

We are trans and gender variant people, and our allies, building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to the policing and imprisoning of our communities.

We meet in Philly at William Way Center 1315 Spruce Street

Mondays at 5:30pm tokens provided

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LETTER FROM

THE OUTSIDE COLLECTIVE

To all of our family members,

With this newsletter we send along love, positive energy and well-wishes for the holiday season, in whatever way you choose or do not choose to celebrate. Let's love and appreciate our friends and chosen family—and make sure we take time to appreciate and love ourselves.

On the outside we have been very busy since newsletter #18. In October, there was a Trans* March where two of our outside collective members received awards for their amazing work being done in the community. In the recent weeks we've met some of our collective members from the inside that recently returned to the outside. Everyone was overjoyed to finally meet each other in person. We are hoping that when other folks come home they will come to outside collective meetings! We need you!

As 2016 comes to a close so many of us are feeling anxious about what is to come for our friends, family members, community members, and organizations, in regards to the incoming federal administration. There are very real reasons to feel worried about our futures.

Our community has a history of strength. Queer, trans, and gender-variant people have supported and uplifted each other

This is suppose to be The time that I'm resting in Peace Instead I go to sleep at night Wake up to see your face I know your gone away Is it really you I see Or is it just a dream Or could it be Your image	watching over me RIP Could it be that I miss you so much Could it be that Your love shining on me From heaven above RIP Know that I miss you From the bottom of	my heart Know that I wish you were still here RIP Could it be I'm Still dreaming wishing You were still here Sharing your love with me I miss you RIP
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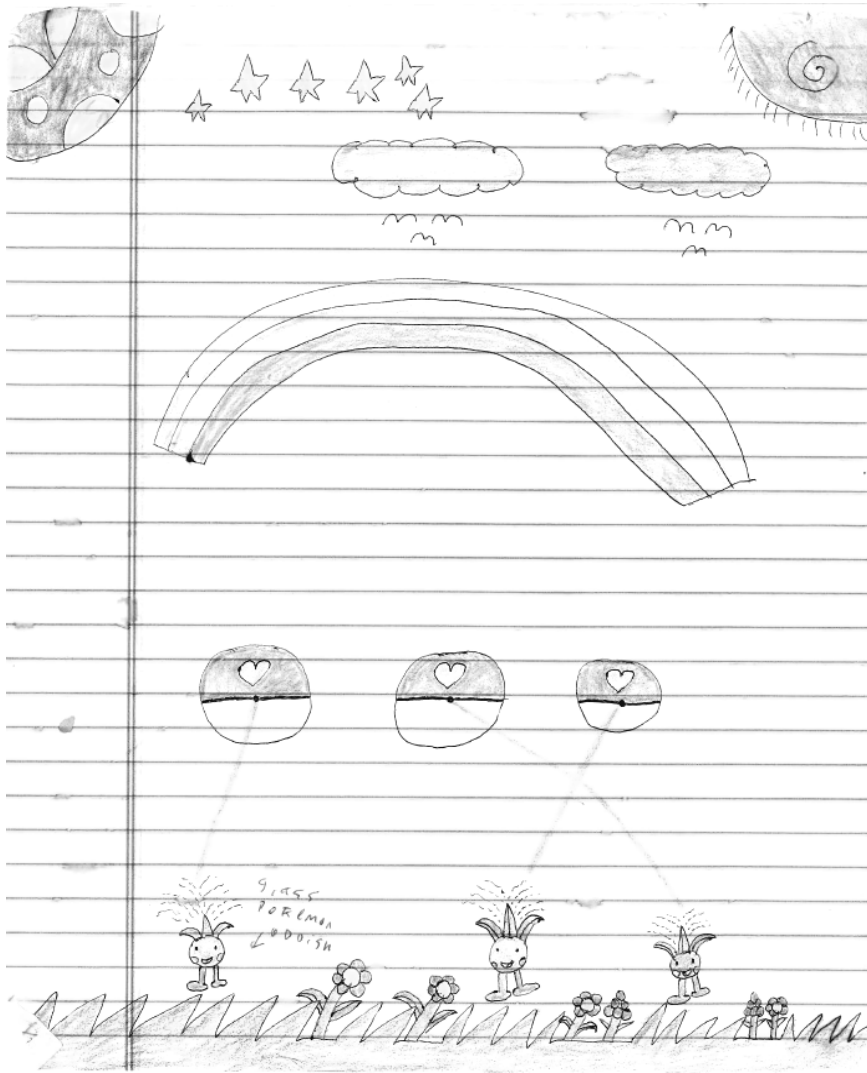
LOVE!

JAINA SAKURA

I personally know for us in the LGBT community especially those of us incarcerated it's sometimes very difficult to feel and express love. And there are probably those of us who only know of or think there is only one kind of love: sex. This is not the case! There are many forms of love other than sex, attraction or lust! One of them is compassion. Such as when a friend or family member is hurting whether emotionally, mindfully or physically. To feel bad for that person and then actually hear that person out is called compassion. Even if you see someone is having a bad day and you just say something nice to cheer them up is expressing your love and kindness towards that person. Or if possible talking to a person who is hurting/having a bad day and just listening to them and making suggestions to help them is showing your love towards that person. Being a nice positive person and being nice to others is another form of love. Being peaceful with others even if you don't get along with them is a kind of love 2. If someone upsets you instead of saying something that would only stir up more anger in a calm and positive voice respond with something non-negative and that will get rid of the anger. That's another kind of love. Just being a positive person and expressing your positiveness to others is a form of love, it helps those around you to become more positive, loving, peaceful and respectful. These are just a few examples of love other than sex, lust or attraction.

