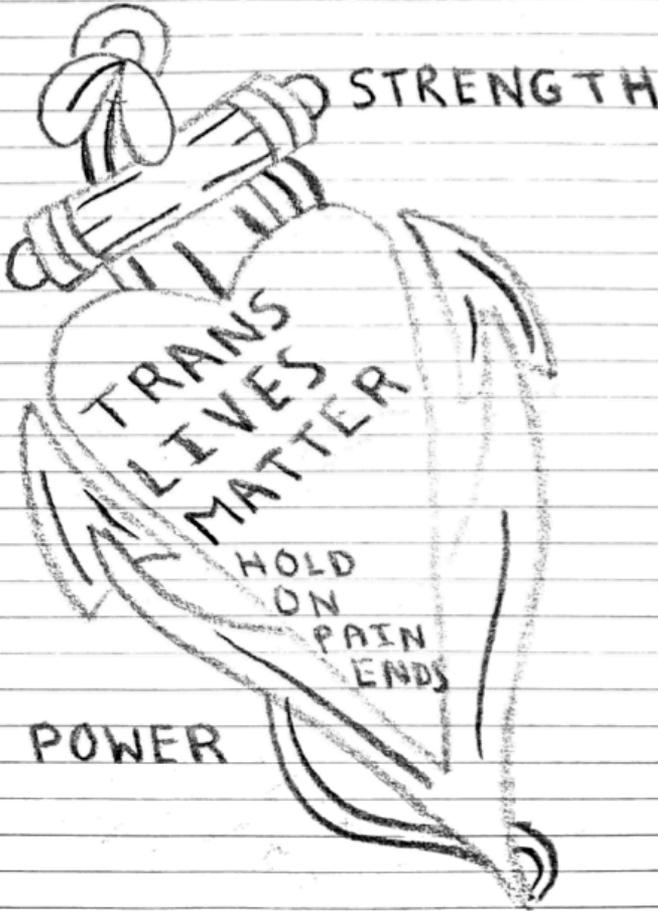


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LETTER FROM THE OUTSIDE COLLECTIVE

Dear Family, welcome to another issue of HOAW.

We are Pennsylvania-based group of trans and nonbinary people and allies, building a movement for gender self-determination, racial and economic justice, and an end to the policing and imprisoning of our communities. Contact us for meeting information.

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With so much negativity in the news, we know many of you may be carrying a lot right now. We're feeling it too. Some of us have experience inside, and we understand how current events can hit especially hard from where you are.

Recently, we marked the 18th anniversary of the very first HOAW meeting. It gave us space to reflect on our mission and our message: prison abolition and trans rights inside. Over the years, we've adapted when we had to, navigating prison restrictions while staying committed to advocating for you. You have always been—and will always be—the heart of HOAW: the Inside Collective.

Through our Pilot Program, we've been able to build deeper connections with some of you. While the Outside Collective is limited in size, we've welcomed incredible new members who bring their talents and lived experience in powerful ways.

As we reflect, we want to remind you of something important: trans people have always existed, and we always will. Our community has a long history of looking out for one another. That hasn't changed—because it's who we are. It's why we'll still be here long after this BS is over.

Remember: if you are strong enough to be out, you are stronger than most. Please keep reaching out to us, and don't lose faith.

Thank you—for trusting us with your stories, poems, and shout-outs. We feel it all: the love, the pride, the heartache, the smiles, and the tears. That's what makes this work worth it.

Strength and Solidarity,
The Outside Collective

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REMEMBERING OUR TRANS ELDERS

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of two Trans elders who supported and encouraged Hearts on a Wire in its earliest days. We hold with special care the chosen families of these remarkable women, who have lost beloved mothers and elders.



Sheila Colson-Pope was a Philadelphia-based activist, mentor, and mother to countless young Trans women in the city. Her advocacy helped bring about the founding of Morris Home, the inclusion of trans people in HIV services, the removal of gender markers from transit passes, and the successful national effort to recognize Trans people as a distinct category in public health data collection (later repealed by this administration). For decades, Miss Sheila served as lead organizer and hostess of an annual Black History Month celebration honoring Black Trans leadership. She passed away on December 15, 2025, at the age of 68.



Miss Major Griffin-Gracy was a pioneering force in transgender rights whose activism spanned more than five decades—from Stonewall to her death on October 13, 2025, at age 78. For the last 30 years of her life, her organizing focused on prison justice issues impacting Trans people. She founded the Transgender Gender-Variant & Intersex Justice Project in California and was a vital mentor to Hearts on a Wire in its early years. She later founded the House of GG, a refuge dedicated to developing Trans leadership. Miss Major's life and legacy were documented in the 2015 film *MAJOR!* and her 2023 book, *Miss Major Speaks: Conversations with a Black Trans Revolutionary*.

REMEMBERING ANDY "CHI-CHI" ORTIZ

Late last year, we heard word from multiple community members about the murder of Andy "Chi-Chi" Ortiz at SCI Albion. We mourn this horrific and preventable act of violence, and want to uplift the following submission from Lucifer at SCI Albion.

HOAW Fam:

On Wednesday night at appx 10:50 pm at SCI Albion Prison, my little cousin Andy "Chi-Chi" Ortiz (from the Strawberry Mansion Section of Philadelphia, PA) was violently attacked, strangled and murdered (allegedly) by his celly. It has been reported to me by several inmates that earlier that day on 10/29/25 Andy Ortiz approached his Unit Manager Mr. Seymore and begged him to not place him in the cell with this particular celly because the celly told him that he would kill him.

The celly also told the Unit manager "If you move him in there w/me, I'll kill him!" Instead of taking Andy to the "Hole" for protective Custody or his celly to the "Hole" for a threat by a Lifer, The Unit Manager (allegedly) replied "I don't care, I'm not separating yall!" This act by the Unit Manager leaves him to be culpable for accessory to murder and he should be charged as a co-defendant.

I will not let Andy's death go in vain! This is a death that was preventable and the Unit Manager and Dept. of Corrections must pay for their part in this horrific murder! Too many times the Dept. of Corrections covered up illegal crimes, But this one, my family, won't be buried (no pun intended). Andy I love you, your family loves you and we will never stop fighting for you! You have a lot of supporters who want to see that the prison is held accountable, as well as the Unit Manager Mr. Seymore who was supposed to protect your well being. You have a lot of friends who love you! And we will all miss you!

You was always loving, smiling and giving gift to this world. You may be gone from this world, but I promise you'll never be forgotten. And if you know me by now, you know I'm on it! That's my world!

In Honor of my Cousin Andy "Chi-Chi" Ortiz I know he would want to shout out his friends Cain @SCI Somerset, Skuddy @SCI Laurel Highlands, Ohio's finest Jah, Reign at SCI Albion, Max at SCI Somerset, Ryda @SCI Albion, Lopez @SCI Albion, B.O.B @SCI Albion, The Philadelphia Eagles and Sixers, his bestfriend Kevin and of course myself: Your Cousin! Your Bestfriend! and Miley @Albion.

LiL. Cousin you are my everything and I feel like I failed you; so it's only correct that I make this right! I'll always love you forever and ever!

