

Honorable Governor Nikki Haley

Greetings, I pray this correspondence reaches you in good health and strength and may God continue to bless you and your family. My name is Karreem Wiley and I currently, temporarily by the grace of God, reside at a South Carolina Department of Corrections Level 3 facility in McCormick. I say temporarily reside because although I was sentenced to a 25 year minimum mandatory sentence in 2008 for trafficking cocaine, and that is a long amount of time, I still have a future release date, though extremely distant. That is also a part of my reason for writing you this correspondence. I will refrain from going into the particular details in my case and circumstances but as an individual who has personally been devastated by the detrimental effects of mass incarceration and prison overcrowding, the extremely harsh sentencing policies that are heinously disproportionate in punishment to the nature of the alleged crime, and the continued declining, degrading conditions of the criminal justice system as a whole, I wish to appeal to your sovereign authority as Governor of this state and your merciful, moral compassion and sense of justice as a God fearing woman to address these unignorable, inhumane social scars that plague this state and nation as a whole. I first would like to commend and thank you for the tremendous improvements and progress that you have made since being elected.

twice, as Governor in the state economy and labor conditions by attracting domestic and international corporations to invest and expand in South Carolina by relocating some of their operations and building factories here. Your unyielding and tenacious efforts in challenging the state senate to modify the state budget and allocate the money necessary to repair the roads, highways and transportation infrastructure. And your fearless, courageous, honorable, poised and compassionate responses to the officer involved shooting of Walter Scott in Charleston, the removal of the Confederate flag from the statehouse and the horrific mass shooting by Dylan Roof at the Emmanuel A E church in Charleston. And though I am in no way, shape, form or fashion in position to tell nor inform you on how to do the job that God ordained and appointed you as governor of this state which I couldn't fathom the responsibilities and difficulties you face, but as far as we have come under your leadership, we still have farther to go and a lot of work to do. And with that said, those of us who are incarcerated, and justly convicted of a crime, have to do our part in paying our debt to society for the mistakes we've made and in doing the work of repairing the families, the homes and communities that we victimized and left broken. We understand the odds are against us and it is a tremendous uphill climb involving a lot of hard work that we have to do and Madam Governor many of us accept the challenge

your desk to be approved and signed into law. The 5120 Bill along with coinciding amendments and the ongoing changes to sentencing for Drug charges and parole and probation reform is a huge advance in the right direction in providing the essential vital component that is the source of the optimism necessary for an individual to sustain any commitment to overcome the difficult challenges and adversities that everyone faces in life and for the incarcerated to resist allowing their lives to continue a downward spiral of depravity, delinquency and despair. This missing component is hope and in the absence of hope you have hopelessness and eventually anarchy and chaos which have now corrupted the Department of Corrections facilities, but for a few individuals that hold on for dear life, too hope. As a result of the deliberate removal of any sense of hope from the incarcerated, which in essence is equivalent to eliminating any chance to make amends for your mistakes, change your life and one day earn your freedom, the Department of Corrections has converted its objective from transformation and rehabilitation to annihilation and unjust mass incarceration. This has had an adverse impact on South Carolina taxpayers as well as South Carolina has spent an average of \$430 million dollars a year to operate its prisons. In spite of the increasing lengthy sentences being handed out research statistics actually show that 95% of prisoners will be released back into society. With no hope and exposure to

inadequate resources for rehabilitation in the form of modern job skills training and life transition instruction this will almost certainly lead to a failure to acclimate to an ever changing society which will add to recidivism. Honorable South Carolina Supreme Court Justice Beatty addressed the State Solicitor Association and put solicitors on notice with the following comments "Though the public is thankful for your service, my lecture would deal with the abuse of power, selective prosecution, Brady Violations, tampering with witnesses, witness intimidation, retaliatory prosecution and perjury - these things will not be tolerated anymore. The Courts have been turning a blind eye for too long. You will no longer have the protection of harmless error. The Court is going to enforce the rules against prosecutors" While this is a profound declaration and warning against any unconstitutional actions committed by State prosecutors in any future court cases, it fails to address the injustices and illegal actions committed against those of us currently incarcerated as the result of these same constitutional violations. Sen. Rand Paul R. Ky, co-sponsored the Justice Safety Valve Act to ease mandatory sentencing, he equated the war on drugs with racist, Jim Crow policies and went on to say "our minority communities have been targeted in ways particularly in the drug war, that would be unthinkable in white communities. Today, far too many young men - and in particular African American young men, find

themselves subject to sentences of many decades for relatively minor, nonviolent drug infractions, where the young men find their futures taken away by excessive mandatory minimums. These inequities undermine American ideals of justice. There are more people locked up today for drug offenses alone than the entire prison system held in 1970. More black men born in the post-Civil Rights era have served time in prison than graduated from college. Where one (1) in 87 white men is in jail or in prison, for African American men the number is one (1) in 12. Either we are home to the most evil people on Earth or we are doing something dramatically wrong in how we approach criminal justice. Policies designed to be tough on crime have perpetuated a vicious cycle, the effect has been to damage and devastate entire communities - particularly communities of color. These conditions and circumstances only exacerbate many of the complex problems and issues that the overwhelming majority of incarcerated men and women suffer from whether psychological, physical, behavioral, social, sexual, financial, educational or emotional. Most of us were victims long before we were accused of committing a crime. Whether broken homes, broken families or broken communities infested with alcohol, drugs, poverty, crime, violence and exposed domestic, physical, sexual and mental abuse these conditions produced broken individuals. Individuals stripped of any sense of

