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Reentry Advocate Kurtis Taylor to Keynote LINC, Inc. Annual Milestones Dinner

LINC, Inc. will host Kurtis Taylor, executive director of the Bob Barker Foundation, who is dedicated to reducing recidivism rates nationwide, at Linc's 2024 Milestones Dinner fundraiser.

[Wilmington, North Carolina, January 25 2024] - Kurtis Taylor, whose work helping incarcerated citizens transition back to the community has been used as a model throughout the country, will be the keynote speaker at the LINC, Inc. 2024 Milestones dinner on March 21, 2024, 6pm at Windell Daniels Hall, Union Station, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington NC. Taylor, currently executive director of Bob Barker Foundation in Fuquay-Varina, NC, is a widely recognized voice for individuals seeking long-term recovery from substance use disorders. Taylor is personally in long-term recovery, having not used alcohol or any other substance since December 23, 2002.

"I hope people don't miss the chance to be inspired by Mr. Taylor's compelling personal story, whose moving journey I had the privilege of hearing last year," says Michelle Gunn, LINC, Inc. deputy director. "This event will provide a unique opportunity to witness the remarkable strength demonstrated in triumph over adversity. By attending, you not only accept an invitation, but also heed a call to become an integral part of a community and contribute to the collective experience of acknowledging and celebrating the transformative power inherent in personal narratives."

Taylor has extensive experience in advocacy. He was a member of Governor Pat McCrory's Task Force on Mental Health & Substance Use, has served multiple terms as chairperson for the North Carolina Substance Use Disorder Federation, and has been a member of the NC Departmental Waiver Advisory Committee. He is a member of the board of directors for i2i Center for Integrative Health. Taylor is also on the board of the Emerald School of Excellence, the first recovery high school in North Carolina.

As Bob Barker Foundation executive director, Taylor helps organizations reduce recidivism nationwide. Bob Barker Foundation works to eliminate stigmas attached to reentry and justice involvement.

LINC's Milestones Dinner is an annual celebration of the M.E.R. resident graduations, and recognition of inductees to the LINC Society. This fundraising event supports LINC's mission to reduce recidivism through supportive housing and case management. Tickets for the dinner can be [purchased online](#).

LINC, Inc. provides transitional living and case management for men and women returning from incarceration, assisting them in becoming productive members of the community. LINC, Inc. operates the [Marvin E. Roberts Transitional Living Campus](#), a therapeutic environment for men and women. Under the LINC umbrella, a myriad of programs offer diverse supportive services for the formerly incarcerated. LINC, Inc., provides youth programming through [L.I.T.E. Manhood](#), culturally specific programming for African American young men ages 16-24. LINC, Inc., was founded in June 2000 by Frankie Roberts and Tracey Ray, is a Wilmington, NC 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a member of the New Hanover County Local Reentry Council, and the first North Carolina chapter of the statewide Second Chance Alliance.