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## ***First Lady Anna Stein Cuts Ribbon at Arise Collective's New Program Center***

*Center to provide key reentry services for formerly incarcerated women*

**(Raleigh, NC May 2, 2025)** NC First Lady Anna Stein today cut the ribbon to formally open the new Arise Collective Program Center located at the Raleigh/Cary border.

Celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and formerly known as the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women, Arise Collective's mission is to equip women with the tools and support they need to heal, grown and thrive, both in prison and in the communities to which they return.

"Organizations like Arise Collective are critical support systems that meet the growing needs of incarcerated women and, by extension, their children and families," said First Lady Anna Stein. "I'm proud to support Arise Collective and its dedication to partnering with brave women to achieve their goals after incarceration."

Arise Collective CEO Jennifer Jackson said, "This new program center is a powerful symbol of community for the 500 women we serve each year through Interfaith chaplaincy, transition education, reentry support, safe and supportive housing, and comprehensive, trauma-informed programs and services."

The Arise Center will serve as a gathering place for women who have recently been released after a period of incarceration. This community space is a dynamic, welcoming hub that fosters connection, learning, empowerment, and personal growth for the women served by Arise Collective. The space is both a bustling center of activity and a peaceful retreat for quiet reflection. It will offer counseling, job readiness services, parenting classes, and networking. Participants will come together to attend learning sessions, share meals, and enjoy social events. The atmosphere is reminiscent of a cozy community coffee shop or a church gathering space – inviting, comfortable, and safe.

NC Senate Minority Leader and Arise Board member Sydney Batch added, “The board got to see this place for the first time in January of 2024, empty and gutted. Seeing it come to life now is the fulfillment of a lot of dreams. This 3,000 square foot space is modest, yet mighty in the work that will take place within its walls.”

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**About Arise Collective:** Arise Collective provides chaplaincy services, transition education, and vital housing and reentry support to women from the North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women and women’s prisons across the state. [arisecollective.org](https://arisecollective.org)