I love you all,
your sister,
Jaina.

p.s. stay strong, love each other and never give up the good fight for a gender variant equal world! We will win this fight, believe it everyone!



RIP

JUCY

This poem is dedicated to all my sisters and brothers who lost their lives in Orlando also all my brothers and sisters killed by police or suicide or murder period. Also to three special friend Ms Face, Ms. Keyshia, and Brandon and my best friend and soul mate DEE this goes out to your mother. This poem is also to you grandpop.

during bad times, coming together to help each other. We've held, loved, and cared for each other. We will continue that tradition of strength, love, and mutual support for each other, no matter what, and we are hoping that all of you on the inside are sticking with each other in love and solidarity in the wake of all this chaos and confusion. Hearts on a Wire exists because of our love for each other. We see you, we love you, and we are here for you.

In love and solidarity,
the outside collective

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GEGE

QUESTIONS BY MS. DEDE

Q: What inspired you to start LIGHT? I love the name!

A: First off hello my beautiful family and thank you Ms. DeDe and Caitlin for putting this together. It was my best friend Bam, that inspired me to create it. She told me that a staff member had asked her why there wasn't anything for the LGBTQI. I said wouldn't it be great if we had our own (inmate) organization? Then I decided to take leadership and began researching. I created a proposal which took me several months to perfect. But we were denied. They said they already had too many organizations and did not have enough room for me. I got the results while in the RHU. At this time I had just received correspondence from hearts on a wire and prison health news. They were elemental to LIGHT and still are. So I thought to myself, if the PIC wouldn't let us organize than we had to do it on our own. That is when the Learning

Initiative for Gay, Hetero and Transgender folk was truly born. But it was the PIC that created LIGHT. It was me sitting in the "bucket" struggle with my rights being violated there that got me fed up and so it began. They awakened my spirit to fight, I saw a need to fight and who others how.

Q: What's the future for LIGHT look like? It's got to be bright. Do you have hope to expand?

A: Well our future is what we (you and me) make it. It is one with unity and equality. One without oppression. We want to be world wide one day, working with leaders all over the world to create this. It is hard work, but nobody ever said it would be easy. I will never stop! Ever!

As far as growth, we are expanding rather faster than expected. We now have 3 PA chapters and 2 California chapters and one in Nevada

forming. We hope to have many more chapters and we wish to align with many other organizations to create a world wide movement to end hatred and build love and compassion for all. But in order to do this, we need to all work together. We need to get the attention of the outside and the world. We need people to advocate where we cannot. The more people involved the better impact we have. If 51% is involved imagine the impact. Then we add from there. We also need people like Caitlin from Hearts and others to collaborate with us and advocate on our behalf.

that we will work it out soon. What we need is someone to volunteer (from the streets) for B&P as a liaison for LIGHT on a permanent basis. So we can bridge the gap. If you know someone have them write me.

Q: What other things are you doing or involved with other than LIGHT?

A: Well I am working on a lawsuit. I am also educating myself. Truthfully, every thing that I do, I do for LIGHT. I use my experiences to teach others. Like studying health books. I have obtained a rather large selection of health books

All you need to be to take leadership is to have an interest in our cause and willingness to fight for justice and equality. And of course a willingness to educate yourself as best you can. If you can do that, you can be a leader.

Q: Tell me about LIGHT and Black & Pink (B&P) teaming up. What's that about?

A: Initially, we were looking for better ways to get the word out. That is when Jason (founder of B&P) offered to help. We were excited to work with such a large organization. The biggest challenge however, is the lack of communication. After our premier issue in Sept. I was shocked to not see our next issue in the Oct/Nov issue of B&P. I have tried countless times to maintain a dialogue with them but this is very hard from where I sit. I can only do so much. I know Jason is a very busy person and I have faith

like the Merck manual, CMDT, and PDR along with many other books. I did this so that I can understand when a healthcare professional here makes a mistake, I can show them what they did. Then I study law so that I can challenge them when need be. I also study every policy in the DOC so that I know what I can do. Then I pass this info on to you all as best I can. Most of my time, money and energy is spent on corresponding with people all over the country in attempt to grow. But I must always remember to schedule some time to myself. usually my down time is spent walking the track and what I love, to paint

WONDER

NATHANIEL GRIFFIN AKA BOOKIE

Dear Hearts on a Wire and Light (Inside & Out)

Hello family as you know it's Bookie here I got the Issue today and was glad to get them. I got so much to say. We can't give up the good fight and we need to support each other now more than ever. I've been great at staying out of trouble and just Being Me. To all the queens and kings out there never ever stop being you. Because when you stop being you, you ain't cool. Lol. Be you and be cool is what I say.

For the BLM.

