

Darryl Woods Sr.

Speaker · Community Leader · Justice Reform Advocate



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Leadership Roles & Honors

- **Chair**, Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- **Commissioner**, State Appellate Defender Commission (SADO)
- **Board Member**, DWIHN SUD Board
- **Elder**, Greater Grace Temple
- **Founder & CEO**, Fighting the Good Fight, LLC
- **Chaplin**, Wayne County Sheriff Dept
- **Director**, S.A.Y. Detroit Better Together,
- **Community Liaison**, Growth Works
- **Member**, Detroit Branch NAACP Criminal Justice Committee.
- **Recipient**, NAACP Great Expectation Reward

Bio

Darryl Woods Sr. is a powerful voice for redemption, restoration, and community transformation. After serving 29 years of a life sentence, his sentence was commuted by then-Governor Rick Snyder—marking the beginning of a new chapter that continues to inspire countless lives across Michigan and beyond.

While incarcerated, Darryl surrendered his life to Christ and ultimately, leading thousands of incarcerated men and youth toward spiritual and personal transformation and hope. He served as Chair of the NAACP Detroit Branch Prison Committee for over a decade and sat on the Board of Directors for Chance For Life, advocating for second chances and systemic reform.

Darryl founded the Youth Deterrent Program bringing 30–50 at-risk youth per month into life-changing sessions with FBI agents, judges, and community leaders. His programs reduced recidivism, created jobs for youth, and helped returning citizens find stability. While in prison he and his team raised over \$100,000 for scholarships and community initiatives.

Latest Initiative

Among his many current efforts, Darryl most recently launched the Credible Messengers Mentoring Initiative at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, where he and his team are impacting young lives daily—providing guidance, mentorship, and a vision for a better future.

Whether he's speaking before thousands, advising city leaders and policymakers, or walking alongside individuals seeking a new path, Darryl Woods Sr. is living proof that redemption is real—and that leadership can rise from even the most unlikely places.