



# New Leaf – New Life, Inc.

Transformative Justice, Personal Growth and Self-Advocacy

## **Lindsey Badger Assumes Presidency of New Leaf-New Life**

**Bloomington, IN, February 14, 2018** – Over the last six months, New Leaf-New Life (NLNL) has been working to transition its leadership in order to replace the retiring organization's founder, Wain Martin. This transition is now complete and Lindsey Badger has succeeded Mr. Martin as President of the transformative justice organization.

Lindsey Badger is a **Be More Award** recipient (2016) for education and literacy, in recognition of her Indiana University and jail partnered Inside-Out Communication Program and ongoing jail-based working groups. She continues to facilitate three groups for and with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals: The Monroe County Jail (MCJ) Women's working group, The (Men's) MCJ Advancing Education Think Tank, and the New Leaf Transition Support Center Re-entry Collective. Badger has served as the interim president for several months and chairs New Leaf's Program and Education Committee.

As Badger considers the future of New Leaf, she commits the organization to not only emphasize ongoing direct service, but also continue in the important work of educating toward community capacity building, responsive to the impact of incarceration. She states "We will build our strongest and most impactful solutions to incarceration and re-entry when our community is equipped to negotiate social problems, build accountability to one another across differences, and seek collective, interpersonal, and individual harm reduction." Badger believes strongly in keeping the finger of NLNL at the pulse of the needs identified by locally incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals and considers her ongoing commitment to facilitate the Re-entry Collective and jail-based think tanks as instrumental in continuing to identifying the future direction of NLNL.

Edley Wainright (Wain) Martin retired from leading the community's efforts to provide transformative justice for local citizens caught up with serious criminal offenses and experiencing incarceration. He stepped down from over a dozen years of leading New Leaf – New Life. Martin received a **Be More Award** (2015) from Bloomington's leaders for his years of tireless community work. In addition to maintaining the viability of New Leaf over the years, Wain established the Transition Support Center (TSC) at 1010 South Walnut Street and the Jail BINGO program. With the substantial help of Perry Township, the TSC was established to provide services to inmates after release to help them transition to productive lives and to help avoid repeated incarceration.

New Leaf-New Life, Inc. is an Indiana non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization dedicated to supporting transformative justice in Monroe County, Indiana. We provide assistance to Monroe County residents during incarceration and in their transition back into our community.

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