



Be Your Brother's Keeper. Give a License to Succeed.

During the holiday season — *a time of giving and of giving thanks* — **Capital City My Brother's Keeper** and **Arm In Arm** are teaming up with local faith and social organizations to help our brothers and our neighbors to get on the road to financial stability with a
License to Succeed.

Here's where you come in.

Every \$500 raised within a participating faith or social organization will connect someone with a suspended license to **Arm In Arm**, which will pay the fees and process the paperwork to regain their driver's license and get back behind the wheel to qualify for — and get to — more or better paying jobs.

Let's do this - together!

To learn more and donate: www.arminarm.org
609-396-9355, ext. 27

Mail checks to: Arm In Arm, 123 E. Hanover St., Trenton, NJ 08608;
write "License to Succeed" in the memo line



CITY OF TRENTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Eric E. Jackson
Mayor

November 7, 2016

Dear Community Partner:

One of the least known but most prevalent barriers to employment and skills building is not having a driver's license due to license suspension. The City of Trenton, through the Capital City My Brother's Keeper (CC-MBK) Steering Committee, is pleased to partner with Arm in Arm, formerly the Crisis Ministry, to launch "Be Your Brother's Keeper. Give a License to Succeed". This is part of an effort beginning in the month of November to bring awareness to and help people overcome the employment barrier of suspended licenses.

Many license suspensions occur because of existing financial hardship, where a person is not able to pay fines and surcharges related to tickets. Once the license is suspended the financial hardship becomes greater because of the additional costs to restore; beyond the existing fines and surcharges. This creates a vicious cycle where people at present suffering from monetary difficulties run a high risk of losing their jobs or not be able to access employment opportunities because they don't have a license.

For example, when JA, a Trenton resident receiving \$140/month in public assistance income applied for the License to succeed program, his \$200 in fees owed to the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission seemed insurmountable. Arm in Arm was able to restore his license, and he was immediately able to obtain employment. With savings from this job, he paid for and attended Security Officer training, obtaining employment as a security guard. Savings from these jobs have allowed him to purchase a car. He will soon start a part time position as a driver at a non-profit in Trenton transporting clients to appointments. All of this was made possible with license restoration.

Through "Be Your Brother's Keeper. Give a License to Succeed" we hope your organization will be able to donate at least \$500, **enough to cover the average cost of license restoration for one person; someone like JA.** With your help, someone will be able to restore their license and get to a job that will help them support themselves and their family.

To learn more about Arm in Arm's License to succeed, and to donate to this program, please visit www.arminarm.org, or call 609-396-9355, ext. 27. Donations can be mailed directly to: Arm in Arm, 123 E. Hanover St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Please put "License to Succeed" in the memo line of your check.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Jackson
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