self worth, self respect, self dignity or true self identity making it easy to embrace and emulate the corrupt images, ideals and stereotypes that a judgemental, biased society views and mainstream media project until we are eventually caught up in the cycle of foolish choices and self destruction. While this is by no means an excuse nor a request for charity or a handout it is a brief description of the ills many of us are plagued with and the reality we face. But many of us have accepted responsibility of trying to break this devastating, detrimental cycle of destruction. Change our lives, Change our families and change our communities. There are a number of new dynamic and positive programs and classes being offered here at McCormick Correctional Institution and other Level 3 SCDC institutions with the intention of providing support and helping us take initiative to change our lives. But Madam Governor, these initiatives would be that much more profound in the impact they have on our making successful life changes if we had the extra incentive of working hard to earn our freedom by being held accountable for the choices we make while incarcerated and taking programs and classes that will be counted as credit towards decreasing your sentence. South Carolina prisons are not just overfilled with human capital but with human potential and God given gifts, talents and creativity. We need your help Madam Governor to change our lives, to reach

our potential and to help rebuild our communities and play our part in making South Carolina a great state. A state that supports its law abiding citizens, but also is willing to help those who have made mistakes if they are willing to work hard and help themselves. I humbly appeal to you Governor Haley to sign into legislation House Bill 5120 and to continue to develop changes to the Criminal Justice System. We aren't looking for a handout, but we desperately need a helping hand.

Sincerely,  
Harveem Wiley #327305

5-17-2016

Dear Madame Governor,

I want take up much of your time. Please, Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Toby E. Moore. I'm currently residing at The M<sup>c</sup>Cormick facility. Can't say that it honors the title "Correctional" in any form. My reason for writing is in regard to the HB 5120 Bill proposed by Rep. Alexander. I, along with other residents, have taken almost every "program" offered at SCDC. But there is no record in the computer showing our progress or no proper assessment of our conduct, character, "intent", or rehabilitation. We are being "warehoused", and not looked at or treated more than dogs. I am a married man with 3 children and a granddaughter. I am serving a 30yr 85% sentence (Wrongfully convicted)!. I know that I, along with a few others back here, I know personally, Can and will get out and be "productive" citizens, given the opportunity! We are fighting recidivism with the scarce tools and resources that "God" has provided for us. "Jump Start" has proven that over "Spice"! (Tim Terry Founder of "Jump Start") Madame, I close this letter with an Appeal to you personally from the community at M<sup>c</sup>Cormick Facility, to approve HB 5120, and may the Peace of God abide on you and your family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Toby E. Moore #350242  
F1-120-B-MCT

Mrs Hallie,

My name is Darvin Holston and I'm an inmate at McCormick Correctional Institution. On May 12, 2011 I was found guilty of Burglary 1st, Kidnap, and Attempted Armed Robbery. The sentence was life without parole. I understand that actions have consequences and that I must bear that responsibility. At this time I am currently doing everything in my power to make myself a better person, such as involving myself in proactive programs like the work-keys program that was recently mandated by south carolina legislature, the Character program initiated by Asst. Director Michael McCall, and also involved in different classes such as light learning (an accredited collage course in theology) and spanish for beginners. I do understand that all these things would be beneficial to me in life and that's why I'm involved but now I would like to turn your attention to House Bill 5120, House Bill 5120 would definitely be a motivator for an individual like myself in the sense that an official Judge would actually get to review my progress after a certain amount of time in order to determine whether an individual would be a detriment or benefit to the community; Get an overview of the individual's conduct while incarcerated; and make an independent individual assessment of that persons rehabilitative accomplishments to determine if HE/She would make a productive citizen, Thank You in advance,

Darvin Holston

My Name is Deshaun Brown # 338318. I'm incarcerated for murder and serving a 30 yr sentence. My Crime was committed in June of 2007. I was 16 yrs old when this happen. Now, I'm 25 yrs old and I've been in the system for nine years. My sentence consist of a mandatory length. I have an G.E.D and currently enroll in multiple classes at this moment. I sincerely feel that the Bill 5120 will benefit me and the population of the incarcerated. I feel that the time of 85% to 65% will give us that motivation to strive to get to our love ones. Also the programs will give us a chance to educate us in the areas that we've never met on the outside. It gives us a chance to rehabilitate ourselves and gives us a second chance in life, not only for us but for our kids and the youth that's coming along behind us. Due to the population back here that's overcrowded, kids are missing fathers, uncles, and brothers and it's creating problems for the women who are striving to raise them the best way that they can but they're still missing that male role model in the house holds and in the communities, How do we know that it will benefit for its purpose? The time that we're spent incarcerated gives us the time to sit back and reflect on the things we did and the things we took for granted. We realized that we made mistakes and are determine to put in the time and dedication to restore those stepping stones back into society. what's really gonna rehabilitate us is the programs that will be brought forth. It will prepare us mentally and physically so we won't have to go back out there blind and undecided on what to do and how to survive to take care of our families. I feel by bring forth these programs will help utilize our time wisely and also build our skills towards our abilities to progress and move forward in the future. while we got the time to reflect, give us the tools to build ourselves a better tomorrow. Thank You.

