



2010 UPDATE AT A GLANCE

Founded in 2000, **CCF** is dedicated to helping women achieve college and graduate school degrees after their release from prison as a critical step in their transition to fully-contributing members of society. **CCF** offers academic assistance, leadership opportunities, peer and community support to women who are committed to maximizing their potential through education and who are negotiating post-prison issues of family reunification, employment, permanent housing and schooling.

The mission of CCF is to eliminate individual and social barriers to higher education, and support education, economic stability, and civic participation for formerly incarcerated women.

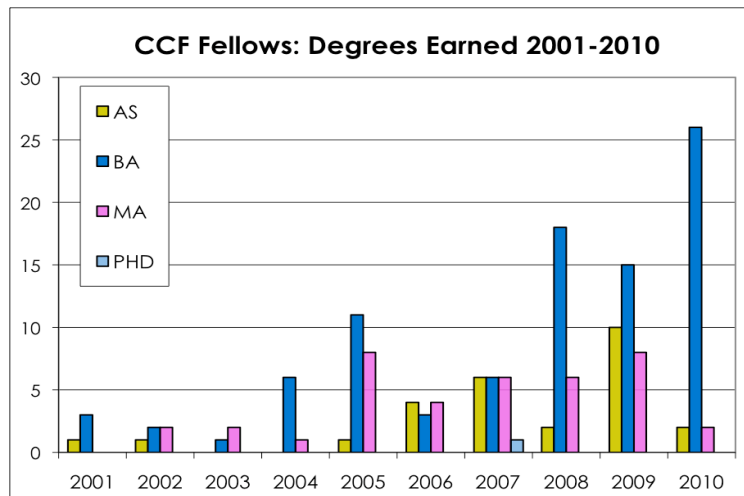
CCF 2000 Through May 2010 Assisted 300 Women • 175 Fellows
• 25 Associate Degrees • 86 Bachelor's Degrees • 37 Master's Degrees • 1 PhD
• 75% of CCF Students Complete a College Degree within Four Years of Becoming CCF Fellows • The Vast Majority of CCF Fellows Report a Marked Increase in Income as Their Level of Educational Attainment Rises.

CCF participants, as all college students from disadvantaged backgrounds, need additional academic and financial support in order to improve their chances of degree completion.

Successful reintegration upon release from prison depends on more than academic success. We rebuild a sense of community and a sense of hope. **CCF** helps its participants achieve their goals through its community building and peer support activities.

CCF participants improve analytic skills, develop their individual and collective voices, and participate as leaders in **CCF** and other community organizations. This is accomplished through public speaking, advocacy, board participation, and artistic expression.

Chair: Peter Bakstansky



CCF is a private 501(c)(3) organization based in New York City with funding from private foundations and individual donors.

CCF has **eight full-time** and **two part-time staff members** who coordinate services for more than 250 **participants** and **30 volunteer mentors and tutors**.

Executive Director: Vivian Nixon

FACTS

- The recidivism rate in New York State is 44% within 3 years of release. CCF Fellows have a recidivism rate of less than 2%.
- **Return to prison costs about \$30,000** per person per year.
- It costs approx **\$4,000 per year for a student to participate in CCF**

CCF TODAY

CCF's currently serves more than 250 participants who have access to the following services upon meeting eligibility requirements:

- academic counseling
- mentoring
- tutoring
- financial aid counseling
- academic stipends
- referral services

They also participate in:

- community meetings monthly
- support groups monthly
- leadership development workshops
- ongoing social networking and activities.

PUBLIC POLICY

The College and Community Fellowship is the leadership behind the *Education from the Inside Out Coalition* – a nonpartisan collaborative of criminal justice and education advocates whose mission is to expand access to higher education funding in prisons.

2008-2010 AWARDS AND EVENTS

- Thirteen/WNET New York and WLIW21 *Community Hall of Fame* award
- *The Union Square Award*
- *Petra Fellowship* to CCF's Executive Director
- CCF co-sponsored: *Education from the Inside, Out: Why It's Worth the Investment*, a conference in collaboration

MAJOR SUPPORTERS

- Barbara Martinsons, Founder
- Robin Hood Foundation
- The Open Society Institute
- Achelis and Bodman Foundation
- New York Women's Foundation
- Trinity Wall Street Grants Program
- The David Rockefeller Fund
- Helena Rubinstein Foundation
- NYC Mayor's Office of Adult Education
- New York State Higher Education Services Corporation