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A thread - We are so humbled & proud of the guests who shared a bit of their lives with the world on #Amplifiedvoices in Season 1.

As we gear up for Season 2, Catch up, comment, share & support! The more these voices are heard, the further change can go! #cjreform

@ThoughtasWeak was featured in the 1st full episode (3) She shared her thoughts on how her family was affected by both harm & the system, her search for answers, what they thought justice should look like, her spirituality, & journey to healing & advocacy. <https://t.co/p5npgG3eO8>

Episode 4 follows Iran Nazario, of @PeaceCenterofCT through his turbulent childhood, subsequent immersion in gang membership & entanglement in the cj system. His inspiring journey to repurpose himself as a proponent of peace & understanding makes an impact <https://t.co/OKqIH6aoCo>

Episode 5 highlights @ksburgess, a mother, wife & outspoken advocate from MI. She bravely shares her family's story of harm, both within her family & as a result of the criminal legal process that denied them the healing that they earnestly sought. <https://t.co/bDZl1ekz3u>

Episode 6 features @DavidLeegarlock's meaningful story of forgiveness, rehabilitation, spirituality & redemption. David talks of years of physical, mental, & sexual abuse prior to taking the life of his abuser, going to prison, reentry, advocacy & more. <https://t.co/LAeLTu8l2x>

Andre joined us for Episode 7. He is a pastor, former attorney, & reform advocate. His story is one of personal accountability & systemic injustice. He openly shares the impacts that he & his family have experienced as the result of bad policy for decades. <https://t.co/cHgVwC9xT7>

Episode 8 is a moving convo with @akhan1437, who describes himself as "going from an 8 year-old little league baseball player, to an 18 year-old with a life sentence." His inspiring story is one of trauma, accountability, determination, hard work, & hope. <https://t.co/TpDeu22rGu>

In Episode 9 [@Tamilbond4](#) speaks on being a young mom, a veteran & experiencing military sexual trauma. After committing an offense & being impacted by the system, she learns to cope with "life on the list". Her message is one of growth, change & hope. <https://t.co/VKpwuvXPOR>

Daryl McGraw joined us for Episode 10 - Daryl, a center of positivity & inspiring mentor, is well-known in #cjreform circles in CT. Come hear him talk about how he evolved, healed through addiction & gives back to the community in so many ways. <https://t.co/1eBJUOE4Gv>

Andrew a pastor, & friend who has been impacted by the criminal legal system, both as a family member & as the victim of a crime wowed us with his strength, passion & message of hope for all in Episode 11 <https://t.co/ZsXAJockyN> #amplifiedvoices

In Episode 12 [@bohomamasoul](#) , mother of four, shares about the challenges of family separation by incarceration, speaks of finding humanity in the most unexpected places & highlights how every family is unique. <https://t.co/OMseRVVCoa>

Episode 13 features [@cnvtmiller_k](#), a business owner, wife, mother, student & advocate from Iowa. She authentically shares how her family was affected by addiction, incarceration, special probation conditions, mandated treatment, public registration & more. <https://t.co/M5qO7fbD5p>

In Episode 14 [@TihebaB](#) - a mother, student, activist & advocate for formerly incarcerated women shares her experiences: being raised by her grandmother in Brooklyn, a difficult struggle with addiction, being incarcerated & the long journey to find her way. <https://t.co/N4G4M3oyBy>

Episode 15 features [@Victim2Advocate](#) sharing her story. As someone who experienced a violent crime as a teenager, as well as a person who supports a loved one behind bars, she advocates for accountability, humanity, equity & healing for all people. <https://t.co/ugfRxDjSZa>

In Episode 16, we spoke with [@thomasowenbaker](#), a veteran & former #police officer who shared how his involvement in policing affected him, leading to his strong desire to convert his experiences into something of social value: research on use of force. <https://t.co/p1lrQ5GAAB>

We ended the season by saying THANKS - reflecting on how the #podcast has evolved - exploring how proximity #storytelling have been able to make an impact on the many people who have participated, listened & shared the show with others. <https://t.co/2WUSPm7L9z> #AmplifiedVoices

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