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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office & Peace 4 Poverty Announce the First Graduates of the Next Great 50 Program

(Charlotte, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Peace 4 Poverty are proud to announce that the first Mecklenburg County Detention Center residents accepted into the Next Great 50 program will be graduating on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

The Next Great 50 program supplies returning citizens with information and skills that will help change their economic mobility once they leave incarceration. This program gives residents the opportunity to receive financial literacy, best practices, and practical tools to aid them in becoming entrepreneurs.

"We strive to rehabilitate those in our custody through non-conventional methods and our partnership with Peace 4 Poverty builds on that", said Sheriff McFadden. "These graduates have put in the necessary work to achieve the goals they set for themselves and are now equipped with tools to succeed once they return to our community. This is only the beginning; I'm excited to see our residents put what they've learned to use and look forward to more success from the Next Great 50 program."

"Working with this first group was inspirational, powerful, and groundbreaking," says Joshua Proby, Executive Director of Peace 4 Poverty, and creator of The Next Great 50. "When those who are at a disadvantage are afforded the opportunity to become better the results are seen. Because opportunity with intention and purpose, connected to relatability will always bring about change."

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