

30 May 2016

Women Lifers Resume Project of PA

P.O. Box 324

New Hope, PA 18938

To Whom this May Concern,

I am writing a letter of support for Marie Scott, #OO-4901, and her application for commutation. I have known Marie for more than 10 years. I first met Marie through a series of workshops that I helped facilitate in 2004 in Muncy Prison on Restorative Justice. I visited the prison at least 6 times for a total of 24 hours. Since that time, Marie and I have maintained contact through regular written correspondence.

Marie stood out to me in the group as a woman of great spiritual and intellectual wisdom. She was a natural leader in the group, and from what I understood, throughout the prison. Marie has always displayed a strong sense of compassion and understanding and embraced the philosophy and principles of restorative justice as a way to build peace and understanding within the prison.

I have no doubt that Marie would be a great restorative justice practitioner and community leader should she be released. She brings the skills, maturity, wisdom, and experiences that are essential for creating and facilitating restorative programs and building a more peaceful and cooperative community.

I offer myself to assist Marie in her transition to community life. This includes offering a space to live in her transition or in any other way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Malec

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April 10, 2016

RE: Marie Scott

I am writing this letter on behalf of Marie Scott. She has been incarcerated for more than 40 years. She has been an inspiration to me and many young girls alike. Marie Scott committed her crimes at a young age and has since in that time become educated through the programs that the prison system has provided throughout the years of her incarceration. She has obtained her college degree and studies music in here.

Ms. Scott is a generous loving woman who has given her knowledge on life and the mistakes she has made to the younger generation in an effort to keep them from coming back to prison. In life we all make mistakes and we all have to move past them. I believe she deserves a second chance and if given one she will be able to do some good.

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Dear Members of the Women Lifers Resume Project of PA,

I am writing on behalf of Marie Scott, #004901, who is incarcerated at SCI Muncy with a life sentence. I am a member of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, and have visited Marie since the 1990's. I believe that Marie deserves a second change of joining society as a contributing citizen.

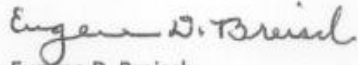
Marie has completed almost all the programs offered by SCI Muncy to improve her education and social ability. She has completed many rehabilitative courses: Understanding Relationships, Out-Patient Drug and Alcohol Therapy, In-Patient Sexual Assault, Impact of Crime, Drug, and Alcohol Education, In-Patient Domestic Violence, Anger Management, Assertiveness, Breaking Barriers, Basic Communication, Citizenship, In-Patient Drug and Alcohol, Peer Facilitation, and HIV/Hepatitis Education. She has also received an Associate Degree in Sociology from Penn State University. She is now permitted to teach Anger Management to the inmates, and facilitates the following programs: Citizenship, National Issues Forums, HIV/Hepatitis, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics, Alanon Anonymous, and Special Needs. She has been chairperson of the Women's Restorative Justice Committee, and helps the Pennsylvania Prison Society with communication with inmates, victims, offenders, and their communities. Marie is the editor of "COPING" magazine, Children of Parent Inmates Needing Guidance: articles that Marie thought were a need for children whose parents were in prisons to help their anger and frustration at being separated from their parents. Parents and children can write letters to the news magazine to get answers to issues and concerns that they hesitate to discuss with their caregivers.

Marie has been invited to California to visit Director Denise Johnson, the person who runs the center in United States for children of incarcerated parents. If Marie were released, she would like to bring this program to Pennsylvania.

Marie was honored as the Pennsylvania Prison Society's "Prisoner of the Year" in 1996, and was escorted to Philadelphia by the Superintendent of SCI Muncy to accept the award. She is one of the most resourceful and energetic persons that I have meet in the prison system. Despite her childhood experiences in growing up in an abusive environment, she deeply regrets the criminal incident that she participated in as a teenager. Marie continues to improve herself at SCI Muncy, and is working with training service dogs to help people with disabilities that will need them. She continues to have hope that one day she can return to society and become a contributing citizen. She wants to help others by sharing her story to people who may be experiencing things in their environment that could drive them to crime, and hopefully help them improve their lives.

I know if Marie Scott were given another chance at life through the parole of her sentence, she would be a successful citizen of her community.

Sincerely,



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