Yours Truly,

Lucifer

HOAW HISTORY

Recently, a founding member of Hearts On A Wire in the outside collective found the notes to the first ever Hearts On A Wire meeting in 2007. We want to share it in the newsletter to add perspective on HOAW's founding vision and goals.

trans/prison meeting 1 - 11/29/2007

framework: big picture goals:

- abolish prisons
- overturn oppressive structures that make marginalized people vulnerable to imprisonment.

little picture long term goals:

- build concrete supports for trans/gender variant prisoners.
- identify issues of concern and develop strategies for changing systems.
- change systems

short term goals:

- build relationships with trans/gender-variant people inside.
- concretely support trans/gender-variant people inside and upon reentry.
- raise outside awareness of/support for trans/justice issues.
- avoid burnout from overwhelming system by supporting one another.

outreach inside ideas:

- TIP (Trans In Prison) in California began by setting up letters-to-prisoners program to raise awareness and build support
- Philadelphia County Coalition for Prison Healthcare began by doing outreach to folks with family/friends inside
- we will take out a half page ad in next Prison Health News (pascal and adrian will design this) and begin collecting contacts.
- adrian and hannah have contact with some trans prisoners - we will ask them if they want to receive mail and also to spread the word.
- have a letter event and invite people to write to both people we have IDed and to their own friends/family

outreach outside ideas:

- we will have a kickoff/pilot valentine/letter writing event in early February - meet in mid december or early january to plan this.
- discussed specific outreach to SOS
- idea: ongoing writing nights rather than setting up individual penpal relationships - benefits -> individuals flake/burn out/have other priorities, regular writing nights motivate, build community of folks who support trans/gender-variant prisoners/prison issues, support each other in doing work that can be overwhelming (prisons are really bad)

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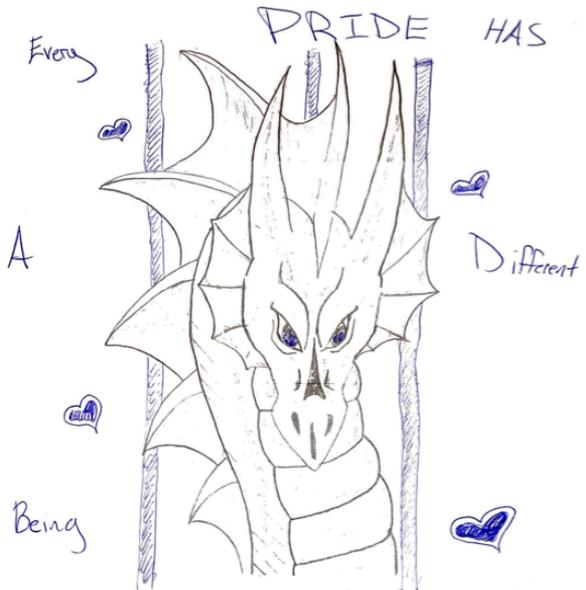
Miley Fletcher, a foundational Hearts On A Wire leader and inside collective member at SCI Albion, offered the following response to these early Hearts meeting notes:

I do remember the first (LOL) Hearts On A Wire newsletter. I laugh because we've come a long way. But when Hearts On A Wire started it was a motivation of a transgender community protecting, educating, loving, caring, and sharing for our transgender community. It also had a meaning of showing the love, happiness and joy of being able to contact an outside organization that actually took notice of abuse of transgender incarcerated people. Other organizations would never recognize us or even want to get involved. But Hearts On A Wire was there and it was united. No matter how small Hearts On A Wire was or even is. Everyone in the outside collective took time out for us transgender people that are incarcerated, and not only us incarcerated but also our outside transgender communities. Hearts On A Wire is there!

We have come a long way and we will continue to go further, showing our love and support for Hearts on a Wire. I know a lot of you who have met me know that I tell you all: once I'm out and paroling to Erie, I intend to open a second chapter of Hearts On A Wire in the western part of PA. Because of what Hearts On A Wire stands for. AND I WILL ALWAYS STAND BEHIND HEARTS ON A WIRE!

What do you think of this look into HOAW's history? We encourage reflections and responses for publication in the next issue!

Art by Mikey W at Phoenix



This One's Trapped Behind The Wire

JOB, Z-CODE, AND PREA ISSUES

In Issue 41, we asked for submissions about jobs & employment, especially for advice on finding jobs or ways those on the outside can help address employment issues faced by trans people in the DOC. We also received submissions touching on issues with Z-codes and PREA:

Maddie | SCI Forest: My experience with employment has been terrible. I've never been given a job & I've been down 4 years. I'm on "waiting list" after waiting list, or they make up some new rule. I'm burnt out. I've even tried to get a block job, but they give them to the straight male inmates, "gangster wanna-be's." I have a paralegal license, and skills, but they just let me rot away in my cell for \$16/month that I can't even live off of! Pimp in distress yall, LOL. SOS. Someone help us.

Eric | SCI Greene: When it comes to Z-codes and jobs, us inmates should have a choice to have a Z-code or not. The Z-codes shouldn't be forced on you because someone put a PREA in that was false. You are seen once a year by your counselor and they might say keep it, because they don't know you. Everything should be done by your history. Look at a person's background before signing the papers "no." Being placed on a housing due to your Z-code status should be changed. Hearts on a Wire should push for outside the prison to determine a Z-code. This way everyone is not biased toward us inmates. We would get fair treatment all around the board.

Priscilla | SCI Albion: The question of Z-codes is difficult. The DOC has a double standard for granting them. When it's convenient for them to do so out of you having a violent history or consistent sexual misconduct, they will give one often without hesitation and usually against one's will. But what about those of us who need it for a desire to seek safety from those who would prey on us just for being transgender? This doesn't fit the DOC's criteria. This is hard for me to talk about but I was raped at SCI-Phoenix after the PREA team, unit team and superintendent ignored my pleas for help. It wasn't enough that they allowed this tragedy to happen, they then went on to try to make me into the criminal in my own rape, just to cover up their misconduct. Why? Because they refused a Z-code based on transgender lines. So I encourage you ladies out there to reach out to HOAW for advocacy. Your family. Write to the media with proof when all else falls on deaf ears. Though I went through hell over the last year including retaliatory actions at my new jail, I know that I have a few at HOAW who are there to help when all else falls apart. If there is anyone at SCI-Phoenix who went through what I did, please reach out to the newsletter. I have an active lawsuit that is progressing and anything against them would be a good final nail in the coffin. Take care out there.

JOB, Z-CODE, PREA

Trap Queen | SCI Laurel Highlands: HOAW, I have learned a lot in all the issues I have read! I do need help on a PREA Case! It's still in "review" process, but it's on a C/O for sayin "you can go suck more dick you faggot." It's on camera with her sayin this. But no voice. The C/O was all yelling it at me. Going into yard the Lt. said it will get denied! Who do I contact for more help? Well all sisters and kings we got to keep fightin against the DOC!

Tina | SCI Somerset: Now the reason I'm writing is due to the stupid Ass-PREA program. Since I've been here at Somerset anyone who makes a PREA on someone they get moved. Not the one who's doing the sexual assaults and harrasments. My one friend here is still on the same block and same tier as the one who tried to assault his when they were cellies. Look isn't PREA suppost to protect the innocent ones/victims not the aggressor. Who can I contact to ask for help in this shit hole.

"Jah" Moore | SCI Huntingdon: It isn't easy getting a job here, and it's sad that you have to wait for someone to be relieved of their duties someway in order to replace them. Overall the whole job ordeal is a headache. The jobs are based on the levels and it'll take about 2-4 years of being a model inmate to even get in position to ask for a job which comes with a payrate that can somewhat support your bid. On that note, good luck.

SACRED GROUND

In Issue 39, we asked for submissions about the relationship between gender and spirituality or religion.

Ceci Ransome | SCI Phoenix: Breaking the chains to be me: Being myself, I feel that when I'm being myself, I'm being true to God, making my own light, illuminating my destiny, where I can see my way through these most trying and darkened times for transgenders, trusting the process, while avoiding the dictatorship designed by man on how to look and dress, how can loving yourselves be wrong, judgement by others who don't live in your skin, it's like someone is looking through my window and having a problem with the arrangement of my furniture, my body, my house, I own it, when I walk, I own it... When I'm being myself I can feel the warmth of my own heat in this very cold environment, the heat from the light God has given me. Be your truth, be what you feel, that's your God given right, I have spirituality when I'm walking in the light that God has given me to shine.

