SACRAMENTO, CA- On Tuesday, August 15, Time For Change Foundation founder, Kim Carter, traveled to Sacramento for her Governor’s Pardon Review. It has been 24 years in the making. Time For Change’s mission is to empower disenfranchised, low-income individuals and families by building leadership through evidence-based programs and housing to create self-sufficiency and thriving communities.

Carter has led an extraordinary life. Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, she overcame a dark past filled with addiction, abuse, homelessness, and imprisonment. During her battle, one choice would change the course of her life forever: she was chosen to participate in rehabilitative program and for the first time in her life she was offered treatment and a solution.

After treatment and counseling, Carter began working as an accountant. She had reintegrated back into society and was able to reunify with her daughter. Life was finally good, but she felt that there was still more for her.
"I knew that my life had meaning and that I had to go through the darkness to get to where I am today," said Carter.

After starting Time for Change Foundation she knew she had found her purpose. Aside from providing homeless women and children with a place to call home, she became an advocate and started to develop leaders out of the women she was helping.

Over the last 15 years, Carter and TFCF have helped over 1,000 homeless women and children in San Bernardino County achieve self-sufficiency, 227 children have been reunified with their mothers, and in 2015 she was honored as one of CNN’s top 10 heroes of the year.

Her impact on society is evident through her advocacy work and history of awards and accolades from esteemed public figures and organizations. Through her work, she has empowered others to be the agent of change by using their voices and votes to make a difference. She is a published author, motivational speaker, and life coach and trainer. Carter is instrumental in making laws and creating programs that work to end homelessness, which includes emergency shelter, permanent supportive, and affordable housing services.

When asked why she pursued a Governor’s Pardon, Carter responded, "I want my life to be a testimony and to break the generational cycle of incarceration. I want to leave a positive legacy for my family. This is something that I pray will have an everlasting impact for many generations to come. They will have the freedom and opportunities to make a far greater impact in the world than I."