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## Money Rock author to speak at Build People, Not Prisons event March 26

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**journalist and “Money Rock” author to speak at Build People, Not Prisons Event March 26**
*Fundraiser*
*to benefit Center for Community Transitions programs and services*

CHARLOTTE,

NC (Feb. 24, 2020)

– An author who has written

about inequality and the struggles that formerly incarcerated people face is speaking March 26 at the

[Build People, Not Prisons](#)

event benefitting the Center for Community Transitions (CCT).

Freelance

journalist Pam Kelley connected with CCT in 2017 while writing her book, “Money Rock: A Family’s Story of Cocaine, Race, and Ambition in the New South.” Kelley will share her personal experiences and what she learned while attending CCT’s LifeWorks! classes.

The

[Build People, Not Prisons](#)
[event](#) includes dinner,

wine, beer donated by Catawba Brewing, live and silent auctions, and live music by the Crystal Fountains.

Emceeding the event for the second

year is radio personality Francene Marie Morris, host and producer of the Francene Marie Show airing on Beasley Media Group stations.

The

second annual fundraiser will take place 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Warehouse 242, 2307 Wilkinson Blvd. in west Charlotte. Single tickets are \$75; \$250 for a table of 4. Tickets can be purchased online at the Center for Community Transitions website:

<https://centerforcommunitytransitions.org/>.

Ticket sales end Monday, March 23. No ticket sales at door.

Bank

of America is a Platinum event sponsor. Carolina Industrial Trucks and Greer Walker are Gold sponsors. All proceeds from the event will support CCT

[programs and services](#),

including

[LifeWorks!](#)

(practical training and employment-seeking assistance),

[Families Doing Time](#)

(services, support and events for families of incarcerated individuals) and the [Center for Women](#) (a 30-bed residential program for women who are incarcerated and eligible to participate in a reentry program).

**About**

***the Center for Community Transitions (CCT)***

*The*

*Center for Community Transitions is*

*a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the community by helping people with criminal records and their families find healthier and more productive ways of living. CCT's work provides employment and transition services; supports alternatives to incarceration; and restores and strengthens family bonds. Every day people receive reentry and family services from CCT to rebuild their lives and families while dealing with job and financial difficulties that result from incarceration.*

**About**

***Pam Kelley***

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*Kelley's book, "Money Rock: A Family's Story of Cocaine, Race, and Ambition in the New South," was published by The New Press in 2018. It grew out of her work at the Charlotte Observer, where she was a reporter for more than 30 years. Her favorite stories have always been about underdogs and outsiders, but she has covered the gamut – from investigations to features. Since writing her book, Kelley has been focusing on stories that explore inequality, writing about affordable housing and low wages, among other issues.*

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Join CCT on March 26, 2020 at our annual [Build People Not Prisons](#) fundraising event!



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