Like I've said before I call this a political Racism of what these police are doing to our Black community. They are using titles as a way to be racist and get away with it. See if you look at it, all that has changed is that we are not slaves but the racism and their actions towards us has become political. So with that my thought is that instead of our Black Community acting out in rage we need to take actions politically as we will get better results because Evil versus Evil will just end in disaster. And then winning. And I'll finish on that thought.

Now as you know I got to write a poem lol

I sit and I wonder
What life could be.

If only I could save the world.
But I can only be me.

But if I lead and show the way
I feel the ripple effect will Change.

Just touch one heart who will touch another
And so on as it will go.
So that's what I'll try by
Living my life
Then sitting and steady wondering.

SHOWER POLICY // MY LOVE

JUICY

To all my brothers and sisters currently in the RHU, SMU, or program that got you isolated from general population I got a question do your correction officers try to single you out going to the shower. I'm just asking because I want to know if it's really a policy or not that you got to wear your towel around your neck well or that it's just a rule they made here. . . staff is playing games trying to get me to act out cause I only receive 30 days. . . then they today 8/24/16 on 6 to 2 shift ran showers on D Pod and told me only me that I couldn't wear my towel around my waist everybody said that ain't true they said file a complaint I won't win see I'm not going to stoop to their level believe me you got to sight the sight standing tall parole is more important than here in the RHU. Please let me know what I ask that way I can say discrimination and have more evidence against Huntingdon and the DOC.

Juicy Queen Bee
This is dedicated to you baby
you know who you are I hope
you enjoy this poem been a
while. Lol. Oh and pretty boy.
My family.

My love is real
My love is strong
My love is unconditional
My love is compassionate
My love is
What you are looking for
So you don't got to look no
further
Cause you found me

My love is your love
Your pain is my pain
Your tears is my tears
Your love is my love
My love what you need
My love is what you want
My love is what
You been searching for
My love will make you happy
When you down
When you sad
My love will wipe
Away your tears
My love 100% real
Never lie it'll always
Remain the same
My love is real

and arts and crafts.

Q: Do you believe there should be more trans women and men or even people of the LGBTQI+ community in positions of leadership?

A: I believe we are all capable of being leaders. LIGHT is all inclusive and although we focus mostly on trans and gender variant folks, we strive to build leadership with all walks of life and not just the LGBTQI family. We all need to work together and work hard to achieve this goal to end oppression and hate. As a matter of fact, our newest leader is gay and a protector of the LGBTQ family. We would also love to have some cis and hetero folks in position. All you need to be to take leadership is to have an interest in our cause and willingness to fight for justice and equality. And of course a willingness to educate yourself as best you can. If you can do that, you can be a leader.

Q: Are there are people you've come across that have made you realize that this fight for justice, liberation and equality are bigger than you, and how have you reflected on that?

A: Yes indeed! One of my first mentors in the world of activism was Kerry Shakaboona who is the co-founder of Human Rights Campaign and also a fellow prisoner here at SCI Rockview. I read an article about him in B&P and his name sounded familiar and then it dawned on me he was here. So I reached out to him. He taught

me so much about this line of work and without his knowledge we wouldn't be where we are today. Also, there are so many people who ask me for help every day that make me realize that this problem is a world wide struggle not just for trans folk, not just for the LGBTQI family, but for our humanity as a whole. We cannot end discrimination for some, we must end it for all. We are just one piece in a rather large puzzle.

Q: What do you hope to teach others throughout this experience and process?

A: First, that we are capable so long as we try. Second, that we must educate ourselves in order to win this war on hate. We must put down our knives and pick up our pens. The artist is born though the pen and we all bleed the same ink. Lastly, to truly dissolve hatred we must remove it from ourselves and learn to love and forgive each other. This is easier said than done, but we must learn to do this. Because we are all beautiful.

Q: Do you have a celebrity crush and what is your favorite dessert?

A: LOL ;) I love Jussi Smollet (Jamal from Empire) and John Legend. They are both gorgeous and activist for human rights. They are also my favorite dessert! LOL just kidding. I love, love, love banana pudding. Yum!

Q: Are there ways for people to join the movement and what issues do you feel are still waiting to be raised regarding transgender people and this community?

A: There is always a need for people to join. They can join simply by inquiring. They can help by offering advocacy and support, writing letters and in many other ways. We are always trying to increase our numbers to also increase our impact. This strengthens our capabilities. We very so need people from the streets who have the time, to help us grow and achieve our goals. Like for instance, we need a permanent assistant or 2 to help with the day to day, we need a finance manager, and we need people to help do fund raiser. But support can be in many forms than listed. It's hard because life outside these walls is so busy but I think our biggest help can come from students who see and support our cause. Eventually we will have the ability to hire people to help with this. One of my biggest fears is what is being done for our comrades in other countries. In most religions (not all) our family and way of life is forbidden and thus we are outcasted and targets for cruelty. We are sought out and executed. Look at what happened at Club Pulse. Such a tragedy. We must create a way to first protect our family in these countries and those who are mostly affected by this hatred and then educating the ignorant. We must build

relationships with our world leaders and teach them that being different is not a choice but a necessity in life. We are all human beings deserving to be who we are and we all must accept our differences to move on to the bigger issues. We have a long way to go but we will get there so long as we continue our fight for equality and an end to oppression. Justice will be all of ours so long as we all agree to share this most beautiful concept. We can build to greatness and ingenuity and some day we will achieve this, and so much more. Are you with me?