my name is Mikayla Dendy I.m.#252581. I am

currently serving life for murder. my crime was

committed in April of 1995. I was sentenced to life

with the eligibility for parole after 20 years. Although I

have and opportunity to go before the Parole Board in

2017, I am writing in support of Bill S120.

I have been in prison for 19 years now. I

am 40 years old. my crime was committed when I was

19 years old. A teenager. The first thing I did was go to

school to get my GED. I went through an adjustment

period but soon came to the understanding that I was

the cause of my own anger. Do to ignorance. So far

the last 15 years I have been active in my own

liberation through education. I also believe that an

educated environment is a safer environment for

inmates and officers alike. So even if Bill S120 will

never happen I want you to know we need the

classes, programs, and the opportunity to show a much

more positive and mature frame of mind.

In closing, I want from and thank you

for convicted of murder and armed robbery to a

good feeling man-in-prison. Teaching Small Business

and Economics classes. I thank you in advance for

your time and consideration. It has been an honor.

Thank you.

Dear Gov. Nikki Haley,

I think that it is truly an honor for me to get this chance to write this letter so that I can express to you how 85% has changed me and so many other people's lives because of the long length of time that one has to do before he or she can be released from prison. It really has a big effect on us and our families. My name is Travis McLaughlin #291562 and I am currently serving a 25 yr sentence in the Department of Corrections under the 85% law which means I will have to do 21 yrs before I can be released from prison. First of all I would like to say that prior to my incarceration I was a big supporter for my family in many different ways. Now that I have been incarcerated for almost 7 yrs its causing my family to suffer because of all the time that we have to do on these sentences. I have two kids that's out there in the world, that's 11 and 13 and I am so afraid that if I'm not there to support them that they are going to do things unlawfully to support their financial needs, and then I would have failed them as a father and I sure do not want to fail my kids. So please if there is anything you can do to help us with any kind of early release program or changing 85% to 65% please do so because our family and kids need our support. and I can almost assure you that me and a lot of other good people that's back here once we get another chance at life we are not coming back to prison. Thanks for your time and consideration

Rodrick Bing 259675#

5-23-16

The need for the continual development and support towards programs and incentives laden initiatives, I believe should play a vital role in U.S. prison policy. While being incarcerated within South Carolina Department of Correction within these last sixteen years, I've seen a tremendous change amongst prisoners and the system as a ~~whole~~ whole. Reading books and educating oneself was one time the norm. It wasn't strange or odd to see individuals engaged in a conversation that was centered around history, science, physiology etc. Those who been in the system since the early 90's, share stories about a time when there was a variety of vocational classes, throughout level 2 and 3 prisons, also the numerous support that was provided by outside organizations and the many opportunities that were available for a person to actually display their talents and skills. My personal experience of participating in the programs that are available here at M-C-I has had a tremendous impact on my life, attitude, and ~~character~~ character.

especially at a time when I needed it the most. Programs such as Second Chance and Operation Common Sense with pride have giving me a platform to express myself and share my talents with others. Also it has provided me with a very strong support network that I am very thankful for. I've also had the opportunity to meet so many other individuals that are so talented and down to earth and who are really striving for change. I've seen first hand how one program in particular, lower the crime rate in a dorm. Some say it wasn't any hope for. Not only did ~~the~~ see a dramatic reduction in violence, but this program also had an actual impact on individual characters and this created a ripple effect in the whole dorm. There is a major trend that is taking place within the Department of Corrections. Many of the initiatives that are being instituted are started by inmates. These programs are not funded by the state but they are just as effective as the ones that are. Plus these programs allow prisoners to be creative in their approach.

Many of these programs are supported by the prison population themselves, and have a lasting impact not just on the individuals but the ~~the~~ institution. Hope is a precious commodity for any individual, especially for those who are incarcerated. This is what many of these programs and incentives laden initiatives offer. Take that away and all you will have left is chaos.

# Participate in your own liberation!

EVERYTHING IS NOT FOR EVERYBODY, BUT FOR THOSE OF US WILLING TO DO SOMETHING, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SIT DOWN AND COMPOSE A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR. THESE LETTERS ARE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 5120. WE ARE ASKING OUR FAMILIES TO SHOW SUPPORT AS WELL BY SIGNING THE ON-LINE PETITION. OUR VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD! SO THESE LETTERS SHOULD CONSIST OF

- HOW THE CURRENT 85% IS AFFECTING OUR LIVES & FAMILIES
- HOW PROGRAMS WILL HELP THE REHABILITATION OF A LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM.
- SUGGESTIONS OF PROGRAMS OR CLASSES.

