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CORRECTIONS ACTIVITY UPDATE

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To: Corrections, H&I, Bridging the Gap Committee Chairs
From: Brenda Brown, Corrections Coordinator, corrections@aa.org
cc: Area Delegates, Board Trustees and Directors

Dear A.A. Friends,

Greetings from the Corrections desk at G.S.O.! We are sending you best wishing during these challenging times.

Corrections Correspondence Service

Thanks to the areas for getting the word out about the need for male correspondents and to the Grapevine for the wonderful appeal in the June issue.

Currently the waiting list has been fulfilled. Since the pandemic, we have a substantial reserve of outside male/female correspondents; we continue to welcome male/female volunteers, but we inform them that there may be a wait of several months before they can be linked with inmates.

Sharing from Behind the Walls

The summer and fall 2020 issues of our newsletter ***Sharing from Behind the Walls*** are available on our A.A. website so those of you taking meetings into facilities have easy access to each issue. You can find the newsletters and more information by clicking the following hyperlink <http://www.aa.org/sharing-from-behind-the-walls>.

SHARED EXPERIENCE:

In August, the trustee's Committee on Corrections requested shared experience on "How the message is being carried behind the walls during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Below I have summarized some sharing that was sent by the Fellowship:

VIDEO

- A local corrections committee created a video combining their public service announcement, "Sobriety in A.A.: Opening Doors to a Life Without Drinking" with the 3:57 minute version of "A New Freedom." The video was broadcast throughout the facility.

LITERATURE

- Female inmates were given access to the Grapevine issues that were available for free during the pandemic.
- Administrative staff allowed literature to be dropped off.
- A large quantity of books was purchased for when the facilities re-open.
- Correction chairs have supplied all chaplains with literature.
- Packets of G.S.O. pamphlets with meeting resources (local directories, website information and Meeting Guide information) were prepared for inmates once the facility re-opens.

TABLETS FOR INMATES

- The Corrections department provided female inmates tablets in order to access approved A.A. stories.

ZOOM MEETINGS

- The Administrative Staff assisted in establishing videoconference A.A. meetings.
- The jail in Franklin County has begun videoconference meetings for inmates.

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