In closing, I say this, love yourself, than love everyone else. We are all beautiful just let go of our fears and be all forgiving. I love you all so very much. Now go and make me proud. I cannot do this without you.



SORRY PT. 2

LOVE ALWAYS

Sorry,
Cause that night put a new spin on life,
You became a mistress instead of a wife,
A single mother with love for no other,
Became pain stricken,
All because I was hard headed and,
Wouldn't listen.
Tears fell and eyes glistened,
Handcuffs locked and,
Bound for prison,
What a fucked up decision.
What a major division,
All from a drugged up minds decision.
It harmed the three of you,
Daddy missing,
Straight out of the blue.
Now I got to make music just,
To apologize to you.

WHATS ON MY MIND

JEFFERY (ELMO) S LOPERGOLO

This physical separation from you is killing me.
But spiritually, I know that you Are still here with me (Till Death Do Us Part)
So Now I hope you understand why I always stare at you.
To Remember every Physical aspect of you. from every curve to every scar. even your most beautiful Flaws.

Nobody or Anything, can get in-between the way that I truly feel about you. so for these 15-30 days, Im gonna sit here and really work to build a healthier me, because two is better than one, and even though Im trying to be one with you, still you gotta be strong enough to support the one that's with you.

I Love You & I Miss You

Love always & forever
Your Loving
Husband.

WHO AM I

JUICY

Strong and mighty
wonderful queen wonderful king
they call me powerful
who am I
woman of courage
woman of power
woman of strength
woman of love
who am I
a man that loves
a man that needs
a man that wants
who am I
a fighter a leader
the black doll
the princess the prince
the queen bee

who am I
the woman I want to be
the man I want to be
a person just like you

UNTITLED

MAXINE

Many people tried to persuade me
from loving this man
But really didn't know I'm a leader and
they failed to understand
Trying to throw hate which is a shame
Today though I'm blessed for his love
and to know his name
So despite all that people did to chase
me away
Little did you all know, it made me
want him more everyday

PART OF ME

BRE'AIR

you are part of my life,
you are part of my mind,
you are part of my soul,
you are part of my body,
I thank god every day for you being a part of my life.
I like you since the first time I saw you,
I never would of thought you would be mine,
I know that we have ups and downs,
I would not change a thing because you are mine.
My moods will change
but my feeling will always be the same.
forgive me that's all that I want.
The joy I get from you is all that I need.

THE STRUGGLE

THE LADY MS. CHAMPAGNE

Hello to my Hearts on a Wire Extended Family.

My Name is the Lady Ms. Champagne Reaching Out to you From Phillips State prison and let me say that my day wouldn't have started OFF Right Without Writing you Guys First. You are so dear to me and I am so proud of being part of my hearts on a wire Family. I hope to one day Get out of prison so I can come and pay you guys a visit and laugh with you and cry even with you and Express How Great & so dear to me you are. When the light had Seem so dim in my life, hearts on a wire you came Right on in and Brightened my days. Being a transwoman in a male prison is so heartbreaking - but as long as I Got my hearts on a wire Family behind Me I am Ready to Face any challenges that Life May hurdle against me, Every day, I Often count my blessings and Often think about How I can Impact the world...I laugh sometimes, and cry sometimes because I hate How the system is beating us down, But trans-lives do matter and it is with us that we can make a difference. Education is the tool and with that nothing can Ever divide us. My heart aches Because of all the hatred and the ignorance that Exist in this world, I wish that I could snap a Finger and Just make it all disappear. But I can't and together Hearts on a wire we can stand and Face Every bit of hate there is as long as we stand united.

We both know the struggle, and we both know what it takes to Get to the mountaintop. Love For Self and Love For Others that is where it starts at. When I'm dead and gone Resting in my grave I want to Go in peace knowing How Hearts on a wire has Impact the Lives of others, We Got work to do you Guys and together we can do it. behind these walls Hearts your legacy Motivates me to Reach Out to Every broken spirit and Restore hope, your Job is the Same Out there in the world. I know this work ain't easy but I have such Faith in you and myself. So are you Ready I am we Got the tools & the Resources to do this with but Most of all we have, Each Other, and I am with you For the long haul. Well I've Wrote enough and happy that I did My love is your love Forever & always Let's do this & more.

Love you

COURAGE, HOPE, STRENGTH

PHILLY SURVIVOR SUPPORT COLLECTIVE & HOAW

Dear HOAW Family,

The Outside Collective recently worked with another group called the Philly Survivor Support Collective (PSSC) to create a booklet called *Courage, Hope, and Strength: Survival Among Trans and Gender Variant People in Prison*. PSSC offers support to people who have experienced sexual abuse or assault. They help survivors attain a sense of justice and safety while consciously avoiding the legal system and envision a world without sexual violence. All of the people who contributed to *Courage, Hope, and Strength* are members of Black and Pink or Hearts on a Wire.

Courage, Hope, and Strength focuses on incarcerated transgender and gender variant folks' day-to-day survival. The goal of the booklet is for survivors to know that we are not alone and that there are ways to resist, stay

safer, and take care of ourselves and one another. Often, survivors don't find that the legal system is useful or helpful in their healing process and that it increases harm. HOAW feels much the same way about our community's relationship to the legal system. If you would like a copy of the *Courage, Hope, and Strength*, please send a request to the address below. Unfortunately, right now we have a limited supply of copies. For that reason, we are only providing copies of *Courage, Hope, and Strength* to people who identify as transgender or gender variant.

