best uses advocacy and teaching as her way of giving back to the community and empowering others.



FINAL ESCAPE STAFF

(Pictured from left to right)

Emma Clayton - Volunteer Support Services
Virginia Brooks - Support Services Administrative Assistant
Yvonne D. Williams - Program Director
Bishop David Allen Hall - Executive Director
Vanessa Christian - Administrative Assistant
Chaplain Julius Hawkins - Instructor

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CLOSING REMARKS & RIBBON CUTTING

RECEPTION & TOUR OF FACILITY



(Pictured from left to right) Bishop David Allen Hall, Mary Portis Hall, Yvonne D. Williams, Darcus F. Greene, Myers A. Jimerson & Pearlie J. Patton Not pictured: David Harris, Taurece A. Riley, Esq., Floyd Veasley, Jerald A. Walker, Sr., Lynnette P. Williams, M.D., and Robert H. Wirt

Before Renovations



Renovations by Williams Home Improvement, Tito Williams, Owner

After Renovations



Reception/Entry Area



Meeting Room

For conferences and class sessions



Food Pantry

Includes personal grooming items for ex-offenders and their immediate families



Clothes Closet

Items are available for infants to adults