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STATUS

- Incarcerated in 1999 at the age of 47
- Hometown: Sicklerville, New Jersey

OBJECTIVE: Upon my release, my goal is to bring healing and peace to those who are suffering.

WORK HISTORY/SKILLS:

- Hospice Care, 2003
- Special Needs Care, 2003-2007
- Tutor- 2006-11; 2013-14
 - o GED-Math, History and Science
 - o Typing-Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
 - o Microsoft Word-Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
 - o Accounting-I, II, III
 - o Entrepreneurship-Basic and Advanced
- Peer Assistant: Outpatient Alcohol and Drugs
- Peer Assistant: Lifer's and Long Term Offenders

EDUCATION:

- Hospice Inmate Care, 2002
- Computer Aided Drafting Design, 2002
- Librarian Aid, 2005-06
- Mavis Beacon Typing: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
- Microsoft Word: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced
- Accounting: I, II and III
- Entrepreneurship: Basic and Advanced
- Biohazard Waste Clean-up and Management

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PROGRAMS:

- Lifer's Group, 2001-2002
- Cage Your Rage, 2001-2002
- Anger Management, 2001-2002
- Citizenship, 2001-2002
- Parenting, Child, Teenagers and Children with Disabilities, 2003
- STEP: The PA Prison Society, Elderly Inmates, Family Dynamics, Values and Relationships; Assistant Coordinator with surveys; 2002-05
- Parenting, Child, Teenagers and Children with Disabilities, 2003
- Happy Hats, 2003-05
- Thinking For A Change, 2004
- We Care, 2004-05
- Restorative Justice: The PA Prison Society, 2005
- Long Term Offenders Group, 2011-12
- COLORS, 2015 • Day Of Responsibility, May 2016
- Seeking Safety, 36 sessions on domestic abuse, January 2017
- Alcohol and Drugs, New DOC training that allows me to work inside and in society as a Certified AOD Peer Assistant, February, 2017
- Hospice Training, DOC program, 40 hours, April 2017

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Muncy Inmate Organization o Committees: Criminal Justice, Support For Women, Banquet, Run-A-Thon and Breast Cancer Awareness
- Pennsylvania Prison Society and Citizens for Social Change and Rehabilitation
- The Center For Returning Citizens
- 2017 Dr. Julia Hall Prisoner of The Year, PA Prison Society
- Reconstruction Inc., Community Capacity Building Curriculum, Ongoing-2017

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THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

I don't think I would have been equipped to survive the prison system if I had been convicted at a younger age than 47. Although still naive in the belief that my wrongful conviction would be reversed within a few years, I was mature enough to need and want to put my time behind bars to good use. Looking back on my earlier years, I recognize various stages that my adjustment went through. My health, children, and legal affairs were my priorities during years one and two. Later, as I learned about legal procedures, I gave my efforts to others who needed help in understanding how the law works and as it applied to their unique cases.

Because I had obtained various higher degrees in education, I became a very effective mentor and tutor in a wide range of subjects to our younger ladies. This, within self, was an education for me-I learned as I taught...I gave and it was given back.

Two years after arriving, I was trained in Hospice Care and during the next ten years, this give-back to my fellow sisters-in-need became a major focus for me. I had a working knowledge of spiritual faith and the love for God. Helping terminally ill ladies through their spiritual journey was key to me coming into my greater knowledge; faith and undying promise to be a sister to every person on this planet.

I'd learned so much before my incarceration. I've learned so much during my incarceration. Knowing how to recognize my strengths and weaknesses; how to use my strengths and how not to allow my weaknesses to become a problem is invaluable. My spiritual growth and the need for healing was also giving me much sadness and remorse for the victims of the crime I'm convicted. I feel their pains and suffering in untold degrees.

The greatest lesson of all is how one violent act affects thousands of lives, thus destroying the basic fiber of our society. With this knowledge, wherever I shall go after my release, whatever I shall do, it will be done with the purpose of bringing healing to others. This will be the only way that I can serve those around me and be at peace. I MUST give purpose to my incarceration by working to heal some of the ills I've lived behind bars.

Parole for lifers should be granted because as we sit behind bars, we've learned "the other side" of crime in its entirety. We've helped hundreds of young ladies and we are more equipped, than those who haven't lived behind bars, to bring about positive changes. Our desires to do this is alive and we are ready!