Hearts on a Wire
ATTN: Courage, Hope, and Strength
1315 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Love,
The Outside Collective

WE RISE UP

WRITTEN WITH LOVE BY KAT DELANCEY

Despite a rainy day, the 6th Annual Philly Trans* March 2016 was held Saturday October 8th, 2016 with the theme "We Rise Up." Before the march stepped off, there were some awards given to members of the community that are doing good deeds. We were and are thrilled to announce that two of our collective

TODAY

TERRY T SPENCE AKA HOTBOY

Outside my window, a new day I see, and Only I can better mine
What kind of day it will be, it can be busy and sunny,
laughing and gay,
or boring and cold, unhappy and grey,
my own state of mind is the determining key,
for I am only the person I let myself be
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,
or be selfish and think just of myself,
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun
or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone
I can be patient with those who may not understand
or be little and hurt them as much as I can
but I have faith in myself
and believe that I say
and personally intend to make the best of each day.

BEAUTIFUL

TYREE

Do you realize how Beautiful you are and age could never stop the
gorgeousness that's possessed inside of you baby you're like an
angel that fallen from heaven, a flower that blooms in the summer,
a butterfly that's filled of many colors.
Do you realize how Beautiful you are and that you are one of a kind;
your character is like a rainbow for all to look up to, smile like the
sunset, eyes like diamonds, and lips sweeter than raspberries; As
your voice is like a slow jam that I can listen to over & over again.
Tell me. Do you realize your Beauty, and each day you bring
meaning; You're the reason to wish for, the answer of my prayers, a
dream to never awake from; you're truly and awesome human
being.
Do you realize how Beautiful you are and you should never limit
yourself; It's respect & morals in self that builds the Beauty of you,
And the hearts that give you life is like a treasure that I'll never let
go of.
Baby you're Beautiful in every way from head to toe, Inside and
outside; Like a dove flying over a waterfall, no matter what year or
older they get, such Beauty will never fade away.
So if you don't realize how Beautiful you are let me tell you today,
Baby you're beyond all that Beauty can master; You're totally
heavenly ... (I love you Baby)

the day they receive it (excluding weekend and holidays). If it is denied, appeal to the facility manager who have 7 working days to answer your appeal. Next, every issue you want to raise in court raise in your appeals all the way to the central office. Last after your final appeal you can get relief in court but you must exhaust your remedies.

You can also file a grievance. It's going to be rejected. Appeal it to the facilities manager then the chief grievance officer. After your appeal you got from 1 year to 2 years to file your lawsuit.

If you bring a due process claim the following case will help you. The Supreme Court ruled in Sandin V. Conner than an inmate can only bring a claim once he or she prove that their confinement deprives them of life and liberty to everyday prison life. Meaning you must show that an "atypical and significant hardship on the inmate in relation to the ordinary incidents of prison life." - see: Sardin V Conner 515 US 472, 483, 1995

In closing, brothers and sisters if you get a sexual misconduct and the DOC slaps you with a PREA. This is what you you must do to challenge PREA both at the State and Federal level. The DOC is violating our rights. File a complaint with your senator or state representative for your region, if you want to push federal issues.

MARIAH

CHIP

my eyelashes glisten like I've made love to rain
half-moons scar my palms from the struggle to maintain
laughter forgotten, opportunities missed
my soul swallowed by prison's dark abyss
but that was then & this is now
now my eyes glisten cuz I'm constantly wowed
fate had mercy, weird as it may seem by bringing me an angel
& fulfilling my dreams
now I struggle to stay whole, to keep from bursting with glee
& because you, Mariah, belong just to me
my love will never die, never be taken away
wrap it 'round you like a blanket when you're lonely & i'm away
hold it close give it a kiss & tuck it someplace safe
and know that now & forever your heart is safe with me
I love you Mariah Lee
Forgive me

members this year received awards. Our very own Kat Delancey, who has been a collective member since our start way back in late 2007 received the Advocacy award and our very own Mariya Oneby, who has been a collective member since 2013 was the recipient of the Youth Leadership award.

After the brief awards ceremony, once again, despite the rain, a few of our

outside collective members marched.

It was a great day! A great experience! Our community came together with their hearts, minds, and walking shoes. The community shined bright for the triumphs as well as the struggles. The community lifted the voices of the fallen and marched to a brighter future for US!



WHY DO WE FIGHT

IRA

Why do we fight is it for love and respect,
is it because to most people we are a reject
is it because people bring us pain,
is it so we can see the sunshine after it rains,
is it because a lot of throw shade on one another like
we're each other enemies when we are supposed to be
sisters and brothers.

Do we fight for all the true reason
because a lot of homophobics think we are all misled.
Do we fight for the rainbows and gay rights
or fight over stupid stuff and call it a night.
Can we fight for our rights to help out our teen youth
who scared and hiding,
so they won't be scared to come out the closet.
Can we unite and stop fighting and throwing shade
on one another because in this war for gay rights
we're gonna need each other.