BOOK REVIEWS

Elijah Weaver | SCI Houtzdale: I'm a first time writer and I want and need everyone to know that we have a magnificent writer in our midst. If the hetero community is allowed to have their own sexual gratifications/fantasies fulfilled in the book series 'Fifty Shades of Grey' then we should be allowed to have our own fantasies fulfilled as well in the first book, which is now available on Amazon, of the new and upcoming series that is aptly titled, '69 Shades of Gay - Three day Staycation Getaway' by G. Alexander Stroll. I know this individual personally and have been privy to read certain excerpts from all 5 of the books in the series... Man, talk about leaving someone hot and bothered and wanting to get just a sliver of a piece of the action contained in these erotic pages. The most intriguing thing to me is the fact that although he (the author) says that everything is actually based on his life, there is also some fiction seamlessly blended into it, which only adds to the juiciness of what has been written. We need to show our love and support in this endeavor and help to make this book and series a number one seller on the New York Times Best Seller list! We need to show that we stand in solidarity and that our voices are just as strong as we say they are. We need to let friends and family outside these walls that confine us know of this book/series so they, too, can help promote the true love we can show that exists within our wonderful LGBTQ+ community. Also, after reading just the first book, I can practically guarantee that you'll be "wet" and salivating for more, for the next book in the series! (LOL!) Just imagine if all would go well and we can help make this into a movie series that could be watched by millions not only around the world but most importantly here in our country, where it's said that every opportunity is out there for those strong enough and willing to take the chance. I know of someone that said they're going to try to have a copy of the first book sent to Tyler Perry Productions to see if he has any interest; after all, he seemingly supports our community and cause because he has A LOT of characters that represent us in his other movies and TV series. The biggest difference with this, however, is the fact that the main character(s) ARE definitely part of the LGBTQ+ community and this would truly show the range and power that we as a people who matter possess allowing me to gloat about the achievements of someone very close to me and hope everyone is willing to check this out! You WON'T be sorry!!! I'll write again soon. Until then, take care and keep your heads above water (or the sheets. LOL) - The "Librarian"

MAC AND CHEESE RECIPE FROM MS. TAY

1. With 2 soups broken up/crunched up into pieces, put soups into bowl+hot water/cook noodles to desire. Draw excess water off noodles
2. With $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of squeeze cheese (add more for desired taste), stir noodles and cheese. Use salt and pepper if desired for taste
3. If desired, use cheese puffs plus shabang chips or cheetos crunched up for topping. If you eat meat, add your desired meat. Enjoy!

BOOK REVIEWS (CONT.)

Timber | SCI Mahanoy: How would you feel if you're walking through the woods at night & this attractive guy covered in blood & carrying a dog walks up to you? This is a riveting love story of 2 lost souls. Daniel came from Philly and isn't used to the small town lifestyle. When he runs into Rex again fireworks & erections go up. To find more out read *In the Middle of Somewhere* book 1 of 3, by Roan Parrish, an author from Philadelphia.

Our next book is *Out of Nowhere* book 2 of 3. Roan in this book does a good job telling us about Colin who is super homophobic. He's Daniel's older brother. As we know a lot of homophobes are actually gay themselves. Rafe stops some guys from beating Colin up outside a gay bar in Philly. Rafe is a person who is selfless because of his rough past where he made poor choices. I like how in this book Roan talks about prison reform issues and programs for prisoners like Books Thru Bars.

The last book of this series is *Where We Left Off*

Other books recommended by Timber:

- *Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Crystal, Gem, & Metal Magic* by Scott Cunningham (Pagan)
- *The Ultimate Book of Shadows for the New Generation Solitary Witch* By Silver Ravenwolf
- *DIY Camper & RV Reno* by Janelle & Chadwick Payne

POEM FOR 42

\$WestMoney\$ | Houtzdale

The sweet love which you give to me,
Is a precious gift from your heart;
I cherish it and promise thee
That never will we split apart.
For you are exciting and refined,
Devoted and sincere;
And so, my love grows stronger
With every passing year.
Just as an acorn will one day be,
A mighty oak - a Stately tree;
I know the feelings which we share,
Will grow into a love quite rare.
I know that true love, by nature, is pristine;
It works in countless ways unseen,
And gives to life a vibrant sheen,
Which helps make inner lives serene.

LETTERS & LOVE

Hello dear ones, this is your big sister, Jacinda Lee, writing from SCI Phoenix. Greene was another nightmare, so I pulled a stunt to get transferred. For anyone in the community who's ever been at Greene, you know how things are. And I've never been one to allow anyone to say and do what they please to me, and not say anything about it. I'm at a MUCH better place, although no SCI is ideal. I just hope that I am granted parole come July 2026. If so, PGH here I come! There's minimal drama here at PHX and that's a good thing. Now the hate and animosity within the community needs to stop. Who else is gonna have our backs in not each other? To Bri: Can we agree to just get along? We ain't gotta like each other, but the back biting needs to stop! Now for my shout outs.

To my wonderful hubby Mikey, my baaaaaby: I never thought I'd meet THE ONE. True love at first sight—we GOLDEN! I love you more than words can say. To my Albion and Green squad: y'all are too numerous to mention but y'all know who you are. I miss y'all and send my love. To my new friends at PHX: Niga, Puma, Alicia, Quad, Meatball, Bob, Ceci, Frank, Hamster, Kimmy, and Neesha and anyone else I may have forgot to mention, I'm glad we met and I'm happy to call y'all brothers and sisters.

~ Jacinda Lee | SCI Phoenix

Dear HOAW family, I'd like to send a shoutout to my friend Gator, NP5906; I really miss you Gator, please keep ya head up and stay out of the way; I'll be out of the hole (RHU) business on 11/26/25. I'm coming for my man bitches! Yes, this is lil Joya. I also like to send my love to miss Nichole Monique Quiñones at Houtzdale; Girrrrl you're the best queen who keep shit real at the Houtz, and I'm sorry for locking myself down in the hole/RHU. I know that you told me to stay out of the way but the shit always shoot at me! I had some heat on me, that's why I went to the hole. Look family, I really need to address this ongoing problem when trans women are under attack by the DOC! I would like to lose my z-code at some point but this admin is making me work extra hard by filing grievances! Well, we all know that us girls are under attack. So let's take this fight of ours to the Secretary—Dr. Harry! I did. I don't have any money to support myself for legal copies! I'm in the “red zone” for medical bills. I cannot even afford cosmetics or food because my brothers and sisters cut me off from any money and support because I choose to live my life as a woman! So now you are my true family! Love u family,

~ Joya | | MB4726

HOAW family,

Giving a shout out to the entire transgender family, from Ms. Tay at Greene. Shouting out to my wonderful mom Miley S. Diamond. Hi Mom!! And to Ary, Rebecca Colter, Ms. Linda, Tessa, Kash, Wendy, Cornelius “Cork” Crawford, Linda Mae, Unique AKA Moe what's up. Shout out to Nichole Monique Quiñones at Houtzdale, hey what's up girl?

~ Ms. Tay | Greene

LETTERS & LOVE

Hi everyone!

It's sissy Sages, shout out time once again, starring "me!" (Or as Mariah would say "Sherman! Sherman Graham!" I love that silly girl!) But we have more to say "sup" to. There's that blonde bombshell Dawn! I hope all is well in your world girl! I love and miss your mean looks! And of course other parts of your anatomy. Haily! When I said your beauty is all your own, I meant that no one has your dark style. Or your sweet ass. You are unique in a new way. And all good! To Gene at Forest, I loved every word you wrote. So many feel like you do, but do nothing to change the problem. It's almost like everyone thinks they must strike first so they can call victory. There's no victory when it's the body at war with the head! And Kaitlyn Mae Santos at Houtzdale, you're right, side by side through thick or thin. You are my family. I don't even know you. But I don't need to. Our war is just "our war." We don't need to see eye to eye, to fight side by side. Our objective is the same. No one has the right to tell anyone in our community (aka family) that they need to step off/out, or away from their family. Nothing worthwhile is easy to gain. Look at the history of this country. Focus, help one another, find a level ground and go from there. Don't tell anyone how it should be. Show them how to love one another in spite of their differences. And remember, but don't look for, that some believe that they are as right as God in their ways. And will not change. Leave them with love, and wish them well. But let them know you're there should they need you. I love this community/family. You are all I have. And I have your back should you need me. Love,

~ Sage | Your sister and friend at Coal

Hello HOAW!

