

NEWSLETTER



A note from our founder, Marc Howard

The Frederick Douglass Project for Justice was founded on the idea of discovering the common humanity of incarcerated people. For far too long, our criminal legal system has ostracized, marginalized, and abandoned those on the inside. At the Douglass Project, we believe strongly in the values of redemption and mutual respect. Our Prison Visitation Program has already created successful human connections in prisons in Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, New York, and Michigan – and we will soon be expanding to another 4-6 states before the end of 2023. We have already brought thousands of people inside, and we are well on our way to creating a fully national program in which tens of thousands of outside community members can visit a prison and engage in conversations that work to restore humanity and combat stigmas. We are excited to launch this newsletter as a way to keep our past participants, supporters, and donors aware of the Douglass Project’s expansion and development. Our work would not be possible without our donors, who ensure that we can continue to thrive while spreading our work across the country. Thank you so much for your support!

RECENT VISITS



June had many exciting opportunities for prison visits - on June 22, we had our second in-person visit in Michigan at the Genesee County Jail. On June 26, in partnership with Freethink Media, we visited both men's and women's facilities in Washington D.C. We also visited the DC Jail on June 29 with Stand Together, all while continuing our weekly virtual visits in Bent County Correctional Facility in Colorado. We partnered with Duke Engage in July to orchestrate a visit to the Everglades Correctional Institution in Florida. Throughout all of these visits, we exchanged stories, thought introspectively, and had meaningful discussions. The photos above are from these recent visits.

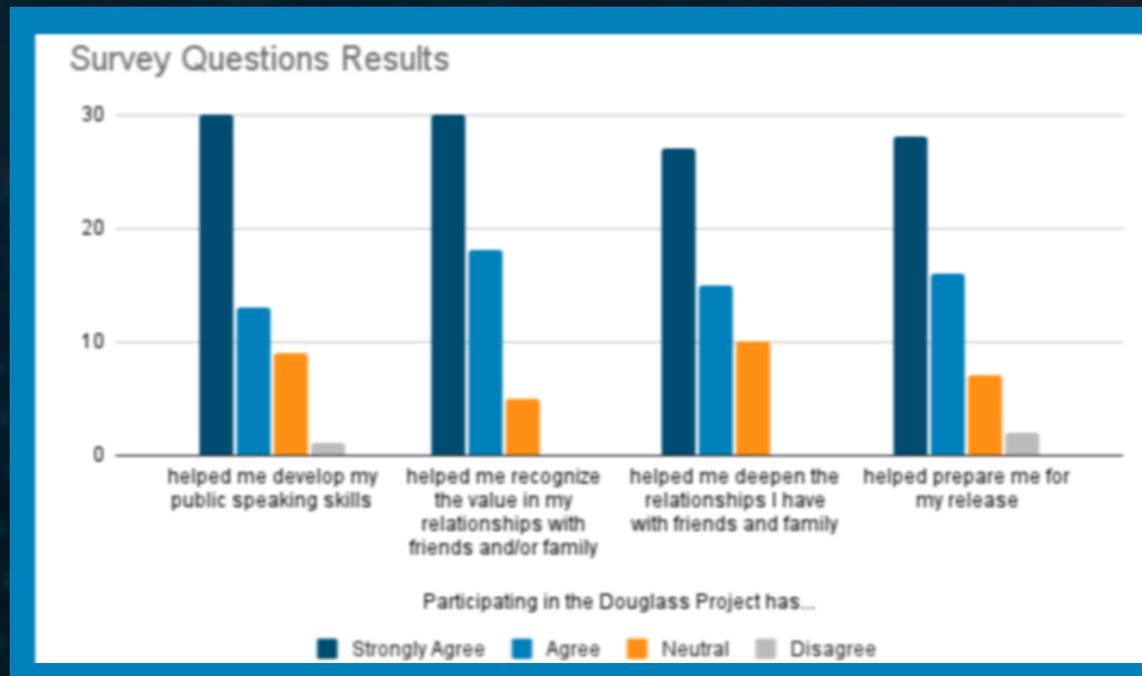
UPCOMING VISITS



Sign up for a prison visit at the link on our website.

What is the impact of these visits?

We surveyed inside participants of the Douglass Project and found overwhelmingly positive results. 94% of those surveyed either agreed or strongly agreed that the program helped their communication skills, and 96% either agreed or strongly agreed that as a result of the Douglass Project, they are more hopeful about their future.



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Charlie, Freddy, Rebecca, Julia, Jordyn, and Ben



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