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Happy Holidays from Fair Shake!

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We hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy and enjoying the warm feelings that come with the holiday season.

It's been a while since we sent a newsletter. We were very busy this year! Here is a list of the large projects we've worked on through 2014. We are to increase our engagement in 2015!

Our "Nutshell" Year in Review:

- Presented our technology tools at a White House Workshop on Using Technology in Reentry
- Increased our Resource Directory to well over 15,000 and our [Reentry Packet](#) to nearly 90 pages!
- Heard from inmates in 3 different states who are using our Reentry Packet as a text book for reentry classes
- Connected directly with over 6000 inmates and 450 reentry professionals and educators around the country
- Officially launched our software application, including our [Computer Basics](#) tutorial
- Forged a collaborative relationship with the Ray Brook Reentry Initiative at FCI Ray Brook in upstate NY.



As you can see above, Fair Shake is growing! ... and we've found a great person to work with to increase our capacity:

Meet Kristen Adams!



Kristen (Woodhouse) Adams grew up on a small dairy, poultry and vegetable farm in Southwestern, WI. After studying Theatre Arts at Viterbo University, she began her career in the organic and sustainable food industry. For more than a decade, Kristen has worked on farms, in restaurants and behind the scenes of food production. Kristen has a deep commitment to nurturing positive social change, using food and food justice issues as her previous forum. Kristen has served on the BOD for the Domestic Fair Trade Association and is an active member of Wisconsin Farmers Union and Chef's Collaborative. She lives in the beautiful southwestern WI Driftless Region, near the Kickapoo River with the love of her life and their children. They are avid organic gardeners, wild food foragers and live a beautiful life without sacrificing fun!

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Fair Shake has a unique opportunity to influence the climate of reentry. The contacts we've made through the list above have all come to us without solicitation. We have seen through our website analytics that many states use our website tools. We would like to reach out to the incarcerated individuals in those states as well as the reentry professionals allow us to present our information in the institutions, but until now did not have the human power to make it happen. With Kristen on board we can grow exponentially while keeping our expenses very low. We're lean, responsive, creative and flexible. Please consider helping us reach out to more inmates, their families, their future employers, and our communities to reduce the recidivism rate (presently over 75% of our formerly incarcerated people are rearrested within 5 years [according to the BJS](#)). You can make a secure donation [here](#). Thank you!

Thank you for your interest and support!

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