

THE FUTURE IS HERS

## Ending recidivism by helping women leave prison for good, 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:** We created a community of women helping, supporting, and recovering from substance misuse, from the effects of incarceration, from early childhood trauma. And in this community, we all got better. We all thrived. And I thought, “My, this is magic, what’s happening here.” But it isn’t magic. That’s what we should do all over this country.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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