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(971) ADOPT-97

Thank you for your interest in our organization. Adopt an Inmate is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the value and rehabilitation of people in prison. By connecting them with supportive adopters, our organization amplifies their voices, expands their support systems, and increases the likelihood of successful reentry into society. Through educational programs and community partnerships, we strive to improve the criminal legal system and create a more just and compassionate society.

This service is provided free of charge to both adoptees and adopters. Participants are matched based on common interests, location, age, and other information provided to us by adopters and adoptees.

We began our work in 2013, after a family member was incarcerated, and discovered the challenges of incarcerated people who have few if any positive social connections. Ten years later, we have been in contact with well over 15K incarcerated people in all 50 states. 2,500+ of those have been adopted, with more connections every day.

Enclosed is an application for you to complete and return. Read all the information on this letter and application thoroughly. Mail the completed application (address on reverse) and keep this letter for your records.

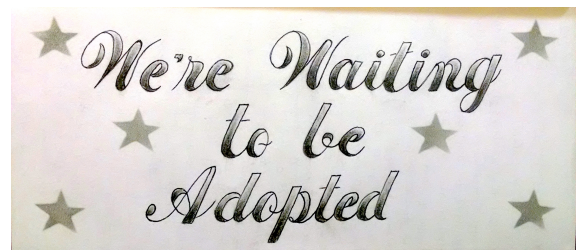
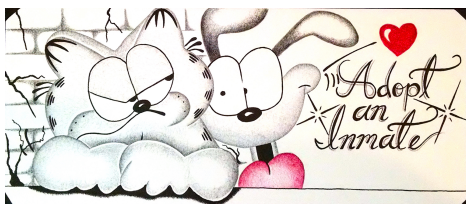
We welcome your stories from the inside for our *Letters From Prison* series, as well as artwork (including "welcome" banners, see examples below) to publish on our website. Please do extend this invitation to anyone who might have something to share. We love to get mail but please be patient with response time as we are constantly under an avalanche of requests. **A self-addressed stamped envelope is most appreciated if you require a reply.**

**NOTE:** We are not a dating service (although we do consider gender preference), nor are we lawyers (do not send us your legal documents). Our intention is to create opportunities for positive social connection and mentorship.

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

Much peace to you,

Melissa Bee  
She-EO, Adopt an Inmate





# About Us

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- ☐ **Note that we have two addresses, make sure you are using the right one:**

**Completed Applications:**

**Adopt an Inmate**  
10810 N Tatum Blvd Ste 102-948  
Phoenix, AZ 85028

**Requests for additional applications:**

(include SASE if possible)

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I have read each item above and agree that Adopt an Inmate can use my information to match me with an adopter, and other purposes related to the mission of Adopt an Inmate.

AI application completed, signed, and mailed to the Phoenix address on the below date:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date application mailed to AI: \_\_\_\_\_



## Adoptee Application About You

Mail completed applications only  
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\*\*\*If this is a duplicate application, please pass on to someone who might be interested\*\*\*

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

State & Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a veteran? Y / N Branch? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How would you classify your gender identity? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say

Optional: ☐ Bisexual ☐ Transgender ☐ Intersex ☐ Asexual ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Religious affiliation: I prefer to correspond with someone who is (check all that apply): ☐ No Preference ☐ Christian  
☐ Non-religious ☐ Jewish ☐ Muslim ☐ Hindu ☐ Buddhist ☐ Taoist ☐ Wiccan ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are you looking for in an adopter? \_\_\_\_\_

5. When did your current incarceration begin? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What was your age at time of earliest incarceration? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your sentence? \_\_\_\_ Years / Months ☐ Life ☐ LWOP ☐ Death ☐ I am civilly committed

8. Were you sentenced under a three strikes or persistent offender law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Were you convicted of felony murder or under the law of parties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Expected date of release? \_\_\_\_\_ Earliest possibility of parole: \_\_\_\_\_

11. What factors or influences do you think led to your incarceration? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you feel your sentence is just? Y / N Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you feel your time in jail/prison has benefited you? Y / N Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Educational or other programming you have completed, or hope to complete: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Interests and hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

16. What would you like to accomplish with the remaining time you have in prison? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What are your hopes and dreams for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

18. I would be interested in receiving mentorship for the following professions: \_\_\_\_\_

19. I am interested in participating in a Restorative Justice program. ☐ Yes ☐ No

20. I am interested in submitting artwork, crafts, writing, or book review(s) for publication on AI's website: ☐ Yes ☐ No

21. Provide any additional information that would help us find a compatible match for you. \_\_\_\_\_



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Check each box to indicate you have read and agree, sign at the bottom, and return application to us.  
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The About Us information above is also on the back of the introductory letter. Please return this signed form to AI at the Phoenix address above, and keep the letter for your records.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you received this as a scan on your tablet, you may respond in writing (or messaging) with the question numbers and your responses. Include current date and signature and mail to the address above.*