THESE LETTERS SHOULD NOT BE ANGRY RANTS OR ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR CASE. THE LETTERS WILL BE COLLECTED AND REVIEWED SO THEY CAN BE SUBMITTED AS A WHOLE WITH THE LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE YARD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU NEED SUPPLIES SEE NIKIM IN ROOM 149B SIDE OF P-4.

BE ACTIVE IN THE FIGHT FOR YOUR OWN FREEDOM!!!

- Topic #4; Should South Carolina and other states address and reorganize the criminal justice prison system in America?: Jason Turman  
     Alt: Rodney Alexander
- Topic#5; How should immigration be handled by the U.S. government and why?: ~~Lowell Washington~~ →  
     Alt: Richard Tucker
- Topic #6; How is industry responding to consumer's food and safety concerns?: Karreem Wiley
- Topic #7; Should the Federal Government establish a program to substantially reduce crime in the U.S.?: Rodrick Bing  
     Alt: Todd Johnson  
     Alt: Jaron Dalton
- Topic #8; Should South Carolina and other states address and reorganize the criminal justice system in America?:  
     Jarvis Johnson  
     Alt: Joe Stokes
- Moderator: Rodney Murray

**Judges (Approved Volunteers):**

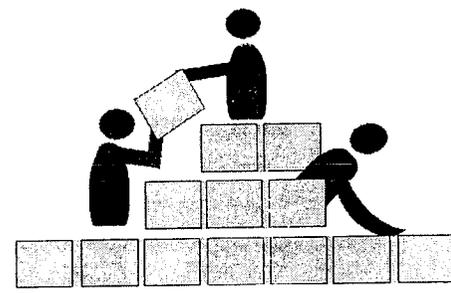
- Latonya Womack
- Nancy Robinson
- Sharon Pilgrim
- Dr. Ramondo James

**Closing Remarks/Presentation of Certificates .....**

.....Dr. Ramondo James, PhD

**Closing Prayer.....** Inmate Todd Johnson

Operation Common Sense w/ P.R.I.D.E.



# A Great Debate And Public Speaking Event

Presented by: McCormick's Operation Common Sense w/P.R.I.D.E. Class

# OPERATION COMMON SENSE WITH PRIDE

## PRESENTS

### A GREAT DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

HOST: MCCORMICK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION  
PASTORAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
MCCORMICK, SOUTH CAROLINA 29899

MR. LEROY CARTLEDGE, WARDEN  
MR. JAMES PARKER, ASSOCIATE WARDEN OF PROGRAMS  
REVEREND N. P. BARBER, SR. CLINICAL CHAPLAIN III

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

11:45

#### ORDER OF EVENTS

- Musical Prelude**..... Kevin Lee  
Musician, Inmate Director of Music Ministry
- Greetings**..... Mr. Leroy Cartledge  
Warden
- Acknowledge Volunteers**..... Reverend N. Barber  
Sr. Clinical Chaplain III/Head of Pastoral Services Department
- Opening Prayer**..... Inmate Todd Johnson
- Remarks/Introduction of Judges** .....Dr. Ramondo James PhD,  
Founder/ President of Operations Common Sense W/ P.R.I.D.E.
- Purpose of Debating and Public Speaking**.....Jaron Dalton  
Inmate Coordinator of Operations Common Sense w/ P.R.I.D.E.
- Video Showing**..... "Great Debaters"  
Denzel Washington
- introduction of Great Debaters and Public Speakers** ..... Karreem Wiley  
Inmate Coordinator of Operations Common Sense w/ P.R.I.D.E.

#### Debaters:

Topic: Should or should not South Carolina and other states address and reorganize the prison system in America for justice.

- 1<sup>st</sup> team:  
Jonathan Rodriguez  
Marcus Martin  
Keith Fitzgerald  
~~Rodney Alexander~~ Robert Johnson  
Richard Tucker  
Wilbert Franklin Jr.  
Lowell Washington  
Rodrick Bing
- Alternates:  
Ronnie Mitchell  
Ray Grayson  
Wendell Delarge  
Robert Johnson  
Mark Trammell  
Rodney Alexander  
Alonza Dennis  
Jordan Dalton
- Moderator: Toby Moore

