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Re: Letter of support for grant applications for the Wings Ministry

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been associated with the Wings Ministry for a number of years and the program has addressed a need that has been a void for as long as I have been in the field of Corrections. I have been in both juvenile and adult corrections for 35 years.

Correctional leaders have recognized that working with the inmate alone yields progress but that progress can erode once the inmate is released. Ann Edenfield, founder of the Wings Ministry, recognizes that working with family in conjunction with the incarcerated encourages congruent growth both with the incarcerated and the family that was left behind. The bond has to continue in order to realize stability once the inmate is released from custody.

With her "Wings Survival Workshops" of parenting, family survival skills enrichment, and transition home strategies can accomplish a more appropriate progression in correctional programming.

We, in our correctional efforts, need to continue to establish partnerships to assist us in breaking the "cycle of incarceration" and hopefully help in the establishment of functional families who contribute to society rather than ones that places stresses on our resources.

Sincerely,

Cel Vigil