

*The Southeast Raleigh Assembly
presents
"Mass Incarceration - Creating Opportunities for
2nd Chances and Change".*



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Presents

**Mass Incarceration
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The percentage of the world's total prison population being held in the U.S. prison system.

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The percentage of Black men who will be incarcerated at some point in his lifetime.

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The number of cents a prisoner may be paid per day while manufacturing products for multi-billion dollar corporations.

**Jan.
25th**

Who comes to mind when YOU see the picture above? Your father? Uncle? Brother? Cousin? Friend? Mass incarceration, which could easily be called American slavery 2.0 has continued to intentionally tear down the black community. Come join us for a night of truth-telling, community brainstorming and problem-solving as we view Ava Duvernay's gut-wrenching documentary which details the DELIBERATE actions taken by America's policy and decision makers to ensure that the U.S. remains the world's leader for locking up its citizens. More than 60% of people in U.S. prisons are people of color and a large number of these are incarcerated for non-violent crimes. Our charge is to come together to find and implement holistic solutions to heal our community.

JOIN US

6:00p - 8:30p

Cooperative Extension of Wake County Auditorium
4001 Carya Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610

The 13th Constitutional amendment provides that: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for

crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Under the terms, slavery is legitimized within the United States.

Consider this: In NYC, 83 percent of "stop and frisk" cases involved Blacks and Latinos. Consider that Blacks are only 23 percent of the city's population; in those cases, approximately 85 percent who were stopped, were a Black or Latino person, and the evidence found they were doing nothing wrong. However, one in three prisoners are black men. More than 60% of people in U.S. prisons are people of color and a large number of these are incarcerated for non-violent crimes.

Slavery cannot legally exist in this nation, UNLESS an individual is convicted of a crime. Look back at the numbers. Who is being "suspected" of and targeted/stopped for criminal activity. Let's look at the so-called "War on Drugs". Even though Blacks and Whites use drugs at basically the same rate, Blacks are sentenced to jail at 10 times the rate of Whites. Often, with much longer sentences. When we consider that black people are twice as likely as white people to be out of work and looking for a job, that fact takes on significant meaning when we consider that many black men aren't living at home and can't look for jobs because they are behind bars.

When fathers are taken from families, mothers, grandparents, other family members and friends are left with the burden of having to make sure a family's needs are met. Children are left without the guidance of a male figure in the home. When these men are finally released from bondage, it can be nearly impossible to secure a decent job, earning a decent wage. North Carolina does not easily allow for 2nd chances. These circumstances impact our communities in very negative ways; keep families apart and keep the quality of life for families at bay.

Are Blacks simply prone to criminality as some suggest? Not any more so than any other race. But when a person is targeted, stripped of everything, then left with a complete sense of hopelessness, where else would you expect them to turn and what can we as community members do to change these negative paradigms?

On January 25th, 2017, in response to our viewing of the award winning Director Ava Duvernay's documentary, "13th", we will host an interactive panel discussion of experts and in the fields of prison reform, second chances and entrepreneurship. The goal of the evening is to hear from those directly impacted by this epidemic and begin to design a strategy that we can locally implement to holistically support those who are directly

impacted by the burden of mass incarceration (including the families of the incarcerated) and create opportunities for chances and changes.



Event Details

Date: January 25th, 2017

Time : 6pm - 830pm

**Location: Cooperative Extension of Wake County
The Auditorium
4001 Cary Dr. Raleigh, NC 27610**

**To register please call 919.747.8420 ext 102 or
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