#### Public Speakers:

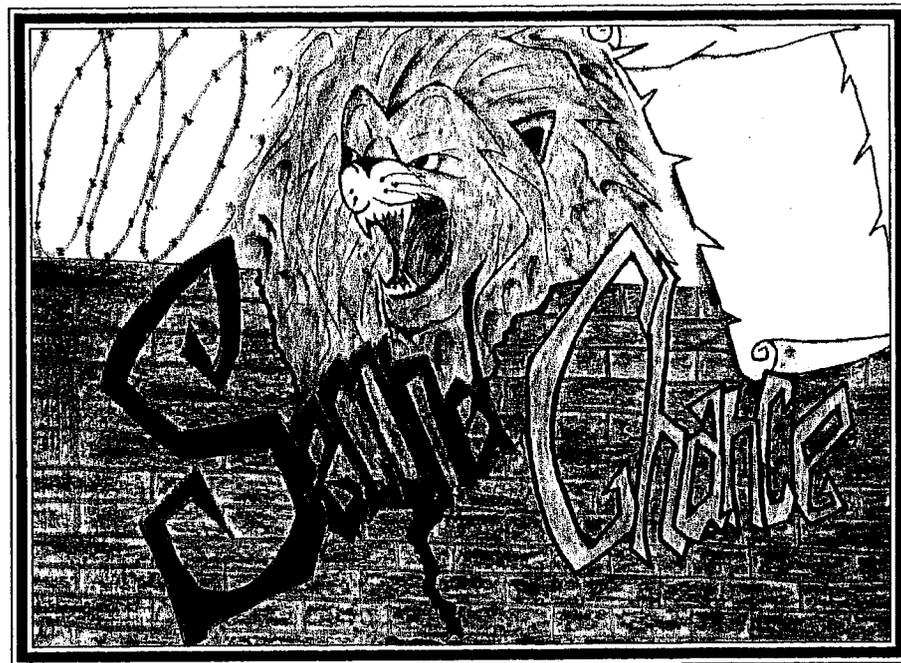
- Topic #1; How has the church impacted my life, my family, and my world?: Kevin Lee  
Alt: Willie Ray
- Topic #2; Should Americans celebrate cultural diversity: some problems and some solutions?: Keith Fitzgerald
- Topic #3; Should the U.S. deny certain immigrants to the United States?: Jonathan Rodriguez

## Second Chance Pledge

*We are men of Second Chance....Given an opportunity to correct, do over, and make right. Our today started yesterday, as our tomorrow is now. Being focused and determined, we march ever forward. We are men of Second Chance.*

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
MCCORMICK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION  
SECOND CHANCE

3rd PLATOON  
GRADUATION CEREMONY



Friday, April 29, 2016  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Leroy Cartledge, Warden  
James Parker, Associate Warden - Programs & Support Services  
Frank Mursier, Major  
W. Brisco, Second Chance Coordinator  
L. Henderson, Assistant Coordinator

# 3rd Platoon Graduating Class

## Graduates

Jerome Simmons	Wesley Shafer
Frankie Vereen	Hough Michael
Joseph Hudgins	Joseph Miller
Carl Johnson	Brad Vinson
Jarrier Rosas	Clarence Crittinton

## **Platoon Leader**

**Quinton Inman/Wesley Shafer**

## Facilitators

Nathaniel Holmes/ Billy Lee/ ~~Reico Welch~~

## Mentors

Tyrone Sanders/Rodrick Bing/ George McNeil  
 Leroy Archie/Devon Ford/ ~~Danny Ryant~~  
 Keyon Robinson / ~~Ernie Booker~~

## Tutors

Clarence Crittendon  
 Dawson Johnson  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Donsoyl Chisolm  
 Wesley Shafer

## Clerks

James Williams  
 Karreem Wiley

# Master of Ceremony

Lt. J. Tutt.....Second Chance Advisor

## **Program**

Welcome.....L. Henderson

Prayer..... Sr. Chaplain N. Barber

Opening Remarks.....Lt. J. Tutt

Drill Ceremony..... 3rd Platoon Graduating Class-

Inmate Speakers.....Joseph Hudgins/Clarence Crittention

Nathaniel Holmes/ George McNeil

Presentation of Certificates.....Chaplain B. Hankerson

Presentation of Certificates.....Unit Counselor L. Henderson

Prayer.....Chaplain Hankerson

Closing Remarks.....A/W Parker

*We are men of Second Chance!*

TO: The entire McC.I. Community

(The recreation dept.) Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the entire McC.I. community residents for supporting the brothers that are less fortunate and in need of help here at McCormick by donating hygiene supplies and resources. We all in some form or fashion can personally identify with the hardship and difficult times for those whom are incarcerated can experience. Sometimes, our families and loved ones fall on hard times and resources and financial support are limited-- if not cut off. It's sad to admit, but often when some of us are faced with these hard times we resort to drastic measures-- robbing, stealing, and killing each other when at the end of the day, we are all in this hectic struggle together. By providing support to the brother who are disadvantaged and less fortunate, we take responsibility in helping each other and improving community relationships, and our environment, and prayfully, we help prevent some of the acts of ignorance and violence that often take place when brothers feel like they have no support and have to get it by any other means. This mentality is among the existing reasons society looks at us as a bunch of individuals who are past rehabilitation and only specialize in destroying communities, and not restoring, and rebuilding communities... thus unworthy of being granted freedom. We have to change this outlook by changing how we treat each other, and it starts with initiatives like this. The hygiene products that were collected were distributed to the brothers on lock-up, F-5, medical, assisted living, brothers helping brothers hygiene drive and the yard hygiene ministry. We accumulated a total of 70 soaps, 16 toothpastes, 10 razors, 5 deodorants, and 9 envelopes. The generosity of the McC.I. community will not be taken advantage of and these items aren't distributed to support the brothers addictive habits and weaknesses, but to sincerely help them in time of need.

