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RE: Arise Collective Announces MATCH Merger, Expanding Support for Justice-Impacted Families

Dear Friend,

The Boards of Directors for **Arise Collective** and **MATCH** (Mothers and Their Children) are pleased to announce that they have unanimously approved MATCH's merger into Arise Collective, effective January 1, 2025. This merger will combine efforts, expand services, and address the unique needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers, their children, and justice-impacted families.

This decision comes after a rigorous strategic alignment review followed by months of thorough due diligence and planning. The two organizations will combine 75+ years of experience to strengthen the relationships between mothers and their children during and after a prison sentence. Additionally, the merger aims to positively address the impact of parental incarceration on both caregivers and the wider community.

"The opportunity for MATCH to merge into Arise Collective will create a stronger foundation, as well as enhanced leadership and support that will ensure MATCH's growth and success for the future," said Stephanie Hastings, MATCH Board Chair. "It has been exciting and reassuring to connect with another organization that shares our same passion and vision for the mothers and their children."

Both organizations will continue their programs and services throughout the transition without interruption.

"The board and staff of Arise Collective deeply appreciate this opportunity to further our commitment to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers and their children," said Amy Otto, Arise Collective Board Chair. "We consider this merger ... this expansion ... a vital step to assist women as they heal, grow, and thrive within our communities and beyond."

For more information, visit Arise-Collective.org/merger-FAQ.

Sincerely,

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Amy Otto, *Board Chair*
Arise Collective

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Hastings in black ink.

Stephanie Hastings, *Board Chair*
MATCH (Mothers and Their Children)

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Jennifer C. Jackson, *CEO*
Arise Collective

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Stephanie Dixon, *Executive Director*
MATCH (Mothers and Their Children)