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LEGISLATORS APPROVE \$800,000 CONTRACT TO SUPPORT BIRMINGHAM REENTRY EFFORTS THROUGH FIREHOUSE MINISTRIES'

NEW “PATHWAY TO PURPOSE” PROGRAM

Landmark funding to provide wraparound services for individuals reentering society after incarceration

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Firehouse Ministries is proud to announce the approval of an \$800,000 legislative contract to fund *Pathway to Purpose*, a comprehensive reentry program designed to help formerly incarcerated individuals in the Birmingham area successfully rebuild their lives and reintegrate into the community.

The *Pathway to Purpose* program will deliver wraparound support services—including housing assistance, job training and placement, mentorship, life skills development, and access to mental health and substance recovery resources—to individuals navigating one of life’s most challenging transitions. The program reflects Firehouse Ministries’ longstanding commitment to restoring dignity and creating lasting opportunity for Birmingham’s most vulnerable populations.

*“This funding is a game-changer for the people we serve and for the entire Birmingham community. **Pathway to Purpose** will give returning citizens the tools, support, and hope they need to break the cycle and build a new future. We are deeply grateful to our legislators for recognizing reentry as a critical public safety and human dignity issue.”*

— Nicole Boomhover, Executive Director, Firehouse Ministries

Studies show that individuals who receive structured reentry support are significantly less likely to return to incarceration. By investing in *Pathway to Purpose*, legislators are not only investing in individual transformation, they are investing in safer neighborhoods, stronger families, and a more thriving local economy.

Firehouse Ministries has served the Birmingham community for over two decades, offering emergency shelter, professional case management, supportive programs, and permanent supportive housing to men experiencing homelessness and crisis. The organization’s evidence-based approach and deep community partnerships make it uniquely positioned to lead this vital reentry initiative.

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About Firehouse Ministries

Firehouse Ministries is a Birmingham-based nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of men and women experiencing homelessness and crisis. Through emergency shelter, recovery programs, and transitional services, Firehouse Ministries helps individuals find stability, purpose, and a path forward. For more information, visit www.firehouseshelter.com.