



EXONERATEDNATION

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HEALING INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA

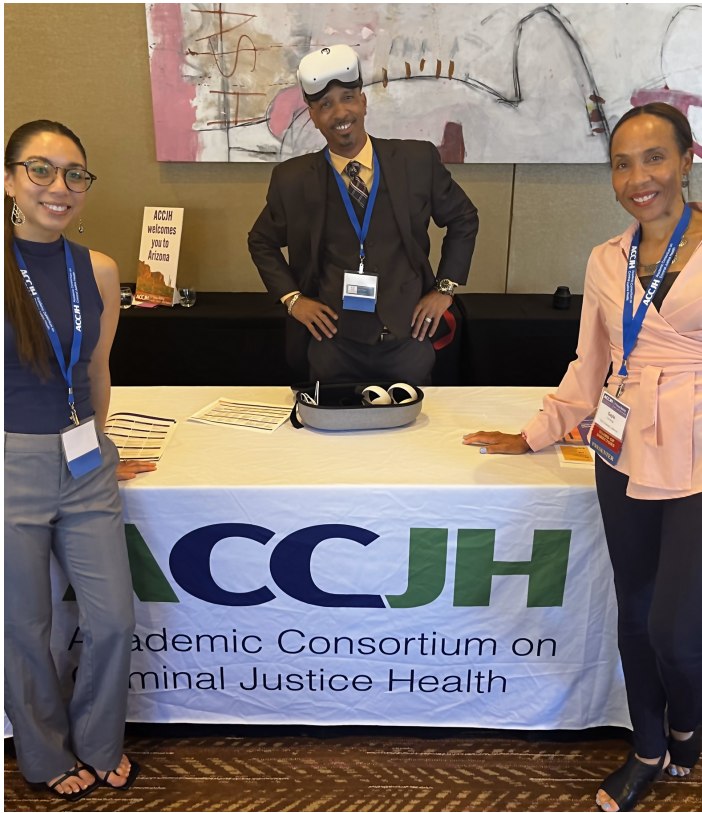
We celebrate the success of our most recent annual retreat held in September 2024 at the Sierra Health Foundation in sunny Sacramento, CA. Exonerees, family members, and loved ones from near and far came together to create a space dedicated to healing and connection, focusing on restoring and strengthening relationships affected by wrongful convictions. This event was funded by the Kaiser Permanente Community Foundation.



HIKE FOR JUSTICE

Approximately 40 exonerees, family members, and community friends and supporters participated in this second annual guided Hike for Justice, held at Cataract Falls, CA in April 2024. This event aims to promote overall physical and mental wellbeing and is supported by the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council.

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Virtual Reality for Exonerees: A Usability Study, presented at ACCJH 2024 Conference, (left to right) Anika Lee, Obie Anthony, Gayle Cummings

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

Our research is dedicated to a participatory action framework that empowers exonerees to lead and fully engage in all aspects of our research platform. This approach ensures that exonerees are not only involved but also influential in shaping the direction and outcomes of our studies.

In partnership with the Touro University California Public Health Program, our Virtual Reality (VR) for Exonerees Usability Study evaluates the effectiveness of VR technology, specifically mindfulness applications, in alleviating symptoms related to the trauma of wrongful conviction. This innovative approach aims to provide exonerees with practical tools for managing their recovery and enhancing their quality of life.



CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Exonerated Nation has provided education to California policy makers since 2015, advocating for the development of legislation that improves the lives of exonerees and furthers overall criminal justice reform.

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UPCOMING

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025

Women exonerees face unique, often overlooked challenges, particularly as mothers and caregivers. The trauma of wrongful conviction is compounded by the struggles of reentry—navigating the complexities of family dynamics, societal stigma, and the emotional toll of rebuilding lives for themselves and their loved ones.



Women make up nearly 15% of all exonerations nationwide, and their needs have not been adequately amplified or addressed. That's why we're hosting a first-of-its-kind retreat focused specifically on the needs, issues, and strategies for reintegration that women exonerees face. This retreat will create a supportive, healing space to center the voices of women, discuss their unique challenges, and empower them with the tools and community they need to rebuild and thrive.

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AWARENESS

In 2024, Executive Director Obie Anthony participated as a panelist at notable events such as the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference and WashU's When Innocence Isn't Enough.

Through these kinds of platforms, he has emphasized the urgent need for justice reform, highlighting the emotional, social, and economic toll wrongful convictions take on individuals and their communities.

Most recently, he was recognized as a Change Maker at the International Innovators 2024 Award Gala. Through his advocacy, Obie Anthony continues to educate the public, lawmakers, and other key stakeholders on the importance of systemic change and the need to hold accountable those responsible for wrongful convictions.



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GRATITUDE

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporters!

We would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters. Your generosity, belief in our mission, and unwavering commitment have made an incredible impact on everything we do. Whether through your time, resources, or encouragement, your support continues to drive us forward.

We are honored to have you alongside us on this journey, and we are truly thankful for the trust you place in us. Your contributions help us grow, evolve, and make a meaningful difference in this continued fight for justice.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. We couldn't do it without you.



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GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday is the world's biggest day for generosity. We hope you will consider a contribution to Exonerated Nation and help support exoneree programs & services.

Mark your calendar!

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