Thank you to all, the entire McC.I. community. Peace, and Happy Holidays.... God Bless.

Recreational Dept.

**R.I.P BROTHER ERIC SANDERS**

## **“SHOW ME THE MONEY”**

### Entrepreneur Small Business Challenge Contest

The Men of Second Chance, in collaboration with the D.F.C<sup>2</sup> Inc. (Down For Community Change), a non-profit organization; the S.A.V.A. (Standing Against Violent Acts) initiative; and the “Color Me Umoja” project campaign would like to invite the residents at M.C.C.I. to participate and compete in the first annual “Show Me The Money” Entrepreneur Small Business Challenge. The concept of this contest is based on the popular award-winning show “Shark Tank”, but the actual format is different. In the “Show Me The Money” contest, the contestants have to successfully develop and submit their written business plans through three (3) rounds of competition upon which certificates will be awarded to the top ten (10) contestant business plans and prizes awarded to the top three (3) contestants.

### **RULES**

The contest format is designed for three (3) rounds. The first initial round is “The Idea Construction Phase”. This phase of the contest is open to everyone who wants to enter the contest. To enter, you have to submit a brief description of your business and how and why your business will succeed. We encourage you to expand your thinking! Think outside of the box! We are looking for innovative, game-changing, revolutionary, and radical ideas. Just about every neighborhood and community has a car wash, barber shop, hair salon, bar or club, daycare center, landscaping business, etc. There is no problem with these types of businesses, but you will face stiff, established competition. It is best to think of features and services that will make you unique and attractive to both consumers and customers. Think on a global market scale with the approach you take. You can only submit one (1) business plan with whatever product, service, or idea you present whether it be in the fashion industry, technology field, media or entertainment industry, food or beverage product, office cleaning company, etc. You are looking to develop your idea efficiently, practically, and profitably. Along with your brief business description, place your name and dorm assignment at the top of your paper. You will also be required to give the definition of the twenty (20) business terms attached to the end of this memorandum. The definitions require a little common and practical sense. The words will have multiple definitions. Please only provide the definitions that deal with business and financial matters for each word.

The second round of the contest is the “Proof of Concept” phase. The top thirty (30) business plans from phase one will be selected to move on to round two. In this second phase, the contestants will be provided with a “Business Plan Packet” with pamphlets, sample stories, and a business application outline. Contestants will be asked to answer the questions on the application that are denoted with an asterisk (\*) next to the respective category and question. You will not be asked to answer all of the questions on the application. You will notice that some categories have the letters EC denoted next to them. These questions are reserved for the third and final round of the contest. While answering the questions in the second round, utilize the pamphlets and worksheets provided in your packet to guide you step by step through the process. You will also have access to selected mentors in each dorm who are listed below. They will not provide you with exact answers. They will just assist and guide you. Feel free to ask any of the mentors for help.

The third and final round of the contest is “The Start-Up Investment Launch”. The top ten (10) contestants will be chosen from the second phase to move on to the third phase. This phase will be based on developing a hypothetical financial model for your business by determining the costs, expenses, and the money you will need to launch your business. This phase of the contest will help you develop the financial aspects of your business plan as you have to prepare it to apply for a loan or capital investment in your business. This phase is where you will answer the questions on the business application denoted with the asterisk (\*) symbol.

Although these are brief details and instructions, those who successfully complete each round of the contest will be given more in-depth details along the way. Even if you don't make it through to the second or third round of the contest, I encourage you take advantage of the resources, though limited, and mentors to continue to enhance and fine tune your business acumen. To formulate your business plan and successfully complete each phase of the contest you will be challenged to use your creative ideas and to gather information by doing a lot of research. You will have to utilize the library and the various magazines, books, newspapers, and periodicals that you have access to. You can also view different shows like "Shark Tank" on ABC and "Start Up" on PBS.

The contest was developed to give the participants an outlet to productively and creatively utilize their most precious life asset...time, and to invest this time in programs and initiatives that will help lead to positive life change and success. The contest is designed to stimulate and strengthen your personal resourcefulness, determination, dedication, discipline, commitment, and work ethic. Quite often, honestly, we utilized these attributes to promote and participate in activities that damaged our lives, family members, and loved ones and destroyed our communities. But these same qualities not only embody the description of a "hustler", but they are also the essence of the entrepreneurial spirit and if applied positively can lead to personal prosperity and progress. We hope to transform you from a liability to an asset for your family, loved ones, and community.

We are also working on putting together an "Entrepreneur Conference" with volunteers that can give you insight based on their personal experiences in the business universe. You can also take advantage of the few classes currently provided through the Chapel, the "Small Business Class" and "Personal Finance God's Way". These classes are available to the population. We have already taken into consideration that we have limited access to minimum resources that would help you construct a more thorough business plan. With that understood, you will not be asked to answer all of the questions as we know there is only so much information you can provide. We have placed a curve in the grading and point system to compensate for these limitations. We are looking for the validity and legitimate value of the answers you provide.

