

Georgia CALLS Celebrates First Anniversary with Open House

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November 24, 2015) Buford, GA --Georgia CALLS, the Georgia Center For Abundant Living Life Skills, a unique 501(c)3 non-profit helping high-risk, returning citizens make a successful transition from incarceration back into society as business entrepreneurs, celebrated their first anniversary with an Open House and Tour on October 23, 2015.

The Open House was held at Georgia CALLS' custom-designed, pilot work/training facility in Buford, and officials from all partnering government entities were in attendance.

Georgia CALLS celebrated a successful first year with a formal ceremony recognizing its supporters, program accomplishments, and remarkable participant achievements. Mark Mobley, Executive Director of Georgia CALLS provided a recap of Georgia CALLS' first successful year. Phillips State Prison Warden Ahmed Holt was the Guest Speaker. Warden Holt has more than 11 years of leadership experience within the Department of Corrections and spoke on the topic of recidivism and the importance of reentry programs within the community.

"There is a direct correlation between reduced recidivism rates, safer neighborhoods, and stronger communities. This is why community awareness is so important. Public understanding and support of reentry programs cultivates generational success. Warden Holt is extremely knowledgeable and we were very pleased to have him share his expertise during our ceremony," said Mobley.

New Fundraising Initiatives Unveiled

Following the ceremony, Mobley unveiled Georgia CALLS' two new fundraising initiatives - the Sponsor a Room Campaign and the Campus Dream Project. Through the Sponsor a Room Campaign, businesses or individuals looking to represent leadership, commitment, and career goals, can support Georgia CALLS by sponsoring a room inside the Georgia CALLS facility. To learn more about Sponsor a Room, visit gacalls.org/give/sponsor-a-room.

The Campus Dream Project is a comprehensive solution-focused model that will meet the needs of both individuals and families searching for a second chance as they reintegrate with society. Supporting Campus Dream is an easy and personal way to make a difference for many people in the community. Georgia CALLS is currently raising funds for Phase 1, which includes a new workspace to accommodate the expanding program and the costs to build-out that facility.

"The Campus Dream Project will enable us to have the greatest impact in our community possible. It's Georgia CALLS, but on a grand scale with numerous work opportunities, job/life skills training, transitional housing, a food bank, tutoring, after school programs, and child care. Our Campus Dream will help us achieve generational change to break the cycle of recidivism," explained Mobley.

To learn more and support Georgia CALLS Campus Dream Project, visit Gofundme.com/georgia-calls.

About Georgia CALLS

Georgia CALLS, a program in partnership with the Governor's Office of Transition, Support & Reentry, the Georgia Department of Corrections and Phillips Transitional Center, is transforming mindsets, growing leaders & building entrepreneurs up, one life at a time. Utilizing a powerful combination of exclusive job/life skills training, paid work experience in the call center, intensive case management services, and optional discipleship classes, participants in the Georgia CALLS program learn to build strong character, explore their own entrepreneurial desires, and in turn give back to their own communities. Georgia CALLS works to make a last community impact by cultivating entrepreneurs

and mentoring participants to be the CEOs of their lives.

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