I'm Justin, AKA TrapQueen. I'm new to Hearts on a Wire. I was at Rockview for the past 5 years, but got moved to SCI Laurel Highlands. Haven't seen any sistas here. I max 2/5/26. Shout out to my wonderful husband Darrin Kleiman AKA DayDay. 11/6/25 will be 2 years strong. I love you, you're my heart. Always remember that. More and more I'm away from you. I cry. I miss you. I want to be close to you again. Baby Boi know your Bad Bitch Trap Queen is here. Can't wait to get out so I can video chat your sexy axx! Always be faithful to me. I'm the baddest bitch around hunny! Shout out to BFF Che Wright at SCI Smithfield. I miss y'all a lot. I'm stayin out the way and doin me! SCI Laurel Highlands lots of young Dudes Here. I'm on GB. They was hatin 1st then settled down so I'm good everyone! I wanted to check in with everyone! Much love to SCI Rockview. About 850 people there! That's over! I'm outta there! But I think I will miss My Sistas. Twiggy, Gma, Che! Shout-out too whittney in BMU at Rockview I'm here for you. Keep head up. I love you so much. Your my heart always remember that 7/17/25 was our Day! Can't wait to hear from everyone.

~ TrapQueen | Justin Torres | SCI Rockview

LETTERS & LOVE

I acknowledge that we as a family are going through a lot of stress, and issues on what Trump is causing but better days are on the way, believe me, we are much more than a label, we are a community, we are a family, and we care for each other. Isn't that love? A love that can't a soul divide, nobody can ever take that away. My name is Dorian, I represent LGBTQ - straight, binary, nonbinary and all of the like. I have love for a lot of people in Pittsburgh and outside of the city I'm from, I don't judge, single out, but I love to speak my mind,. I got friends and relatives that got life, or time to do. I'm on my second number because I love hard but using too much of my heart got me into trouble. I wear my heart on my sleeve, what you see is what you get. I'm unafraid. I'm fearless because neither though I do me, I know God still loves me. I'm gifted in many ways, I love singing, I'm beautiful, handsome, and at peace for who I am. I got a mission to share my love with anyone who would cherish me back. I love y'all. Big shout outs to my Albion family: Lance, Nikkie Monique Quiñones, Griff, Dayna, Ms. Bee, Maddie, Ike, B.O.B., Chino, Yum yum, Reign, Siobahn, Kelly, my cousin Lil' Kim. In SCI Forest: Shadow, Mariah, and whoever I missed, big love to all of y'all. Love,

~ Dorian

Dear everyone in the land of PA DOC,

I have been busy studying my Wicca books & getting into so many other books at the same time. My Z-code getting lifting was denied again. Even after being in the hole, my treatment team was for removing after my recent self harm & being an O-code (observation for suicide risk) but I'm tired of fighting these people to get a cellie. I'm trying to be more focused on going home whenever that is. Maybe next year. At that point I'll be 4 years past my min.

Abel I'm glad you found some1 to make u happy. I really hope she can keep u out of trouble so u don't have to max out. Diabla please take care of my friend. I will always have love in my heart for my Gator. He has a good heart. Shay-Shay keep ur head up girl. I miss all our fun times together ; I hope you're doing well. I would like to send love to others that I've had the pleasure to know in the DOC: Ash, Gerald, Tessa Rose, Cris Evan, Ruth and so many more folks I know. Sending love to my man Poo Bear. You know who u are. We will get through these hard times. I plan to take my next year till I see the denial board again to do plenty of reading. Take some edu classes and work on my mental health more so I can be a stronger person when I leave. I hope every1 had a good holiday season. 11-13-25 Blessed Be! :)

~ Taz - Timber | T. Trewitz | NM4043

Hello Hearts On A Wire Community,

I would like to send a shoutout to Cornelius "Cork" Crawford and the RBC family for introducing me, supporting me and showing me love! You guys are awesome!

~ Dom

LETTERS & LOVE

HOAW,

This is my first time ever writing and sadly it's during a time in my life I'm filled with darkness! RIP to my little cousin Andy "Chi Chi" Ortiz, who was sadly murdered on 10/29/25 allegedly by his celly at SCI-Albion, after being denied help from department staff! Just want to give mad love to my friends and biggest supporters! To CR Hennighan @ SCI-Somerset, you're my son and I love and miss you! Cain @ SCI-Somerset I miss you little bro! My bestie "S" @ SCI-Somerset I wish I would've never left you! Skuddy @ SCI-Laurel Highlands we are forever, you already! I can't believe this happened to Chi-Chi! My Guy Tank aka Ernest Scott, Esq. I don't know where they sent you but I love you and miss you! Big Mir: king of kings, haven't seen you since Rockview I love and miss you Big Bro! We Got a lot to talk about! I need you! To my Mafia @ SCI-Albion: SP, Ryda, Black, Reign, Tito, Quill, BOB, Eazy, The Omen, Nigeria, my brother Jonsey, Yellow Mellow, Kensie, and my forever JT. I love yall so F'ing much. The Real CR @ SCI-Somerset I'm proud of you and I forgive you! Savage @ SCI-Somerset love you my guy! Lil Foot, Miley, and Coacoa, Kelly and Claire it's all love! Micah, I didn't forget you! My loyal undercovers, one day you'll walk through the door proudly! My son South Side I love you and never forgotten: Andy "Chi-Chi" Ortiz: RIP, my love is forever. PS. Big Mir (King of Kings) hey Bro! I'm still here and need to get in contact with you! Haven't seen you since SCI Rockview, I love you, miss you and need you!

~ Lucifer aka Kareem

Dear H.O.A.W.,

My name is Taylor and I am a Transgender inmate at SCI Forest in Pennsylvania. I was on a unit that had some of my sisters on it and read their newsletters, but now I am on another block and nobody gets it so I would like to start getting them. It is kinda difficult on my new block because none of my sisters are on this one and I kinda stay to myself and I don't share that I am Transgender with anyone because I don't want to be made fun of and picked on because of who I am. Most people think that we are just gay men and call us fake women and other things. It was easier on the other block because I had a lot of my friends that supported me and backed me up. I'm only on this new block because it is an honor block so I believe that it will look good on me that I'm here when I go to the parole board in a few years. I am lonely because I don't have any of my friends and family who are on the other side of the prison. I feel that I have to hide who I am and let people call me by the name that my parents gave me just to get by much easier which I do not like at all. I would like to give a shout out to all my family here at Forest, "Sydmarine" my sister to the end, Ed, Mr. and Mrs. Kid, and even my pain in the ass sister Jamie, the new hair do is crazy. I can't forget Sara who would bitch me out at work for not mentioning her. I love you all and everything is ok on the new block but I miss you all so much.

~ Taylor | SCI Forest | QP-3535

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Wassup hearts family & friends... Its November 3rd 2025 and I am so happy to report that I have made parole as of October 21st, and I will be getting picked up by the US Marshalls in the next week or two! YAAAAAAAAY! BITCH YASSSSS! I can't tell yall how glad I am to be getting out of these ppl clutches! Oo GURL! I will only have to be in the feds until March & then I am back on the streets. When I tell yall that this shit is for the birds, you better believe it. Anyone who thinks this jail shit is cute, needs to hav they head examined. And if u dnt feel as nutty as I hav by being there, u mite want to sign up for psych, bc this shit is for suckaz! Period! This jail shit is so unnatural and uncivilized its sad. I cant say it enuff, this jail shit is not living. So if you hav the opportunity, then get the hell out, and STAY out! And if you have life, never give up hope, and NEVER stop fighting. Stop going to the yard and gym, tryna be cute, fly, down, whatever, and get your ass in that law library and fight for yourself. Bc aint nobody else gon fight for you!

Kit Kat Santos, thank you sis. Altho none of that shit these uncivilized freaky pop tarts had to say about me bothers me, in the least... u held it down for ya girl and I love you for it. Like the song says... "Is it the fucks that I don't give..? Is it the man that I don't miss..?" That part Chica. Look at them, and look at me... I said it before and I will say it again, you hav not heard the last of me. Continue to think for yourself, & be cunty. Bc u are def cunt! :)

Maddie I miss your crazy ass, and u already knooooo I wil be in touch in due time. I may need that quick mind of yours for LEGAL endeavors bitch. No more scamming! (pat the sew in) I love you bitch.