We will also provide the information you need to get your license, patent, or copyright paperwork in order. So if you wish to compete in the "Show Me The Money" contest and increase and improve your entrepreneurial skills, feel free to submit your brief business description along with the twenty (20) vocabulary words to any of the project mentors listed below or contact Karreem Wiley in the Recreation Department. The actual date to begin the contest is July 26, 2015. Round one will end on August 7, 2015. Round two will begin on August 10, 2015 and end on August 28, 2015. Round three will begin August 31, 2015 and end on September 11, 2015. The winners will be announced at a later date. Good luck to all contestants! May the best man win!

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE DATES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED!!!\*\*\***

### MENTORS

F-1 A Jarvis Johnson

F-1 B Ricky Brown

F-1 B Joe Stokes

F-2 A Rodrick Bing

F-3 B Nathaniel Holmes

F-3 B George McNeil

F-4 A Samyeil Barber

F-4 B Nikim Dendy

F-5 Allen Rauch

### VOCABULARY WORDS

Equity

Capital

Inflation

Principle

Overhead

Revenue

Liquidate

Income

Asset

Profit

Debt

Dividend

Interest

Proprietor

Real Estate

Budget

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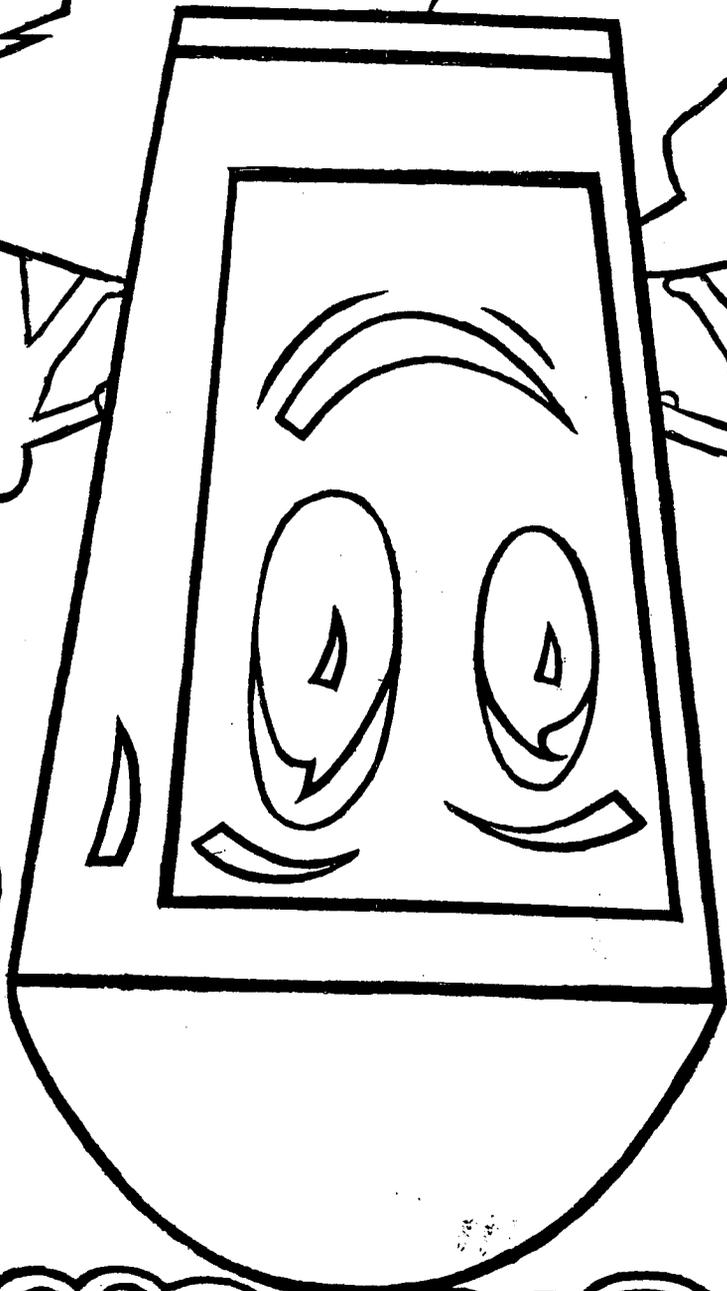
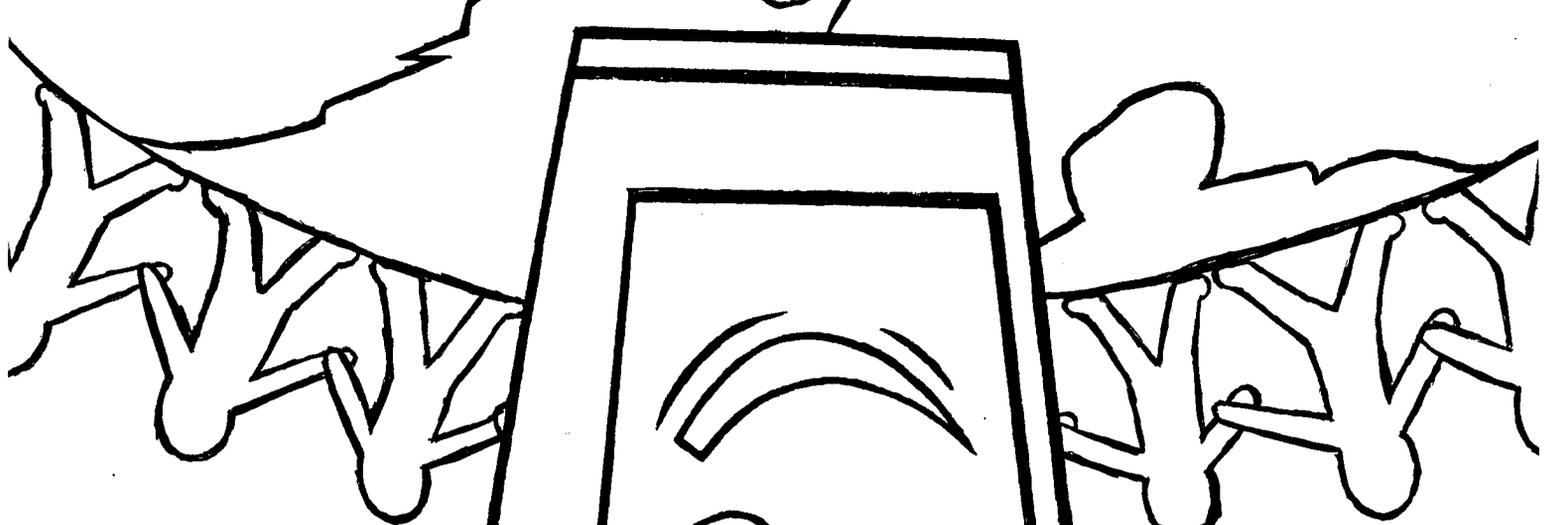
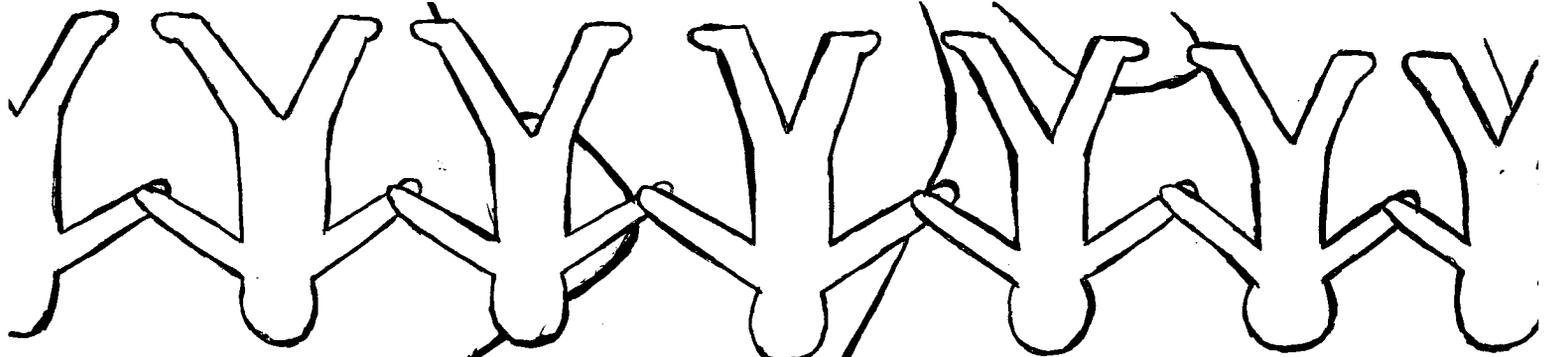
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## **ATTENTION !**

Umoja the digital Cup, has issued a Collective Challenge to the men at McCormick Correctional Institution to take the initiative and be an encouragement to others by being the first correctional Institution to Set aside their differences and come together to help contribute in the creation of one of the most colorful exhibits ever. PLEASE NOTE: That all “Color Me Umoja’s Colored by participants will be the first of many that will be placed in the “color Our World Exhibit.” This amazing artistic composition once completed will feature over one-billion” color me umoja’s colored by people of all ages from all around the world. It is our hope that the “Color Me Umoja Challenge inspire the Men here at M.C.I. to find and create innovative ways in which they could utilize their creativity as a means to uplift and strengthen the ties and relations amongst ourselves, families, and communities. If you would like to learn more about the “Color Our World Exhibit” and how you can participate, feel free to speak with one of the “Color Me Umoja Project representatives, Kareem Wiley, F1B and Rodrick Bing, F2A. You may also sign your name on the space provided below. Thanks for your time and consideration in the above mentioned endeavor.

“Color Me Umoja, Together We Can Color Our World”



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