MEDIA ADVISORY

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4th Purpose Foundation, Tennessee Department of Correction and The Knoxville Chamber Host Reentry Simulation

Knoxville, TN – Local government, civic and business leaders will join 4th Purpose Foundation, Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) and the Knoxville Chamber at Junior Achievement of East Tennessee’s JA BizTown on June 15-16, 2021 for an interactive simulation of the criminal justice reentry process. The goal of the two-day program is to bring greater awareness regarding the challenges formerly incarcerated people face while also highlighting opportunities brought about by the recent passage of two key pieces of criminal justice reform legislation: the Reentry Success Act and the Alternatives to Incarceration Act.

“The criminal justice reentry process can be extremely difficult and is a contributing factor to why our recidivism rates are so high,” said 4th Purpose Foundation Founder and CEO Josh Smith. “Thanks to the efforts of Governor Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly, there are new opportunities for local leaders and advocates from all sectors to get involved in broadening the safety net for our reentry community. Our goal with this program is to bring our local leaders together for a thought-provoking and mission-focused conversation on how we can deploy more resources and reduce recidivism."

“The Reentry Simulation is a good reminder for people who supervise offenders in the community. It helps them realize the challenges that people face. With the support of Governor Lee and the General Assembly, we will continue to move in the right direction, said TDOC Commissioner Tony Parker.

What: 4th Purpose Foundation, TDOC and Knoxville Chamber reentry simulation.

When: June 15-16, 2021
Session 1: June 15 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Session 2: June 15 at 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Session 3: June 16 at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Session 4: June 16 at 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Junior Achievement of East Tennessee BizTown
2135 N Charles G. Seivers Blvd, Clinton, TN 37716

Who: Tony C. Parker, TDOC Commissioner
Josh Smith, 4th Purpose Foundation CEO
Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor
Charme Allen, Knox County District Attorney
Tom Spangler, Knox County Sheriff
Jim Haslam, businessman and philanthropist
More than 150 other government, civic and business leaders.

See video of the 2020 Reentry Simulation at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0U_rqDAFW

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