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FOUNDER, RESTOREHER



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ABOUT & MORE

## about

RestoreHER US America Inc. (RestoreHER) is a policy advocacy organization supported by diversion and reentry, based in Georgia. RestoreHER addresses the social detriments of criminalization and social inequities through education, awareness, and leadership to protect the dignity, health, and restore the rights of all women directly impacted by incarceration, convictions, and trauma.

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## mission

Our mission is to enhance the lives of directly impacted women and work in partnership with those women to end the vicious cycle that leads to the mass incarceration for women of color and pregnant women in the south.

## accomplishments

- 2017 Leading with Conviction Fellow of JustLeadership USA
- 2018 Erin J. Vuley Fellow of Feminist Women's Health Center
- 2019 Community Change Fellow
- 2019 Soros Justice Fellow

**"I measure my success by faith in what I believe and my tenacity in knowing who I am, to never give up but continue to press forward to achieve my goals then use my platform of uplift others to their success." - Pamela Winn**

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## BIOGRAPHY

### biography

Pamela Winn is an activist from Atlanta, GA and single mother of two sons that studied Biology at Spelman College, obtained three post-secondary degrees in Nursing, and worked more than 10 years as a Registered Nurse specializing in Women's Health prior to serving a 78-month federal sentence for a white-collar crime while pregnant. During her incarceration, she was shackled, causing her to fall and miscarry, then placed in solitary confinement. Rather than diminishing her spirit, Pamela allowed the separation of her family, a miscarriage, revocation of her nursing license, and closing of her businesses that she experienced while in prison to empower her. Pamela Winn is the founder of RestoreHER US.America, a policy advocacy reentry organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of directly impacted women and work in partnership with those women to end the mass incarceration of women of color and pregnant women. RestoreHER is a core movement partner of Southern Black Girls and Women. Pamela led RestoreHER to spearhead the unanimous passage of HB345, #DIGNITY For Incarcerated Women GA. Society Foundation.

Pamela is also co-founded the newly organized Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network (FICGN) which promotes higher education of convicted people. FICGN has more 1000 members nationwide with 150 doctorate degrees and 5 law students. Pamela is the Vice President for the Board of Directors with the Association for Justice-Involved Female Organizations (AJFO). AJFO is the only professional conference focused exclusively on women and girls involved with the criminal justice system. She is a Board Member of Motherhood Beyond Bars, who provides support for infants born to incarcerated women and works to reunify families. She also serves on the Advisory Council for the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) to end solitary confinement. Pamela Winn is a national leader in anti-shackling legislation. She is part of the National Advisory Board working in collaboration with other organizations, women who have experienced shackling while pregnant, and advocates motivated to pass anti-shackling laws in their states. Together, they have developed a Bill of Rights For Incarcerated Pregnant People.

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### biography (cont.)

She serves on the Women's Advisory Board with Human Impact Partners where public health officials and formerly incarcerated women collaborate to address the social determinants of criminalization. She facilitated for the 2017 Convening on Pregnancy in Correctional Settings, hosted by Pregnant In Prison Statistics. In collaboration with Change.org, Pamela leads a petition that has approximately 200K signatures with an endorsement from Senator Cory Booker advocating the Dignity For Incarcerated Women and her video with ATTN: Media & #Cut50 currently has over 5M views. Pamela Winn is a US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Peer Reviewer. She has provided written and oral testimony for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Briefing: Women In Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars. Pamela was an invited by Jared Kushner to the White House for the Prison Reform Summit as well as the Criminal Justice Reform to speak on "Women's Issues" of incarceration. She consulted on the national legislation, "Pregnant Women In Custody Act" introduced by Representative Karen Bass.

Pamela provided her language for pregnant women in federal custody, which was instrumental in the historic passing of federal legislation HR5682, First Step Act. Pamela is known as "The Face of Dignity For Incarcerated Women". She has been featured in Essence Magazine, "She The People" as well as "ATL's Most Inspiring" in Voyage ATL magazine and many other media articles. She has been a speaker on numerous podcasts, panels, and keynote across the nation including Spelman College, St. Olaf College, Emory University, Sacred Heart University, FSU Institute for Justice Research and Development, Association For Justice-Involved Females and Organizations (AJFO) 2019, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, ForeverFamily, 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference hosted by the Drug Policy Alliance, and Dignity For Incarcerated Women Roundtable with Senator Cory Booker. Pamela Winn is a 2017 Leading with Conviction Fellow of JustLeadership USA dedicated to reducing mass incarceration #HalfBy2030, 2018 Erin J. Vuley Fellow of Feminist Women's Health Center fighting for #ReproductiveJustice, 2019 Community Change Women's Leadership Fellow showing what it looks like when #WomenOfColorLead, and a 2019 Soros Justice Fellow with Open

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PRESS & MEDIA

## video press

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REASON

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## print press

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THE SHOCKING STATE OF  
INCARCERATED PREGNANT W  
OMEN IN THE US

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

### legislation

- Spearheaded the campaign and lead advisor of state legislation for “Dignity For Incarcerated Women Georgia” HB345, hosted by Chairwoman Sharon Cooper including the efforts of Representatives David Dreyer, Park Cannon, Bee Nguyen, and Renita Shannon along with hosts of collaborating organizations and directly impacted women. HB345 has made Georgia history by passing unanimously, prohibiting the shackling and solitary confinement of incarcerated pregnant women.
- Provided advocacy that was instrumental in the passing of the historical First Step Act which included banning shackling of federal incarcerated women!
- Met with Jared Kushner and representatives of the White House to speak at the Prison Reform Summit regarding “Women’s Issues.”
- Worked with the Office of Senator Cory Booker to advocate the national bill, Dignity For Incarcerated Women
- Advocated and consulted on national legislation “The Pregnant Women In Custody Act” that prohibits restraints and restrictive housing of incarcerated pregnant women or who have given birth within the last eight weeks and requires data collection on the mental and physical health of pregnant women in custody.

- Advocated and consulted on national The bill established minimum standards of healthcare and training of pregnant women, fetuses, and newborns, as well as funding to train state and local corrections and law enforcement agencies regarding pregnant women in custody. Lastly, a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study will be required to survey the services and protections.
- Collaborated with Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) to create a Bill of Rights For Incarcerated Pregnant People to serve as guidance in detention facilities

### more

- Started a petition through change.org obtaining more than 128K signatures to educate and bring awareness regarding the barbaric conditions, lack of adequate care, and dehumanization of incarcerated pregnant women to advocated Dignity For Incarcerated Women
- Appointed to the National Anti-Shackling Advisory Board
- Participated in the research of Pregnancy in Prison Statistics (PIPS) to develop Policy Recommendations and Best Practices for the Care of Incarcerated Pregnant Patients
- Partnered with #cut50 to lead the National Day of Empathy in Georgia 2018 and 2019
- Partnered with #cut50 to promote policy change with state level Dignity legislation which passed in eight states this year

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