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CORRECTIONS ACTIVITY UPDATE

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To: Corrections, H&I, Bridging the Gap Committee Chairs
From: Brenda Brown, Corrections Coordinator, corrections@aa.org
cc: Area Delegates, Board Trustees and Directors

Dear A.A. Friends,

Greetings from the Corrections desk at G.S.O.! We are sending you best wishes during these challenging times.

Corrections Correspondence Service

From time to time the Corrections assignment receives inquiries from inmates of transgender experience seeking to be paired with other alcoholics of similar experience for identification and safety purposes. To broaden the internal list of A.A. members of trans and non-binary experience willing to write to alcoholics behind the walls, we are asking for your input. The corrections desk is requesting that areas share this need. All interested members may contact the Corrections desk if you have experience and are willing to be a correspondent.

Also, currently the gender markers on the Corrections Correspondence Service form are “male___” and “female___”. While this does not necessarily omit trans experience, further discussion on this topic may be needed to encourage inclusivity. If you have suggestions in keeping with current gender terminologies and reflection, please submit your experience to corrections@aa.org no later than April 5, 2021.

Sharing from Behind the Walls

The winter and spring 2021 issues of our newsletter ***Sharing From Behind the Walls*** are available on our A.A. website so those of you taking meetings into facilities have easy access to each issue. You can find the newsletters and more information by clicking the following hyperlink <http://sharing-from-behind-the-walls>.

Thanks to the AA Grapevine for supplying free subscriptions to the Grapevine magazine to all incarcerated members behind the walls. Also, once a year Grapevine publishes a special issue which includes inmates sharing. Look for it in July 2021.

From January to December 2020 the desk forwarded 70 prerelease requests to the local corrections committees. Staff replied to 590 emails and answered about 30 phone calls in the month of December. The desk replied to 2,439 letters from inmates for the same period. The desk also matched to 1,317 Corrections Correspondence Service requests from the Insider/Outsider.

In Love-n-service,

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