Let me say this.... for all of you who spend all your time "mumblng" and talking behind the backs of each other... stop projecting your own insecurities & shortcomings on others. If you was really that bad, pretty, fabulous or whatever else you "think" you are... you wouldn't be tearing down other girls. Who wants to be a pretty girl, w/ an ugly personality? Unfortunately the majority of the ppl who consider themselves girls in here, have only been doing so for a short time, and some of you need not talk about ANYbody, for what you are in prison for. When I say this shit is sad, its SAD! How can you be, or sound so smart, but act so ugly & Dumb? Like for real... get ya self together. A bitch will be all day tryna tear me down, bc I ben doing this shit since the majority of u were in under-roo's, and for anybody that really knows me, my pedigree is flawless! But guess what? I am not better than anybody else. I am jus a woman that continues to survive everything that life has thrown at me. And yet, I am still EVERY woman and the ONLY woman. You girls can only pray that u are still alive & look like me when u are my age! Thats not shade, thats reality. My final piece of advice is this.... love yourself. No matter how you feel. Love YOU! I promise you, nobody will ever love you, care for you, and take care of you like you will yourself. It took me many years to learn how to do that. Self love... there is nothing like it in the world. Check me out on the gram @215NikkiSin.

~ The legendary Miss Nichole Monique Quiñones

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Hey Hoaw Family,

It's me, your least favorite girl in the PA DOC! I'm back in the RHU yet again, I'm so tired of S.C.I. Forest with the hatin ass guards and the back biting people in our community. I've recently over the past 6 months started staying to myself to stay out of the drama! Because for some strange reason people love to talk about me. I realize this is prison and I'm not supposed to have any friends but I'm lonely and wish I had girlfriends I could talk to. I'm on HA and I am the only girl over there and will be going back to HA once this hole trip is over. To be honest if it wasn't for my daddy (he knows who he is) I'd have been got kicked out of here, I love you Big Daddy you pussy kat needs some real loving "MEOW" "MEOW" Style. To Elli I'm happy to hear you are happy and look forward to the days now. Isn't it great what just being yourself can do for your confidence and self esteem. Keep it up, don't let no one deter you, remember being your own person and thinking for yourself is its own reward. You've only just started seeing what it's like to wait till you get the right people in your life. It gets even better. Don't get me wrong, it's not all sunshine and rainbows. You will have good and bad days but at the very least you can be your true self while having them. Girl I wish I knew what to tell you about coming out to family. That's what took me so long to come out. I didn't want to be abandoned by the people I loved. It took coming to prison and all of them abandoning me anyway and one special girl in the GB day room (you know who you are I love you and thank you!) to make me realize that I was done living for other people and their expectations of me. It was time to live for me to be myself and F**K what anyone else had to think or say about it. For the person you were with at the start of your journey, I think I know whom you're referring to, be glad girl, you dodged a bullet. I tell all the girls, leave the losers and broke dudes alone. All they want us for is sex like some kind of blow up doll. If a man really likes you he will be willing to wait a minimum of 30 days for that type of play and he would want to get to know you (your likes + dislikes as well as anything you're interested in) to build together as a couple. And stay away from closet cases honey they're nothing but trouble. Thank you so much for the shout out Elli. It took me a while to recover mentally from that and to be honest I'm still not 100% ok. That dude is horrible. I'd like to shout out the Stunning Sydney I love you baby girl 4 real, The always beautiful T-Cup, Lisa, and Elli, and to my Haters/Fanclub, keep hating! Also I'm looking for a girlfriend since I like men and women especially transwomen. I figured I put a line out there if you don't know what I look like, ask around. Transgirls only no male queens. You can have your people send me your letters. Love,

~ Tiffany Epiphany Jackson | Andrew Eberts | NZ3780 | SCI Forest

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To the love of my life
and biggest fan Mizz
aka Rowdy the sun in
my sky. No other man
will do. Baby i love you.
And this love right here
ain't going nowhere
(stamped). Bullhorn in
my hand Ty loves his
man. it's Davenport
Taylor for me.

~ Miami Ty
SCI Forest

MARRY ME

Miami Ty Davenport | SCI Forest

No poem looking for clout.
Simply a proposal to someone I can't live without.
A jail love story untold.
Steady hands your heart I hold.
Faithfulness, real an true.
Are only scratching the surface of my vows to you.
All I ask is that you love me the same.
In a few months I plan to go home an change your last name.
Until then I wanted the world 2 see.
That Ty is saying Mark/Rowdy please marry me?

ROWDY-MIZZ

Miami Ty Davenport | SCI Forest

Constant laps around my brain.
Niggas closeness drives me insane.
People see about him i'm like a freight train.
Category 5 hurricane.
Lightening, thunder and hail rain.
Crazy bout Rowdy i'm making this shit plain.
Against all odds we will remain.
Confident it will sustain.
Haters want it to be water down a drain.
Bitches to demolish this you'll need a crane.
Even in a washer bitch we gone leave a stain.
Magical love we even tricked David Blaine.
Not going nowhere like Christmas candycane.
Mind you business an stay in yo lane.
Gossip wont break us go try that shit with Peter,
Paul an jane.
Not saying it in vain.
Mess with my Rowdy ima be a migraine.
No aloe will help your membrane.
At the highest of love we higher than Maine.
Both most wanted, clearly winning the game.
Trying to break us up nigga that shits lame.
But what yal really doing is giving us jail house fame.
An for you nosey str8 niggas Rowdy's my fiances
nickname.

My name is Mizz aka Davenport Taylor. I want to give a special shout out to my better half Ty aka Miami Ty. We are currently at SCI Forest. I want to thank you for showing me the real meaning of love, compassion and also integrity. I've seen so many people say they love somebody but be writing, sleeping, moving on when on thing doesn't work. But with you, you're always tryna guide me in a ways to not just be better for usbut for myself. We move as a unit. One stays in, the other does. We're excited to see each other, we're sad when we have to leave each other. You're at my window with a pen and pad until yard is over. Please know I love you more than I've ever liked anyone in my life. You give me a reason to smile again!

~ Mizz AKA Rowdy AKA
Davenport/Taylor | QP 4417

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Hey HOAW community. I hope that the LGBTQ+ community here at SCI-Forest can be and stay drama-free. I want for this community to show love and care for our fellow Kings and Queens at SCI-Forest. I wanna shout out INK, Syd, Ed, Mizz, Bree, Omar, Umar, Gordie, Cody, Kid, Jamie, Spazz, Jackson, Ren, Tone, Emmy and Ent. A special shout out to my homie Jah who got transferred out of Forest, Brittany in Houtzdale, Jayhood in Houtzdale, and Light in Houtzdale. I love and miss you. Keep ya head up and stay strong. XoXoXo

~ Jesse Blake AKA WTF Stizzy | NY7077 | SCI-Forest

Dear Hearts On A Wire,

My name is Arnold and y'all have been sending me stuff for a while. As you know I'm a PA prisoner but I have not tried to write. Although I am a gender non-conforming person with fem tendencies I am 48 years old and had cataracts in both eyes and battling with the prison to get the care I required. I have recently had surgeries - which were cataract extraction interocular lens replacement - to both eyes. It is truly amazing. I used to require glasses to see

distance but no longer need them. I do however require reading glasses. But I can now see! Unfortunately I was not good at writing grievances and I had to enlist the aid of jailhouse lawyers who got what little funds I had, but again I can see! Anyways I kept getting shipped around to different jails and I must admit I know quite a few of the peers in the LGBT community printed/writing and most know me although I was mostly into legal work. Now I am in the hole and I await transfer whenever they get around to it. I wanted to also say I am pleased to have received Hearts on A Wire and I send out shoutouts to all my Brothers and Sisters and you all. In solidarity I remain. Love,

~ EL

LOVE PT. 1

Dorian

I'm in love,
you always know what to say
after we make love you don't never leave you always stay,

I'm in love,
I can't explain these feelings,
I get chills in my bones when I'm hurt you heal me,

I'm in love,
I'm addicted like a drug,
hooked on your kisses can't wait for your hugs,

I'm in love,
love ain't blind all we got is time,
after round 1 we push rewind,

I'm in love,
when you look into my eyes,
talking crazy when you hit it from behind,

But I'm (N Love)....

