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 { NORTHERN VIRGINIA }

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Work hard and you'll succeed. Right? That's right.
 Unless you're an ex-offender, as Jenny found out most painfully.

"YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES": MEET JENNY



Jenny: "A smart woman with a lot of common sense, a lot of drive, a lot of gratitude. She is just unrelenting in terms of wanting to make her life work." --*Paul Haire, Jenny's employer, who gave her a chance when no one else would*

In January 2007, at age 40, Jenny McDaniel came to Guest House. She was determined to get her life on track. She'd been in and out of incarceration for 20 years, for nonviolent crimes; now, she had just finished the last of her time. She'd been an active heroin addict for 27 years; now, she was actively working her recovery. She could not read or write; now, a Guest House volunteer was teaching her. She had no formal job skills; but even her jailers, over the past few years, saw that she had talent. "You have what it takes," noted the kitchen supervisor at one prison; at a county jail, where she worked in Animal Control, the managers said much the same.

"So I thought, if I can be prep manager for 25 cents a day and run a kitchen for 1,200 women, maybe I *can* be successful at a real job." It took a lot of applications ...

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APRIL 24-30 ~ IT'S NATIONAL REENTRY WEEK

This week, April 24-30, marks the first annual National Reentry Week, designated by the U.S. Department of Justice. During this week, the Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. Attorney's Offices and others will organize a variety of events to raise public awareness about the importance of reentry work.

MORE ABOUT NATIONAL REENTRY WEEK

CELEBRATE! VIRGINIA RESTORES THE VOTE & OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS TO EX-FELONS

On April 22, by Executive Order of the Governor, more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies regained their voting and civil rights: to register to vote, to hold public office, to serve on a jury and to act as a notary public. **"We're very, very grateful," says Guest House alumna Terry Garrett**, who had felony convictions and who has advocated for voting rights restoration for years. "They're starting to recognize our potential ..."

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Spring2ACTion 2016 ~ THANK YOU, ALEXANDRIANS!



Friends of Guest House thanks everyone who supported us through Spring2ACTion 2016: the April 20 online fundraising event sponsored by ACT for Alexandria. **You contributed nearly \$23,000!** Some funds will help replace the Guest House boiler. "This is a wonderful response," says Kari Galloway, Executive Director. **And it's not too late to give through Spring2ACTion: donate here >**

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