



Larch Correctional Facility Re-Entry Program Needs

The Re-Entry Program at Clark College provides guidance, assistance, and supports to individuals transitioning from the criminal justice system to higher education. During 2020, the Re-Entry Program served 197 formerly incarcerated students at the main Clark College campus, with an average retention rate of 92% from quarter to quarter. Clark College also has a campus at Larch Correctional Facility that serves 175 *students* annually. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, many individuals were granted early release from correctional facilities, often without formalized release plans that included assistance with housing, education, treatment, and other forms of support. Without adequate support and assistance, students will face multiple barriers that can lead to an increase in recidivism. To help support the Re-Entry student population, please consider donating funds that will benefit the programs. Here are some ways that your donation can help:

Funding for Re-Entry Students at Clark College:

- \$75..... Backpack with a scientific calculator, thumb drive, paper, pens, highlighters, post-its (we have been supplying these to all new students but do not have funds to purchase more)
- \$100..... Gift cards for clothing, shoes, personal care items etc.
- \$50..... Gift card for the Café or bakery so students can get hot food at the college
- \$100..... Gift card to WINCO to buy groceries for a returning citizen (Equivalent to 132 hours of work as a tutor at Larch Corrections Center)
- \$200..... Gift card to cover transportation costs for a returning citizen
- \$300.... Gift card to Clark College bookstore for individual to purchase supplies for academic year
- \$300 (up to)..... Purchase eyeglasses, either pay vendor or issue funds to students
- \$400 (up to)..... Payment or voucher program for technology (computers, printers, etc.)
- \$500.... One months rent in transitional housing

Clark College at Larch Corrections Center is the first prison in the nation to certify tutors with the CRLA (College Readiness Learning Association) Certification. The CRLA is the industry standard in institutions of higher education for professional peer tutoring. Our tutors are instrumental in student success at Larch. Our tutors work diligently to provide support for students in basic skills and vocational classes. Please visit larcheducation.wordpress.com to learn more about the impact tutors have made on our Clark College students at Larch.

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Tutor funding:

All the above as well as:

Scholarship fund pool for formerly incarcerated tutors. Currently, they are making only \$0.42 cents an hour for the work that they do. Contributions to this scholarship fund would be used for: tuition assistance, housing and food needs, and college supplies.

\$50 – funds a cohort of 6 tutors to complete CRLA tutor training

\$100 – funds an incarcerated student’s high school equivalency completion with one on one tutoring

\$250 – incentivizes the tutor role over other higher paying DOC jobs by matching one term of wage difference

\$330 – matches a tutor’s income for 6 months, to be awarded to him upon release to Clark College

\$500 – funds 5 incarcerated students’ high school equivalency completions with one on one tutoring

\$660 – matches a tutor’s income for one year, to be awarded to him upon release to Clark College