LETTERS & LOVE

A person's thought process can be poisoned with no instantaneous effect showing. However the people's brains and thought process has been yanked into the most southern darkness below hell because of what people have seen and heard. The most intelligent people's minds are being poisoned and told how to process thought without all of the facts, and partial truths. You have to put yourself in someone else's shoes sometimes. And even then some shoes would be so large to fill with emotional pain one can't see on the outside. Just like wind. You see the effects of wind, but wind by itself cannot be seen. That's how emotional pain is. And one's shoes just can't fit in comparison. It's really rough for a lot of us. So much one couldn't imagine...

As I was thinking of something to write to Hearts On A Wire, I just decided on giving the people just a little bit of information and good words... When people are hating just take it as the admiration they have for you, taking up space in their mind! The words for 2026 are inclusion and equal opportunity rights FOR EVERYONE. I'm in a male prison, and the hate and slander is so oppressive in itself, that everyone forgets there are people out there that hate you so much they locked you in a bathroom, a cage, a cell, left to die with only the most basic of privileges. People are left to wonder with no reason or self-identity. A bunch of actors. The people's minds have been poisoned, by the racist, biased system of capitalism and mass incarceration. The magnitude of inclusion and positive thinking can make a major change(s) for the better. THAT'S A FENDI

~ Daniel Williams QP1536 | XaXa | SCI Phoenix

Hey family, how is everyone doing? I'm currently in happy spirits doing great, living each day at a time. Now what's tea? Quick shout out to Hot Head, I ain't going to front I miss your crazy as*. I'm very thankful for everything we went through. Just because you moved that won't stop any connection, I'll never forget you. Keep your head up, you'll be home soon. Make me proud. Jersey Savage I haven't seen you in a min. I hear you started 3rd shift dietary. Make that coin don't let it make you. Money\$ J. Reid wya? How you been, you a real one. B.R. 2 Star no shade but you left on bad terms, but because of you I am who I am today. Thanks for the love when I first got here. Zaya, Iris & Tex, B-Briana, Pickle Head, Kyree H. Damien, Shadow, Bigg, Autumn, I can't forget Troy, my bitch from county, "Hail anti" Shawn. I haven't heard from you in so long. How are you boo? JoJo. Sorry if I'm forgetting anyone ain't no shade. I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and Xmas & New Year. Let's all pray that 2026 brings up nothing but joy, happiness, strength, courage, positive vibes, new friendships, better choices on commissary, and better relationships with our family and friends. If you see me speak up I'm very friendly, much love to my Norristown & Philly crew but these Pittsburgh guys are very different. They hit different, homies get you one. Stay strong world.

~ Changa Acero | QP9995 | SCI-Fayette

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Dear HOAW family,

What's up HOAW family, my first shoutout is to the one and only crush/love of my life Jesse A. Blake, I'm at SCI-Forest now with him! I'm in the RHU, I have DC-time until next July 2026, all mandatory staff assault time from SCI-Albion, yeah I know I let them get the best of me, but it had to be done, I'm a Type 1 diabetic, they was denying me my prescribed insulin on more than (3) occasions, denying me trays etc, but I'll be okay don't you guys worry, they will be held accountable for their actions "Legally" most of you who know me, knows this! I love you HOAW family!! Lastly! shout out to my mans POLO "Daniel Werner" LG1134 Love you Bro! In solidarity,

~ TANK AKA ESQUIRE | Ernest Scott ND-3773

Dear Friends and H.O.A.W. Family,

I might be viewed as one of the older women, age wise, but I am the new girl around here. I finally found enough courage to come out just a few months ago and I've been trying to learn from all you other Trans women. Problem is you're all too busy fighting and backstabbing each other just so you can try to steal men from each other that I'm forced to figure out this sometimes terrifying and confusing new lifestyle I find myself in without any help. Sometimes leaving me to feel I might be better off if I'd just give up. It's no wonder suicide rates are so high among transgender women. Y'all too damn busy writing all kinds of sweet shit to "your girls" in HOAW while you're twisting the knives you have stuck in their backs. Come on girls how are we ever gonna be accepted or stop the discrimination and abuse against us when we can't even unite. We need to learn it's Trans before a man. We hold the gold girls, remember we're gifted with being able to think like them when necessary, I should know, I was forced to most of my life due to not knowing transgenders existed, thus thinking I was some freak who had to stay hid, feeling I was alone. We women got what the men want so if we learn to stand together maybe ALL our transgender sisters can survive. There's power in numbers if a man disrespects one of us ladies, we ALL need to check him, not try to steal him cause he gets away with it once he'll keep disrespecting all of us. Thanks to all my sisters who have been open enough to help me find who I am and I hope we can all start acting like the family we're supposed to be.

~ Shelby Cheyenne

Dear Hearts on a Wire,

This is my first time writing in, was dealing with my personal stuff. My name is Stacey, I am a transgender. And just trying to get the treatment that I have to jump through a lot of holes just to get my treatment. A sister named Sarah told me about that I can write in too and get information from others. Thanks Sarah. To all sisters and brothers what's up. Love you all.

~ Anthony Stacey Jones | #AM5486

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<3 Hearts On A Wire <3

Hello! Thank you for yet another issue #41 kudos. I truly enjoyed it. Everybody's letters was nice, it's good to hear people loving each other, spread the love not the hate. We get enough of that outside the community, we don't need it in the community as well. That ain't for us, people risk their lives for the LGBTQ+ community and still are please put some respect on their names. They're the people that made it comfortable for you to be openly you and what you stand for. And I'm sure we all stand for LGBTQ+ one way or another. And I say this with all due respect please know that I do not want to offend anyone. We must help, educate, motivate and elevate each other. I know we are proud people but when you reach one teach one, we can unite and thrive together. We still have a fight ahead of us because freedom is just not that free. To all, for all, love all.

~ Brian Scott | KZ2276 | B.R. 2 Starr | SCI Forest

Dear H.O.A.W

I am writing to you to let you know that I was given your address some time ago. And since I have been getting your wonderful newsletter, I have come to realize that I am finally ready to come to terms with who I truly am. It is because of reading the struggles and stories of everyone else that I am finally able to admit to myself that I am transgender and have always felt that way just never wanted to admit to anyone, but since losing both of my parents now while being in prison I am finally ready to be who I truly feel I am on the inside and let it show instead of hiding it all the time, and trying to pretend to portray someone I am not. I have felt there was something different about me at the ago of 14 yrs old. I just was not able to express myself to anyone because I was raised an Irish Catholic. Now that I am 42 yrs old and can finally express my true self I feel so free. Since I have come out to some of my friends here I have some that support me and others who have completely turned their backs on me, but that is okay, if people can not accept the "new" me then that is on them not me. I am not going to hide who I truly am anymore. I want to give a Big Shout out to all my community members at Houtzdale and at Fayette. Sincerely,

~ J- @Fayette

dear hoaw, how are we all doing? ok...I never felt the need to write because before now i never had a reason. but i want to let you all know: i have met the one. Rob...you are my love. my hero. my gator. life is better when we're together. Nothing and no one will keep us apart. And i'll never stop fighting to get home with you. Ok everyone...? Robert is off limits. He's mine! So back off. BB, you know i am yours forever and always. Love your wife,

~ Nicole Winton | QP8413 | SCI-Houtzdale

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Hello HOAW,

I am being released on 9-6-2026 and I would like to know if there is any homeless shelters for Transgenders in Philly. I will be making out and I will be homeless. Thank you.

Part Two: It's your big sis "Iris Dee Starr" I would like first to say "No Shade & Peace." We put down our family to much and when we do other people outside our community think they can do the same, not right. Remember unity and love and shit will go good. Second, I would like to give a shoutout!!! to all my family esp my man AKA Tex, also my sisters in Fayette: Twanya, Changa, Autum, Unique, Faith, and Emma. Be strong "this too shall pass." Any whoo, unconditional love to all.

