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LINC, Inc. and Second Chance Alliance Launch Alliance's First North Carolina Chapter with Community Celebration

Social justice allies from around the state will celebrate the launch of the first chapter of the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance in partnership with LINC, Inc., a Wilmington non-profit. The new Second Chance Alliance chapter will be based in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

[Wilmington, North Carolina, September 16 2019] - The Chapter Launch Party for the New Hanover County partnership between the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance and LINC, Inc. will be held on September 21, 2019, from 1-4pm, at DREAMS of Wilmington. The event will celebrate the creation of North Carolina's first Second Chance Alliance chapter with a program featuring Frankie Roberts, Executive Director of LINC, Inc., Dennis Gaddy, Executive Director of Community Success Initiative (Raleigh NC), Daryl Atkinson, Co-Director of Forward Justice (Raleigh NC), and elected officials.

[LINC, Inc.](#) and the NC Second Chance Alliance work to identify and advocate in support of fair chance practices, policies, and laws that ensure people exiting the criminal justice system have an equal opportunity to be prosperous, law-abiding community members. The goal of the organizations is to reduce recidivism by preventing automatic exclusion from opportunities and thereby cycling individuals back into the criminal justice system.

"We feel like individuals who are justice-involved are starting to be normalized, and not stigmatized as second-class citizens," says Frankie Roberts, LINC, Inc. Executive Director. "As the first official chapter of North Carolina's Second Chance Alliance, we have the opportunity to make a huge contribution to that effort in New Hanover County."

The initial meeting of New Hanover County's Second Chance Alliance chapter, spearheaded by LINC, Inc., will be held October 10, 2019, at which time Roberts says the chapter will establish an agenda for participation in the statewide initiatives. Roberts is currently working with social justice advocates to identify leadership for the local chapter.

The [NC Second Chance Alliance](#) is a statewide alliance of people who are justice-involved, their family members, service providers, congregations, community leaders and concerned citizens that have come together to address the causes of criminal records and the barriers they create to successful reentry.

The Chapter Launch Party will feature a grazing buffet by Chef Keith Rhodes of CATCH, and music by Wilmington DJ Kysheem. The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs can be made on [Eventbrite](#).

Individuals interested in getting involved in the New Hanover County chapter of Second Chance Alliance can contact organizers at secondchancealliance@lincnc.org.

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LINC, Inc. provides transitional living and case management services to meet the immediate needs of men and women returning from prison, assisting them in becoming productive members of the community. LINC, Inc., through its [L.I.T.E. Manhood](#) program, also works to educate and motivate youth to make positive life choices with culturally specific youth development services for African American young men ages 16-24. LINC, Inc. operates the [Marvin E. Roberts Transitional Living Campus](#) which offers shelter, food, and clothing in a therapeutic environment for up to 25 men and 20 women, 25 and older, who have been recently released from State and/or Federal prisons or local jails. LINC, Inc. founded in June 2000 by Executive Director Frankie Roberts and co-founder Tracey Ray, is a Wilmington, North Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of the New Hanover County Local Reentry Council.