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Randolph County Sheriff's Office Now Offers Web-based Reentry Resources for Former Inmates and Their Families

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office recently launched a new online resource for formerly incarcerated individuals and their families. Rise4Me.com offers a free, easy-to-use directory of local, regional and national resources that meet the needs of returning citizens. Resources are divided into categories that range from basic needs, such as housing, food, clothing and healthcare, to more advanced forms of assistance, such as mental health, substance abuse treatment, education and employment. Each resource is accompanied by a brief description, contact information and a link to the organization's website.

By working with each participating county, Rise4Me can customize listings and deliver valuable information, free-of-charge, to any former inmate seeking assistance. These resources are available today from numerous local organizations, but they are sometimes difficult to locate. Mary Marvin, Rise4Me's Resource Coordinator, explains; "The key is providing reentry resources all in one place. We want the resources to be easily accessible so returning citizens and their families can easily find the help they need."

With the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism, the Randolph County Sheriff's Office views Rise4Me as a great benefit to the community. "The recidivism rate in our county is alarming. Rise4me is a program that will help reduce this trend. Upon release, many inmates have nowhere to go except back to the same environment that resulted in their arrest. I feel this program will assist these individuals in breaking the cycle. My job as Sheriff is to find more creative means of closing the revolving door of recidivism. By connecting individuals to resources that address their needs, Rise4me will help direct these individuals down a different road that can offer positive results, reducing the chance they will return to jail" – Sheriff Seabolt

About Rise4Me

Rise4Me was founded in 2018 in response to a real problem existing in our society today. The high rates of recidivism in the United States expose the need to get meaningful resources into the hands of formerly incarcerated individuals. RISE stands for Resources for Improvement, Support and Empowerment for returning citizens. The mission of Rise4Me is to break the cycle of incarceration by providing inmates, returning citizens and their families access to resources to enable successful reentry into society. Rise4Me works with local law enforcement and reentry organizations to compile local, regional and national resources and share them in an easily accessible format. For more information about Rise4Me, please visit www.rise4me.com, or contact Rise4Me Resource coordinator Mary Marvin at mmarvin@rise4me.com.

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