THE FUTURE IS HERS

The criminal justice system is costly and unfair, featuring Susan Burton

Susan Burton is the founder of A New Way of Life Reentry Project, an organization that helps formerly incarcerated women in California find housing and jobs. This video transcript is part of the Future Is Hers multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Susan Burton, Founder, A New Way of Life Reentry Project]

[A Black woman with long, black locks, wearing round tortoiseshell glasses and a long gray-and-black African-style duster jacket with a matching skirt, addresses the camera.]

SUSAN BURTON: It’s striking to me how we can spend $75,000 a year to lock a woman like me up, and then we send her back to the community with $200, no ID, no Social Security card, nowhere to live, and expect her to make it. It’s impossible.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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