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JUST INCOME CONTINUES GUARANTEED INCOME FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE

Gainesville, FL - <u>Just Income</u>, a pioneering program by <u>Community Spring</u>, is excited to announce the first disbursement of guaranteed income to 21 new recipients who met the eligibility criteria. All recipients are Alachua County, Florida residents who were released from prison or jail with a felony, or began felony probation, on or after June 3, 2023.

Following an application and randomized selection process, these individuals will receive financial support as part of Just Income's commitment to providing sustained economic empowerment to formerly incarcerated people. Through <u>GiveCard</u>, recipients will each receive \$1,000 in the first month and \$600 for the subsequent eleven months — \$7,600 over the year, with no strings attached. The monthly payments are scheduled to begin on January 15, 2024.

This marks a significant milestone for Just Income as it continues to impact the lives of formerly incarcerated people in the community. The new disbursements follow a successful pilot year, during which the program demonstrated transformative outcomes, including improved housing stability, resolution of legal fees, reduced probation violations, enhanced employment situations, strengthened familial bonds, and positive effects on physical and mental well-being.

Privately funded and designed by impacted people, Just Income has gained national recognition as a top-five finalist for <u>Dream.Org's Justice Innovation Prize</u>, a feature in the award-winning documentary, "<u>It's Basic</u>," and for developing an award-winning <u>e-learning platform</u>. The transition from a successful pilot project to an ongoing initiative solidifies their commitment to building a community where nobody is too poor to be free.

Program Director Kevin Scott expressed his enthusiasm: "This first disbursement is a momentous occasion for Just Income and the recipients who will receive this unconditional financial support. We are excited to keep interrupting the all-too-familiar revolving door of poverty and incarceration. Our pilot project has shown the changes and opportunities a guaranteed income can bring to people's lives, which benefits the entire community."

Just Income invites the public to follow their journey and learn more about the program's impact by visiting <u>justincome.org</u>.