



Respect~Resilience~Relationships



About Miles of Freedom



Miles of Freedom (MOF) empowers, equips, and educates individuals, families, and communities impacted by incarceration.

Founded by Richard Miles, who spent 15 years incarcerated due to a wrongful conviction, Miles of Freedom was built from lived experience. We understand firsthand the barriers people face after incarceration and the systems that often fail to support successful reentry. Our work is grounded in the belief that dignity, opportunity, and education are essential to rebuilding lives and strengthening communities.

Miles of Freedom takes a holistic approach to reentry by combining workforce development, transitional income, and individualized support. Rather than expecting individuals to immediately overcome years or decades of incarceration, we provide a structured and supportive bridge back into community life.



What makes Miles of Freedom different

- Justice-impacted leadership guiding program design and delivery
- Paid transitional workforce training paired with individualized support
- A social enterprise model that blends earned revenue with philanthropy

Together, we help people move from survival to stability- and from stability to purpose

Purpose under Pressure

I was recently honored to be asked to serve as the keynote speaker for an event in Dallas County focused on reentry services. The theme of my talk was “There’s Purpose Under Pressure,” and at the heart of that message was my intentional use of the word under. In its simplest form, under means beneath the surface—at a lower level, often unseen. That definition took me back to a very personal place: my time of wrongful incarceration. Even under the weight of that experience—confusion, isolation, fear, and injustice—I came to understand something that would shape the rest of my life: I still had a purpose. That purpose didn’t look like a nonprofit, a microphone, or a platform. It looked like learning to be gentle with others who were hurting too. It looked like choosing humility in an environment that rewarded hardness. It looked like protecting my peace by holding onto my innocence, even when everything around me tried to take it away.

Years later, after my release, my exoneration, and the founding of MILES of Freedom, my purpose expanded. It became more visible. But I often reflect on this truth: if I had missed my purpose while I was under the pressure, I may never have been ready for the purpose that came after it. Pressure touches all of us. It may come through financial uncertainty, emotional isolation, political unrest, health challenges, or physical incarceration. While our circumstances differ, the weight can feel just as heavy. And in those moments—when life feels overwhelming—remembering that there is still purpose within us can be a lifeline.

Discovering that purpose isn’t about having all the answers. It’s about slowing down, reflecting honestly, and remaining open to growth—even when it’s hard. It requires discipline, yes, but it also calls for empathy: for ourselves and for others walking their own difficult paths.

If you’re feeling the pressure right now, I want to encourage you: **don’t rush past it**. There may be something meaningful being shaped within you—something that will one day help you lift someone else. Your current season does not disqualify you from purpose. In many cases, it’s preparing you for it.

You are not alone. And there is purpose—right where you are.

As we look ahead to 2026, MILES of Freedom has set a critical goal to raise \$200,000 to strengthen and expand reentry services for individuals and families rebuilding their lives after incarceration. Reaching this goal begins with each of us taking a step forward—whether by making a one-time or monthly financial contribution, volunteering your time or professional skills, sharing our mission within your networks, or simply staying engaged and encouraged as this work continues. Every act of support helps lighten the pressure felt by those returning home, the families awaiting them, and the communities welcoming them back.

Together, we can bridge the gap between incarceration and opportunity and ensure that purpose, dignity, and hope remain possible for every person on this journey.

If you have not joined the journey of MILES of Freedom as a financial contributor or volunteer, we encourage you to do so today. Collectively, we can continue to Bridge the Gap for those rebuilding their lives after incarceration. Together we can lighten the pressure of person’s returning home, a family awaiting a loved one and the community receiving them back.



With Much Love and Appreciation,

Richard R Miles Jr

Year at a Glance

- Clients served through case management: 663
- Clients in all programs: 2721
- Over 3815 hours of workforce skills development provided to 9 participants
- Individuals securing employment: 83



- Workshops: 146
- Workshop participants: 202

Year at a Glance

Clients served in
the pantry: 2477

Bags of groceries distributed:
34,630



- Total meals distributed: 401,309
- Since pantry inception, 3.1 million pounds of food distributed



Performance & Outcomes

Miles of Freedom measures success through stability, growth, and sustained community presence. Empowerment is not numbers and a single outcome; it is built through access and consistent support.

Employment & Economic Stability

- Participation in paid transitional employment
- Job placements and employment retention
- Workforce education, skill development, and confidence building

Support & Stability

- Individualized case management
- Education around workplace expectations and financial systems
- Assistance navigating documentation, transportation, and reentry barriers

Community Impact

- Families supported through food access
- Volunteer engagement and partnerships
- Increased community trust and visibility

What the data tells us:

When individuals are equipped with realistic pathways forward, they are more likely to remain stable, engaged, and connected to their communities.