~ Iris Dee Starr QD5345 Fayette

Hey, Hearts on A Wire,

My Name is Kay-Kay But my Husband El Jefe Dre\$ AKA LuLu call me Kay Bae. Speaking of, I want to shout him out Baby I miss you! I can't wait until You Get out the RHU. I Know you Probably mad At me Because I Didn't Stay Back There with You—And Trust I Enjoyed our Time in The cell Together [heart]—Trust it was Hard But I had To Get to population And Get Shit right for US for when You Get out. I Want You to know I Love you unconditionally and I'm stay Loyal Don't Worry. Second I want to Shoutout the whole community in Houtzdale that I fuck with and around the whole DOC. I'm New To This, my Husband put me on it and told me to write. I Don't usually Do Shit Like This But He Gave me a couple of Hearts on A Wire to Read while we was in the RHU together so I'm like why Not, so Here I AM. Just Know I Loved what I seen Hearts on A Wire, And I Love what Y'all doing for US Queens and Kings. Also Me And LuLu Just Got Married in August 2025 so for All the Queens That was Trying - Fall Back Please and Thanks with All Respect [winky face]. Also my Babe El Jefe Dre\$ AKA LuLu The Hottest when it comes To That Music Shit Period LMaO facts! Okay I'm out, for All The Hearts on A Wire Community, keep YA Head up Stay strong and know it Get Greater Later.

~ KAY-KAY\$ AKA LuLu
Wife | SCI Houtzdale
QQ6148

HIM

Diabla | SCI Houtzdale

I call him burrito (LOL)
and he know why
just seeing him makes me smile and he doesn't even try
I had to run thru a couple of hurdles, but I found a love
that true
I get butterflies everytime I'm around you
Your name is four letters, but together those letters make
a word that means so much more
I'm so excited for what is in store
as my mind runs wild like horses in a stable
I'm glad to say I'm no longer Ms. Abel
these are just my feelings I'm no poet
just a girl in love and I know it.....

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Dear Hoaw,

Hey all, sorry I haven't sent anything in these last few months. I've been dealing with a lot of stress/anxiety. By the time this is published I'll of had my last meeting for the GD diagnosis, but waiting for this appointment has been torture. My anxiety is not letting me sleep and making me much more agitated than normal. I've also lost contact with a friend who has been nothing but supportive through this whole process. Having that extra person on the outside to rant to was an amazing resource and I'm honestly very worried about him. In one of my last submissions I talk about the struggle I was having coming out to my family, so update! I did come out to my grandmother and she was surprisingly supportive. She had a ton of questions, but none were judgemental. She was genuinely curious and has even completely stopped using my Dead name, so progress! I still haven't told my dad yet, we really haven't spoken all that much since I've gotten locked up again. However I think my grandmother sort of told him so when I call him next it ought to be interesting. Finally as we near the holidays lets try to remember, that we should be building each other up not tearing each other down. The fakeness and pettyness need to stop. Be kind and real with each other, reach out to people outside your circles and invite them in. You'll be surprised at the friends/allies you will make. With love <3

~ Elli | SCI Forest

HOAW Family,

So I've got to apologize for no shout outs these last 2 newsletter. To explain, while in SCI-Rockview, I didn't get the last 2 newsletters. But to update everyone I'm in SCI-Greene now. I'm on the 1 yard line to the goal/touchdown for graduation of the BMU program. So far it's not bad here. I also want to thank Everyone who helped who was in my life in the past or currently. Shout out time: Miley and Rosey: I missed you guys by a few yrs or I'd be meeting you again. Ashley and Heather. Hey hope all is still good in Benner Cree, look, keep your head up don't let ANY of the staff mess with your head and Don't let them get you jammed up. I've been where you're at. They made that myth that Benner is Tranny haven, guess what, it isn't. JB from Forest: Hey, also Adam, Diamond, and Jojo from Forest, hey. Pittsburgh I know where you're at I'm here. I'm still thinking you're following me, even though you left before me. Kevin from Rockview, well both of you the (female) and (make) one keep your heads up. So I'm still working on me, I've gotten better, it's been a 1 1/2 yrs since last suicide and 1 yr 11 months since last write up. MAJOR improvement. And Last Person to shout out to, the one I think about when I wake up and go to sleep: Aaron. When the lights go on or off, you're there. Can't wait till I get out. Well fam. Keep your heads up and keep supporting the community and yourself. Love,

~ Whittany

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Hey loves! Hope this winter finds you all well! Stay warm + sip some hot cocoa. Look back on all that you've learned + experienced. The good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly! Shout outs to the Mama Nikki Sin - YASSS Bitch, had to dump Ikey. Cheated w/ Little Bee. I prefer the stronger, bolder, more loyal men anyway. No shade, but bad bitches upgrade! OKURRR! Pat the sew-in sis I love you stay beautiful Kira Ann/ Jesse - you go girl! I love you! Bam- I miss you so much! Albion loves - (too many to mention) I love + miss you. Write a bitch if you really real!! SCI-Forest - Dizz, you really stole my little heart. Love you! T-Cup, Tim, Leesa, Shadow, Ellie, Monica, Havo, Bree, Omar, Tiff, Uhmar, Gordie, Jesse, Gummy, Whitney, Cali, I send my love + hope for brighter days. Finally a certified paralegal. Write for love, tips, etc. Oh and happy bday to me 11/12 - Scorpio season! <3 My info here: Smart communications | PA Doc | SCI-Forest | Matthew Kelley QP3525 P.O. Box 33028 | Love,
~ Maddie

Hello HOAW Family,

This is Tina (AKA Terry Shay DW5134) Well I had some test done and my cancer is back for the 4th time. But I'm okay with it. I want to say hey to Richie, Blake, Clara, yum yum, Stevie. Well hope all are doing well. Sincerely,

~ Tina | Terry Shay DW5134

UNTITLED

Nora Karns-Waters | SCI Forest

I am subject - to my humanity;
Weaved by the infinite, then bound in threads of
Limitation; Emotion; Health, Time, and Death.
Given an eye for majesty and a matching desire.
Then in the slum - left - to abuse and disorder.
Clip my wings, snuff my flame - Not even this mercy, did you provide.
A voice - which I was cursed or blessed - saying,
"Fight, yet lose not your love."
And in agony, I rebuke nature and nurture -
To cup that blazing signal,
High above my prison window.
Evolve me! - I cannot bear my burden in this state,
The stars scatter at any given origin - and I am torn.
Selfsame is the fire with sears and vitalizes the vein;
Sullyng to drive this lie - I cannot bear this burden in my state.
Why was eternity planted in my heart if my arm falls short?
Or, am I;
The one who has fallen so?

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Hearts On a Wire,

Venting: I hate when a friend develops feelings and takes the very person you enjoy and turns into someone else. We used to talk and laugh, now I can't even smile at someone without rubbing you the wrong way. I'd rather keep my distance until you withdraw or accept the only relationship that's on the table. Been here almost 8 months and surprisingly? Clown played with me and got stretched. Another clown played and got stretched. Lames be thinking the game was invented yesterday.. You did it. I done it before. I had it, got mad at it, and don't want it no more. S/O Cork Zapata.

RBC Trip. Haze, @Forest Mizz. Dizz, Spazz, O, Tim, Umar, Shadow. Ain't no favoritism. Special s/o to ZAZA & Jessie Blake, I hope you ain't in your feelings, I ain't hear from you in a minute. Know that I genuinely love you. Ain't no transwomen here :(How I be missing TCUP
~ Jahkere "Jah" Moore | NE4674 Huntingdon

I haven't written to everyone for a while due to mental health problems. Well I'm better now! I want to give a few shoutouts to my folks at fayette: NASCAR, Bonus, Gombert, Chainsaw, Wax (You were #2 on my list of crushes), Lou Butters, and my boy Rabbit. Gombert I will always love you but Foose shown me and Amaro the newspaper clipping on the "Baseball Bat" crime, we're not happy. Well I will be leaving the LGBTQ+ community at SCI Mahanoy on 3/2/27! If we know each other then I'll reach out to all I know and love. To the few people I know here at SCI Mahanoy; Scarecrow, Yoder, Taz (Timber), LeRoy, Fox I send my love to ya'll! To my first and only trans cellmate "Stucky" once I'm home I'll reach out on facebook to you! To my favorite Lizard I want you to know that filing a PREA on someone cause they wouldn't give you a cigarette was funny at the time. Gator you are forgiven for the false PREA on me, the sixteen other people you filed a PREA on when they wouldn't help you all want you to know they forgive you too!