THE TRAP

NAJEE GIBSON

Yes my friends if you're not Wise or on your Ps and Qs, The Trap will get you. What Trap? you may ask. It's that PO - short for parole or probation officer - cop. Anyway you may be on this and since i'm a Black Trans person hear this - the Trap is Real. The Trap can be where you live. It can be the Ignorance that lives in some people. So Read on as i drop this on you good people i have 2 State numbers - CK2325 and FR7274 - and a Philly PP number 528020 is that number. NO!! I'm not glad or feeling like i'm all that, but as a Black Trans person i'd like to open your eyes to The Trap that's there and some of you know of these Traps from being out here on paper (that stands for probation or parole) and for you guys and girls that's about to come home BEWARE of them Traps. The Traps are in the Hood and outside the Hood. The Trap can be the Drug Boys out in the low-income housing. The Traps are there and for some of us Trans Women of Color the Trap is indeed a Real Matter some of us are on Paper and have to see the PO one time each week or once a month and if you have a small minded PO may the Power Be With You. And also we are here for each other girl i cannot begin to tell you how Blessed i am and have been since i came Home in 2010. Yes me not being wise i have fall in The Trap some of my Old Ways have gotten in my Way. What I'm saying is i had to sit on State Road for a VOP hearing the Trap that got me is the Drug Boy. Thank God my PO gave me a Drug Test and that Bitch came back OK so that Trap, my judge that i haven't seen since 4.22.16, won't get me. but Traps are still being Placed before us so be Wise and stay strong and a word to the Wise if you happen to fall and you get put on State Road it's not cure. The Food sucks, it takes 3-4 weeks to get off the intake block and you MAY see a social worker within that 3-4 weeks. For bedding the sleep on Baby if you don't have back pain you will after 3 or 4 days. Medical Care is half-ass but don't put your Faith in being seen the Next day of maybe after by Medical even if you have a Real medical Problem. And you may, if you are Lucky, may, be put in a Room with 3 or 4 men But if you look too real you will be put in a room By Your Self. So i'll End this by saying Beware of the Traps again stay strong and keep your Faith. The Traps can't hold you for long. The State Road Jails are Full.

PS If you get Trapped and end up at CFCF on the Block or in Pop, have or keep shit paper on you. Shit paper runs out it's like Money they pass it out 1 time per week.

Constitution which you can find on the law library computer.

Last, but not least if you have law questions or need certain documents you can write:

Pennsylvania Law Institution Project- ask the library for the address.

PS. I'm in the hole waiting on my priority as I write that's why I ain't got the address you can get the following literature:

PA DOC Code of Ethics
Abuse by Prisoners/Staff Prea
PA Constitution
US Constitution
Post Conviction
1983
Just name a suit.

DISCIPLINARY CONFINEMENT

JUICY

To all my brothers in Disciplinary Confinement listen up this is for you and this is important information. This is for non informal hearings by the Hearing Examiner.

Here are the steps to take in your appeal process:

You're entitled to witnesses and counsel as long as it does not threaten security.

You have the right to have evidence reviewed by signing a waiver.

You ma submit a written version and keep copies of everything for yourself
AND the appeal to final review

Tip: send a copy of everything to someone you trust
The DOC will destroy property and evidence

Under DC-ADM 801 You can not file a grievance against the Hearing Procedure or misconduct itself. But...
PUT EVERY ISSUE you have dealing with due process bias ON YOUR APPEAL! Don't plead guilty and challenge the DOC policy being unconstitutional and un-equal.

The PRC only got 15 working days to answer your appeal from

LAW ARTICLE/KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

JUICY

Hey brothers/ sisters,
When this reach you I hope it helps your legal problems. See I found out though my first sentence that it's good to study the law and even though under federal guidelines you have to exhaust your administrative remedies to file a 1983 here's some other useful and helpful information the Department of Corrections AKA Department of Corruption don't want to want you to know.

First let's look at what Miley wrote in PA for instance. They don't like using other states case laws that much so don't be hurt if they shut you down but if you got supreme court opinions that is helpful especially dealing with a 1983. Also make sure you make copies of every request slip and other documents for your record. get a lawyer to supine your medical records ASAP. Document everyone you spoke to now when dealing with medical neglect or indifferent deliverance write the CHCA and the Deputy of Civilize Service and Program Director also the Superintendent when you get there answer and it ain't to you liking the file a grievance against all them name the federal violations and stare violations by doing this you prove that all was aware of your situation and did nothing this look good for you in court.

Now did you know under DC ADM OOU criminal violation when a crime happen against you that you can idea the DOC to file criminal charges or order them to contact the state police and notify the DA plus did you know if your life is in danger life or death you don't have o file a grievance you can go straight to the court and get relief. Did you know it;s your right to have a copy of the DOC code of ethics, Did you know you don't have to file a grievance if you file a state tort seeking damages against the DOC in state claims only. Did you know you can file a citizen complaint by writing the local police station or that you can write the same people and file a private criminal complaint with the judge or the district attorney office you much state the citation like 18 PA CSC 2M03 or whatever the change may be you can do this on the street too if you don't like dealing with the police.

Last, the PA Department of Corrections goes by the Pennsylvania Administrative code and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



EXCERPTS AND SHOUT-OUTS...

