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## We are emancipating North Carolina

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"We are winning the fight for liberation. Over the past year we have spoken truth to power unflinchingly. I have never been prouder to play a small role in helping the people of North Carolina emancipate themselves from the chains of systemic and institutional racism."

— Dawn Blagrove, Executive Director



"Working for Emancipate NC allows me to fulfill my passion and my purpose: to serve people impacted by oppression."

— Cierra Cobb, Advocate

husband to Jeffrey Cobb, serving 31 years in prison

"Those who are closest to the pain should be closest to the power."

— Kerwin Pittman, Director of Policy & Program  
served eleven and a half years in prison



"From advocating for the rights of people in custody during COVID, to fighting race-based profiling and racial discrimination in jury selection, to combatting abusive police practices and seeking an end to juvenile life sentences, Emancipate NC was there in 2021, on the front lines of some of North Carolina's most important civil rights battles, fighting for the rights of the people."

— Ian Mance, Staff Attorney

"The best part of 2021 was over 4,500 people coming home from prison through *NAACP v. Cooper*. We won't stop till they all come home."

— Elizabeth Simpson, Associate Director  
pictured with Sheila Edwards, released home early



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