



# The Demeter Foundation, Inc.

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*Advocating and educating for the humane treatment and the civil rights of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in Wisconsin. To reduce recidivism and gain self-empowerment, healing and strength.*

The Demeter Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides advocacy, information and educational services regarding incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in Wisconsin.

The women returning to our communities struggle with getting their re-entry needs met especially in the areas of health care, employment and housing. They feel isolated and unsure of their futures after serving their sentences. Most women have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from their incarceration experience and 89% have mental health and/or substance use disorder issues.

Being able to express their concerns without fear of reproach and receive services and support are two of the most important factors in a woman's successful re-entry into her community. The Demeter Foundation looks to collaborate with WI-DOC staff and Community Corrections, families and the community at large to provide support. We offer educational opportunities and support to the women we serve.

Welcome Home Kits can be provided to women returning to our communities within 30 days of release by filling out an application. Welcome Home Kits contain a variety of items and personal essentials. For example, shampoo, deodorant, and socks.

The Demeter Foundation also does research and analysis on the policies and procedures of the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System to keep current on changes that affect incarcerated women. TDF provides information to the US Department of Justice and the ACLU regarding the welfare of Wisconsin women with the lived experience of incarceration.

Visit the website at: [www.thedemeterfoundation.com](http://www.thedemeterfoundation.com)

**Please Note:** TDF does NOT provide legal services.

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

**Margaret Mead  
1901-1978  
Anthropologist**

*Supporting  
Advocacy and  
Community  
Education.*