LETTERS AND LOVE OXXO

Shout out to the paparazzi at Benner
I'm a one persons paradise and Swag-a-Lucius know I love me some him Love you boo

in your next issue shout outs specially to John MH 3860 my girl La-La and Asha keep staying the same beautiful outside and inside

- Maxine d Benner

Hi Hearts on a Wire, Dear family Bless you all behind the walls and in the world. I really love and appreciate our LGBTQ community. It's so beautiful to live in a world where we are accepted and cared for. I'm willing to be there for anyone that needs somebody to talk to, write to and have as a friend or brother.

Love
B.R. 2 STAR
AKA Brian

Exciting news family, Ms. Priss and her stuck up, boogie ways has found love and would like to send a shot out to Chuck. It's all about you baby and thanks for loving me through my Prissiness, you're amazing. - Mrs. Priss

I finally met a man who showed me what I'm worth that shows me love (I love you Victor). I feel so happy now and I thank Hearts on a Wire for always having supportive things in the newsletter. Shout out to all my friends and family at Hearts on a Wire; Queen Penny, Bookie, Tyree and the rest of ya'll. Stay strong and keep your heads up.

-Stevie AKA Innocent
(Steven Ingram; KJ-7110; SCI Fayette)

Hey ladies..its ya girl Mariah...I'm sending my love to all of you...to my little sister Buck...I love you baby...We are ride to die twins and I miss you!! CeCe...you are such a beautiful person...and you deserve nothing but joy and peace. FREE my girl CeCe! Maxine...You had me pissing my pants on A block in the County in 2011!! Alicia...We was cellys in 85 cell on A block...I love you Ma!! Hearts on a Wire...I love y'all too...you show me love, support, and much more. . .

Love, Mariah Lee Smith

...FROM THE MAIL

OXXOX LOVE AND LETTERS

It'll be 5 years once I hit the street. I've been down since I was 20. I'm counting down the days. And just know I'll still be here for ya'll and I'll be able to participate in the LGBTQ community on the streets. Just know to all who still be behind bars, I'll never forget about none of ya'll.

Love always, Bookie

We had our first trans conference call over the TV . . . Wow. I seen Bree, Pearl, a lot of the women in all the prisons. I seen Kelli at Muncy, my lil girl. On the big screen they had all these little windows with every prison in the state . . . I didn't get to talk or to let people see who I was, but it was nice because I got to see everybody. Everyone was waving to everyone. It was really nice. I was happy.

- Miley

By the time next issue goes out, I'll have filed a 1983 for hormones, lawyer access and electrolysis.

Jessica James Hicklin
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Mineral Point, MO 63660

I live 3 Princes
Prince of Philip
Prince of Thieves
Prince of a symbol
First i wanna Give a Congrats to ms Reilly 4 Her Bein the 1st mami 2 Go 2 a Female Joint. . . i Also wanna welcome Ms. Brad to the family . . . To everyone else, whidup to Miley & 2 the lovely & Gorgeous Lady Mariah & the sexy & sweet Bre'Air, & the Real Jo low of the Block, Yeah its "Gangsta B," & Auntie Ceci & my lit sista Alicia, love all of yall

Take Care, André

Listen this is a rough time we all going through, especially with the killing of our people being away from our loved ones, losing loved ones and the hate not to mention the big election all I'm going to say is we all got a calling and we all got different situations we need to come together and fight to end Z code, fight to get better programs, fight to get special visits contact where we get to touch our loved ones, fight to end discrimination, you know oh Smook know I still love you family, and Maxine realness keep your head up,

love your sister and friend,
Juicy

EXCERPTS AND SHOUT-OUTS...

LETTERS AND LOVE XOXXO

I'm the mother of Houtzdale, one of my daughters went home from up here . . . we are praying for her and her family.

The girls up here went to our first transgender video conference . . . these support groups are very good . . . to learn about our sexuality and let the world know that we are human beings and we love ourselves . . .

In Issue #18 . . . the art work and poems . . . beautiful I love it, that heart and that beautiful transexual on the cover is wonderful, the girls and boys are doing such a great job, it makes me cry to see what you are doing for . . . transgender community.

Ms. Laverne Cox is so beautiful, up in the stars she sits like a Queen. I thank her so much for opening the doors for us . . . yes we are girls--I don't consider myself a man I'm a woman, you hear me, a woman.

I would like to give my husband Mr. Bernie aka Thin Man and all my family and sisters and their husbands here at SCI Houtzdale a shout out, I love you so much . . . my family at Hearts on a Wire I love you
Kisses n Hugs, Ms. Erica

What's up Hearts on a Wire, and Light! I hope the best for all the LGBTQ's working hard for the one's incarcerated LGBTQ's

I moved to SCI Mahanoy. Shout to A.K.A.SI at SCI Forest, I didn't forget you, (LOVE) You're one of the real People

Shout out to A.K.A. Diamond, (SJ) said you're cool people also, and you keep it 100%, I miss the LGBTQ's. . . Be good. . . Watch out for that thing, "SJ, you know who I'm talking about," tell Diamond

H.O.A.W., I'm really enjoying. . . Issue 18. . . Having words about The Tragedy in Orlando Club, my son is down there and He's ok, He said it was really crazy. I did pray for. . . the ones still getting over this devastated thing that's happened

