

Impact Americas

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Welcome to your source for the latest on GLG's Social Impact programs, Fellows, projects, and big ideas across the Americas.

- **We'll be sending these newsletters out quarterly** to keep you updated on Social Impact and how you can get involved.
- 🍌 **Hit reply and tell us what you think** so we can ensure that what we do aligns with what you care about most.

Let's dive in...

1. Spotlight: Connecting Recidiviz to parole and probation officers



2020 Fellow Clementine Jacoby, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Recidiviz, is leveraging technological know-how to improve one of the oldest social systems in the U.S. – criminal justice.

Why it matters: The financial burden of the U.S. criminal justice system has been estimated at [\\$1.2 trillion](#) in direct and societal costs – including lost earnings, health effects, and damage to families. But the immense price tag far from guarantees a just and efficient system – with incarceration [disproportionately affecting](#) Black, brown, and indigenous Americans, and probation and parole revocations constituting nearly 25% of prison admissions.

Recidiviz works to accelerate progress toward a smaller, fairer criminal justice system. The nonprofit organization builds open-source data platforms and tools that help criminal justice decision makers reduce incarceration, improve re-entry outcomes, and monitor the impact of their efforts in real time.

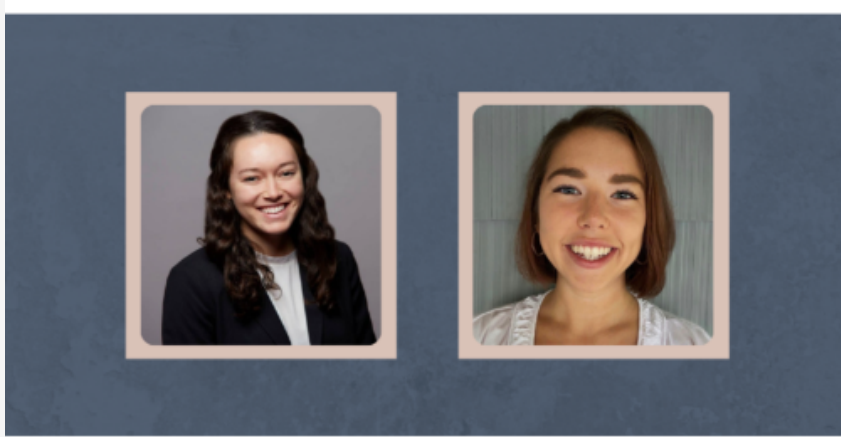
How we helped: Parole and probation officers play a vital role in overseeing decarceration, but they often lack the tools and resources to manage their expansive caseloads, which can include hundreds of clients at a time. Recidiviz has been developing products to help – but they were missing crucial insights from their target users.

- **We ran a Voice of Customer study to connect Recidiviz with a dozen former parole and probation offices from multiple states** – providing vital context on their day-to-day work and feedback on Recidiviz's products. Ensuring that these solutions are responsive to the challenges of parole and probation officers will drive better outcomes for both the officers and the clients they work with.

Since the pandemic began, Recidiviz has helped corrections officials in 34 states recommend 44,000 people for early release.

📺 **Go deeper:** [Meet the rest of our 2020 Fellowship class](#) to learn more about organizations working on racial equity & COVID-19 response.

2. GLGers Creating Impact: Meet Ashley and Maddie



Ashley (left) and Maddie (right)

We've heard from lots of you – and you've told us that working with causes you love and using your skills for social change are among the things you appreciate most at GLG.

Here's what some of your colleagues had to say about their experiences with GLG Social Impact.

Ashley Middleton (PSF CS, Austin) worked with 2020 Fellow [Nexleaf Analytics](#), a nonprofit that partners with public health organizations to protect temperature-sensitive vaccines supply chains, design sensor technologies, generate data analytics, and advocate for data-driven solutions to global challenges:

- *"It's amazing how our typical project work can have such an immediate impact for a global organization that will prove invaluable for distributing and sustaining vaccine deployment abroad."*

Maddie Partridge (PE CS, New York) partnered with [Skid Row Housing Trust](#) as part of her onboarding training. Skid Row provides permanent supportive housing in the Los Angeles area so that people who have experienced homelessness, prolonged extreme poverty, poor health, disability, mental illness, and/or addiction can lead safe, stable lives.

- *"This project made me really excited to get involved in Social Impact moving forward – I'm glad I was able to help SRHT with their new endeavor and I'm excited to see how it turns out for them!"*

👋 **If you want to share** your experience too, hit reply to say hi and let us know what Social Impact means to you.

3. Get Involved: Volunteer to work with a nonprofit



Photo credit: GLG Partners Program Organization Humanity Crew, an international aid organization that provides first-response mental health interventions and psychological aid to refugees

There are more ways than ever to get involved with Social Impact and support a cause you care about!

1. **Nominate a nonprofit for a free GLG project** through our [award-winning Partners Program](#). No commitment required! Just find an organization doing work that matters to you and [make the introduction](#).
2. **Volunteer to work on a project** with a nonprofit nominated by a fellow GLGer. Don't have an organization in mind but still want to give back? No problem! [Sign up](#) to run a one-off project with a nonprofit in our queue.
3. **Join the servicing team to support one of our Fellows.** Our [Social Impact Fellows](#) and philanthropy clients, such as [the Rockefeller Foundation](#), are always in need of additional helping hands. Consider [signing up](#) to support one of these incredible organizations.

👛 **The bottom line:** "Every GLGer has a unique opportunity to share our company's platform with those in need." – Paul Todd

So get out there and start making the world a better place!

That's all for now! Thanks for reading.

- **If you have any feedback** – ideas, suggestions, or stories for our next newsletter – reply to this email and let us know.
- **And to get involved** in Social Impact, fill out the GLGer interest form [here](#).

🍌 **Now, go [nominate a nonprofit](#) for our Partners Program!**