Recidivism & Community Impact (2018–2024)

Client records reviewed
3,597
2018–2024 annual client lists

Confirmed currently incarcerated
140
Verified via TDCJ inmate search

Cumulative rate
3.89%
Annual range: 1.44% to 9.09%

Each year, Miles of Freedom conducts an annual review using the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) inmate search to determine whether individuals served by our programs have returned to prison. This transparent approach allows us to track outcomes over time and assess long-term impact.

What this shows us:

- Most individuals served by Miles of Freedom remain free in the community
- Education, employment, and consistent support reduce risk
- Each year without reoffense strengthens families and communities

Using an assumed incarceration cost of \$22,012 per person per year, we estimate approximately \$315,079,768 in potential taxpayer cost avoidance associated with client records confirmed as having not returned to prison, counted from the cohort year through 2025

Programs in Action

Transition to Employment (TTE) --Why transitional work matters

Stability first: Immediate, income during the most vulnerable phase of reentry.



Stronger outcomes:

Accountability and support that lead to lasting employment and safer communities.

Confidence through work: A supported environment to rebuild skills, routine, and self-belief.



Day in the Life



Community



Sally and I have had the good fortune to raise our two children and spend our days doing work that gives us purpose. I have built my life navigating the markets for my partners at Sabrepoint Capital, and Sally has poured her heart into our family and our community through her work as a mother and volunteer. That blessing also carries a responsibility, and we felt it deeply when we came to know Richard Miles. We first met Richard through our involvement with a nonprofit focused on helping exonerees reintegrate into society, shortly after he was released from prison and exonerated. Richard could have emerged from incarceration bitter about the years unjustly taken from him. Instead, he chose to dedicate his life to helping others overcome the obstacles that follow them home from prison. That spirit is why we support Miles of Freedom. We believe that once someone has paid their debt to society, they deserve a real second chance, yet our system too often releases people without the tools, community, or opportunities needed to succeed. Miles of Freedom helps break that cycle by providing a path to employment, stability, and dignity, restoring hope and helping returning citizens become contributors to their families and communities.

Donor Spotlight

George and Sally Baxter



Events and Engagement

\$284,895 Raised!!

With record engagement and growing community participation, this year represented one of the strongest event seasons in Miles of Freedom's history, amplifying our mission and expanding our collective impact.



Supporting Miles of Freedom is supporting second chances. We are honored to contribute to an organization that walks alongside individuals returning home and helps them rebuild with dignity, purpose, and opportunity.

Chris and Ashlee
Kleinert

Donor Spotlight



Sponsorship Recognition

We are deeply grateful to the sponsors whose generosity and partnership make this work possible. Your support empowers Miles of Freedom to equip and educate individuals, families, and communities impacted by incarceration—transforming opportunity into lasting impact.

Because of you, individuals gain access to employment, education, stability, and hope. Together, we are building stronger families and safer, more resilient communities.

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A Year That Culminated in Historic Recognition

Richard Miles Honored with Trailblazer Award

At the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship & Awards Gala — part of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center celebration held January 17 at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel — Richard Miles was recognized as the **2026 Trailblazer Award Winner** for his leadership and service in the community.



Richard Miles Leads the City of Dallas MLK Parade as Grand Marshal

In January 2026, Richard Miles was honored to serve as **Grand Marshal of the City of Dallas Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**, one of the region's largest celebrations of Dr. King's legacy. Leading thousands of attendees, Richard's selection recognized both his personal journey and Miles of Freedom's growth.



How your Donations Help

- **\$100 covers food handlers certifications for up to 8 individuals**
- **\$550 will provide weekly residential lawn services for 1 senior citizen, 1 veteran, or 1 first responder for approximately 2 months.**
- **\$1,500 provides supplies for one quarter of MLK food distributions**
- **\$2,100 purchases bus passes for clients for up to one year**
- **\$2,100 will purchase one commercial push mower for the lawn service**
- **\$2,500 covers one quarter of client assistance through the Aubrey Jones Legacy Fund, providing crisis support like work uniforms, tools, IDs, rent, utilities, prescriptions, and more**

Donations to Miles of Freedom uniquely strengthen our ability to make an impact.

Because we combine direct services with paid transitional employment and a mission-driven social enterprise, every dollar goes further, supporting immediate needs while building long-term stability.

Your investment provides the flexibility to respond in real time, sustain employment pathways, and ensure individuals are supported not just in returning home, but in moving forward with dignity and purpose.



Lawn Care: Investing in People, Strengthening Communities

When you choose Miles of Freedom Lawn Services, you're doing more than maintaining your property; you're creating opportunity.

Every job supports paid transitional employment, workforce education, and real pathways forward for individuals impacted by incarceration.

Quality service, reliable crews, and meaningful community impact are at the heart of every project we take on.

Call us for a quote!!! 214-238-2299 - Ask for Ashley



Ready to Give



We extend our deepest gratitude to the donors, sponsors, volunteers, partners, and community members who make the work of Miles of Freedom possible.

Your belief in the power of second chances and community-centered solutions fuels our ability to empower, equip, and educate individuals, families, and communities impacted by incarceration.

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