# KAREN ANN PHILLIPS

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#### **STATUS**:

Incarcerated in 1988 at the age of 20 Karen has served 20 years of her life sentence Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

### **EDUCATION**:

Philadelphia Landscape and Nursery, 1989 General Education Diploma, 1990 M.O.R.E. Training, 2011 ICDL, 2012 Certified Peer Specialist, 2013

## **WORK:**

Certified Peer Specialist Floor Buffer, 2013

#### **PROGRAMS**:

Desires, Addictions and Compulsions, 2002 Conflict Resolutions, 2002 House of Hope, 2003 Violence Prevention, 2003 Parenting, 2003 Advanced Parenting Skills, 2003 Alternative Violence Project, 2004 Citizenship, 2005 Long Term Offender, 2006 Blood and Body Training, 2015

## THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

When I first arrived at SCI Muncy 27 years ago, I was an immature young woman with no sense of self or direction. Throughout these decades, I have participated in numerous groups, classes and courses to understand myself and to become a better person. I am now a responsible adult who possesses the qualities and abilities to contribute morally and ethically to my community.

I have been working as a Certified Peer Specialist for two years and found that it is my calling. I now have what I didn't have at the age of 20. To know that I gave another human being hope for another day is an amazing feeling. Listening is essential. I have what all humans retain within themselves: the spark of redemption.