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Thank you for your interest in our organization, Adopt an Inmate.

We began our work after a family member was incarcerated, and discovered how difficult it is for inmates to communicate with their families and participate in their own defense. Two years later, we launched our website and are doing our best to provide support for inmates. Our mission is:

- To remind the world and those caught in the grip of the justice system that both accused and adjudicated are human.
- To provide relief, comfort, and hope to those facing judgement, and to help those sentenced emerge from prison whole, knowing they are part of a larger family that loves and cares for them.
- Ultimately, Adopt an Inmate would seek to change prison itself from an arbitrary system of cruelty and punishment to one which internally recognizes the humanity of its charges and treats them accordingly such that recidivism is rare, rather than a feature of our current system's design.

Enclosed is an Inmate Survey for you to complete and return. Please note that the survey is not an “application” that requires approval. We do not collect fees or put ads on our site for individual inmates. We want every inmate to be “adopted,” and match people up based on their location and gender preference, and any other useful information we have from both adopter and adoptee. **We do not have the resources to respond to your completed survey, but know that your name will be added to the waiting list as soon as we receive it (if it indicates you want to be adopted).**

NOTE: We are not a dating site (although we do consider gender preference), nor are we lawyers. Our intention is to create opportunities for friendship and support.

We welcome your stories from the inside for our “Letters From Prison” series, poems, and artwork, (including “welcome” banners, see examples below) to publish on our website; please do extend this invitation to anyone who might have something to share. **An SASE is most appreciated if you require a reply. We love to get mail but please be patient and expect delays in our replies while we are focusing on getting all of you adopted.**

Do notify us with any updates to your address or custody status so that we can remain in contact with you.

Much peace to you,

Melissa Schmitt
She-EO, Adopt an Inmate



P.S. If this is a duplicate survey, please discard or pass on to someone who might be interested ☺