Shout out to Ms. GEGE, Founder of Light, you are so funny. . . you make my day, when I'm going over it with the LGBTQ's at Mahanoy. . . I laugh All the time, oh you should see them ha,ha,ha . . . Thank you GE GE, I'm writing something for light

PEACE :) BAM BAM

...FROM THE MAIL

OXXOX LOVE AND LETTERS

You got the Strength, You got the Power

by Mrs. Prissy Slade

Yes you, the very one who is reading this, I don't care what storms of life that may be knocking at your door, giving up isn't optional. The LGBTQ community needs you, for we have been on the bottom long enough. It's time to take a positive stand and say "I will not be mistreated, I will not be abused, I will not remain silent in circumstances that my voice is needed. I am not your secret, I am a uniquely made human being who deserves to be respected like any other citizen. I have rights and I will exercise them."

Gay isn't the correct word to describe me. Faggot, Queer, Joint, Dyke, Butch are words that only touch the surface or our identity.

But what the world needs to know it takes strength to be who we are so take a stand, joint the united hands all across America, who has come together to change how they view us but remember, YOU got the strength and power.

Jaina don't give up and continue to fight because there is no policy stating you have to remain in the SRTU due to being trans female. - Ira

Dear Hearts on a Wire:

I'm writing in response to articles [in issue 17] from Mariah Smith. Do not give up! it is possible to achieve permission to start your group! I'm currently involved in an LGBT support-empowerment group. There are people who have your back on this issue. The Administration here at SCI Albion is trying to reach out to other facilities to help start more LGBT groups as well. On commissary: There have been issues with wearing the items you can now purchase out of the cell. A suggestion that has been working for some of the females at this prison is to copy the page of commissary items and keep it on you to show you are allowed to have the items and wear them.

On a personal note, Mariah I'm proud of you and proud to say I know you and loved you and you taught me so much and helped me become the man I need to be.

Peace to my brothers and sisters,
William Perkins AKA Chip

EXCERPTS AND SHOUT-OUTS...

LETTERS AND LOVE XOXXO

Dear family
I just wanted to tell you all Happy Holidays. I am sorry if you tried to subscribed to Black and Pink and have been unsuccessful. I have discussed this with Jason numerous times, but to no avail. Do not worry though. Eventually you will be added to the mailing list. Also when we are able, we will go back to doing our own publication and will be able to handle mail and subscriptions much faster. So be patient, we ain't forget about you. love you all.
- GeGe and LIGHT

To my fam the Queens and Princesses. Keep yall's head up and keep moving. Don't let what people think bring you down, all of yall got to stick together.

On to BLM, we have to find a way of stopping these killings that are happening of our Black community by these white cops. We have to seek a political stance. If our Black community stands up in violence it will cause even more problems. That's just my thoughts.

Unity is Power
Power is Respect
Respect is Love
Love is us All.

Be you, and be cool.
Nathaniel Griffin AKA Bookie
LB4480 Coal Township

Dear Kings and Queens,
I start by saying I send my love to you all. Next, I'd like to say to all of the family from Pulse night club enjoy the hereafter God has plans for you there. To my lady Mrs. Tamara Angelique Brown I love you stay focused they can't keep a dynasty down. To all the dynamic duos hold on to each other. Shoutout to the following for their talent and brilliance Mrs. Shaylanna Luv Me, Maxine Davis, it's been a long time no see since 2007-2008 from CB HOC and CFCF. Hey Jeff Hopergeolo no love lost youngbull be safe. I love you all out there, especially HOAW.

In loving solidarity
Charles "Smook" Brown
@Greene



...FROM THE MAIL

OXXOX LOVE AND LETTERS

Sasha you know who you is, much love.

My Paperwork at Camp Hill right now love be cool stay in touch.

To my brother from another mother Charles "Smook" Brown love and loyalty to you bro I aint mad at you now that it's all good get back up and get out of here bro

Sis DeDe much love and loyalty I'm with you on your article

Bro Lorenziano, it hurts me to see the news about 49 of my brothers and sisters in that Pulse night club in Orlando, my love and condolences to the family of those who crossed over to the other side and LGBTQ community because we as children of mother earth and father sky should not fear to come out of or our homes and chill with friends and go out and enjoy, have fun and worry about some sorry uneducated disrespectful dude killing us. We have to stand up and show unity, love, respect, loyalty and support to our brothers and sisters.

- Knowledge

Hello to all my brothers and sisters my family. . . I hope all of you are in high spirits and real good health also. Well we got . . . more rain . . . for the flowers and the grass to grow though . . . I was watching it rain here. And was wishing I was home with my sweetheart...

. . . to Mariah Smith. My sister I am also a Queen . . . keep working on your support group . . . to Winter Lyniece "good work" on starting a support group . . . at SCI Smithfield. We need more support groups in prison...

. . . to all the new family members in Hearts on a Wire now. Queen Jessa would like to welcome you brothers an sisters to the family with much much love.

. . . brothers and sisters we. . . Be at peace in our hearts and our minds. . . fore real Ms. Priss is so right about this! . . . have each others backs no matter what. If all of us stick together we can get things done and be a loving family...

. . . Stay strong and don't let this world get you down. . . .Peace and love for all of you from the heart.

Queen Jessa, SCI Mahanoy