~ LeRoy McWilliams | Torch | JM6908

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Sage | SCI Coal Township

I must have breathed you in deeper than
We thought.
I feel you between my heart and mind.
A place no other has been.
I close my eye,
And call to mind,
My memories of you.
We sometimes dance in one another's arms.
I can feel the warmth behind your eyes
I can almost taste the essence of your beauty
You guide my every movement,
As we glide through time.
We are not lovers, we are something much more.
Like one winged Angels,
We must hold one another tightly
As we fly beyond where no one has been.
I loved you long before time.
And I carry you within enough,
That I shall never forget you.

LETTERS & LOVE

To my HOAW family,

I am a bisexual 40 year old Mexican/Indian who is doing time in the SCI Fayette State Prison. I want to give a shoutout to my woman Iris Starr. Know that I love you with everything I have and you're my world. You made my time here 100% better. I'm so glad I got the chance to meet and be with you. You changed me for the better and brought the real me out (Vicky). Thank you for that I love you so much and will miss you when you go home but will never and can never forget you. You wifey your man always vicky. Shoutout to my sister Twanya. Never stop being you and never let anyone try to change you. If they can't and won't accept you for how you are then they are not your friends to begin with anyway. A lot of people wont understand you or see you but remember I will and do be you cause there is only one of you. Shoutout to Changa my other sis. I love you girl. Times are hard for you and your man right now but y'all will get through this. Keep your head held high boo. To Twan man - did we have our ups and downs but still came through being such good friends in the end. Our bond will be broken friends to the end. To my brother Shadow we had our history, we had our arguments but yet in the end we end up still being ok and we will always be cool. You're a good dude man stay cool. Shoutout to Emma on H-block man did we have some fun together. The cooking, the working out, just walking the yard. Stay cool girly girl. Shoutout to Weller and Owen, and to the rest of the Family of the LGBTQ shoutout to all around the world. If anyone would like to write me my name and ID number is Christian Leach #mx3802 but only as friends because I am with the greatest person my soulmate Iris Starr. Hope to see this in the next issue tell them I'm going ghost. Vicky out.

~ Vicky | SCI Fayette

Changa Acero I love you Baegirl. Changa you don't know how much you got me. I love df outta you. We will never be apart prd. You're stuck with me. Homies. I'm sure yw with Reese but that won't last, not when you're coming home to me. So have all the fun now homies. To everyone else at Fayette keep y'all head up. Changa I luv you. Don't forget

~ Baeboy.

Dear HOAW Family,

I usually don't post nothing but I have to address this to my Houtzdale family. Lorenzo, I'm upset with you, you have me looking bad out here. People think I did you dirty, FALSE!!! How you expect to be cool, if you can't be real. I want to shout out Eddie my day one homie \$west money\$ my boyz skillz. Kev wish yall was still here lyte it was crazy how shit went down but you gone be ight, Diabla, Indya, Kaitlyn, Floyd. Anyone I forget my bad, It was not intentional just did not want to drag it out.

~ Kyle Page AKA Face - Houtzdale

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts on a Wire,

Let me start off by saying that I love you all. Thank you *Hearts on a Wire* for being there for all of us. Now, I've been wondering if you (Jolissa Alvarado) were alright. I sent messages and you never replied. I'm glad to see that you were able to change your name legally. Way to keep up your fight. Sending my love to you. Shadow where are you? I last seen you at Coal Township, but Sam put you in the hole. Buckshot where did you land? Much love homie. I've found a special person named Des AKA - lil mama. So far she is handling her business and staying on top of her game. I love her very much. Shoutout to Haze AKA Christian Gouse that used to be at Huntingdon. Aurora sorry that your husband left you but your speed man will come soon, just be patient. Shoutout to my homie laughing fox. Much love to everybody.

~ E' AKA Eric Rudolph CK0358

To My Family: Shout out.

I would Like to Take A moment TO SAY HI to Tomy Fam A+ SCI ALBION. They are E-Z, B, B-O-B, Little Foot love you Cuzo, Ike, Rider, Leaf, Day Day, Claire, Beat I Love you all and miss you guys. I am at SCI Huntingdon. I would like to also give a shout out to Brittney

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Everyday I waited for you
And it was worth it
Through a thousand years
Through a thousand tears
Now that I can see you
I proclaim you're perfect
The bliss from a thousand beers
Deaf man with brand new ears
So tell me why
I would ever let this love die
My eyes would cry 'till they're dry
If I lived the lie
That I'm too shy
Being the guy that didn't try
And let you walk right on by...
So...
Let's stop the chaos
And just sit beside me
Let this peace be the pay off
And let it guide me
As...

Mitchell, keep your head up girl, and know I love and miss you, I never forgot about you when I left Somerset in 2023. I would like to say to the man of my dreams, Zero, I love you more than words can ever say, you opened my eyes and made me realize that even people like me can be loved. I love you Zero and I Will Always Love You, Zero and Black 4 ever. I always tell you that at yard. You are my world and nobody can ever replace you. With much love,

~ Thomas AKA Black | Q55752 | SCI Huntingdon

To: Hearts on a wire

Thank u for your Issue #41. And I want to thank you for providing us with a way to communicate with each other. It is truly appreciated. I respect and support my gay and trans family. I would like to give a shout out to "whitey" lil foot at SCI Albion. To my bro Savage and Skillz from NY. Black and CR. what's up?! peace and love, as for me it is hard up here for me no support from the outside my family don't deal with me because of my lifestyle but that aint nothing new. love is love.

~ Quincy Williams RL-4519

LETTERS & LOVE

To Da Family at Hearts on a Wire,

This is Big Big Knowledge here at SCI Coal Township. I fucked up and I feel I let a lot of people down. I was just charged up on Oct. 1, 2025 for (2) two simple assault, (2) two aggravated assault, (2) two harassment here at Coal Township. They give crazy time out. I originally had 365 days with the time cut now I have (6) six months. I'm going to fight this till I can't fight no more. I assaulted no one. I put my stinger to my neck. I was told twice to drop it, I did, and a CO sprayed a whole can of OC in my face. I have asthma, I couldn't see or breathe, so I panicked and tried to run past the cell. Now I'm charged up. I was seeing parole in May or March of 2026. That's out the window, plus it took me away from my lovely beautiful wife Kira Ann Thomas. I know you mad and or upset. I'm mad at myself because I should have just cuffed up and went to the RHU. I'm wrong for that and I apologize to you my love for that. I believe I can beat these charges. I will keep my wife and everyone in the H.O.A.W. posted and updated. Y'all that knew me when I went by Sixx even Knowledge know how I moved. I calmed down a lot. Now any of y'all seen the movie Thunderbolt? Remember when the one dude was punching on the shadow and he was turning into the shadow? Well that's how I feel. The old me is back and he is staying this time. Big Big shoutout to my lovely beautiful wife at Coal Township Kira Ann Thomas. Rush, ERK, Darus, Alex, New New Shi, Q, Taylor, Brain Charlie @ Forest, Lexi Love, Momma Ty, Run, Syd, Ed, Diamond, T-Cup, JB, Mark, Mal, Tone Tone, Miss y'all at Somerset. Lola, Blo Nir, CR, Kimberly, Gee Gee, Jammie Lmalman, @ Benner, Munta, @ Waymart, Uncle Shadow @ Mahanoy Mariah, Reginald Hall, Chocolate Drip, MSD, Ms Kelly and LC. I miss you all. Keep y'all heads up and stay safe. Kira I love and miss you. I need to see you. It's us till the end of time. If you would like to reach out to me.

~ Knowledge | Reginald Thomas #GH0074 @ Coal Township

PEACE!

This is a WORD for everyone who knows me @SCI-Houtzdale. Thank You ALL for the Friendships I developed over my 11 years there. I spent the best years of my life with you all (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE) and I want to Thank You for being in my life everyone. I left on bad terms with some and I have no excuse for how I left but I truly miss YOU ALL and I Promise I will never forget y'all. I missed some New Years of my friends so "HAPPY BELATED B-DAY" to those two from SEPT & NOV. Lastly. I leave this quote I share with someone whom I will always share it with as it is permanently with me: "Happiness Can Always Be Found In The Darkest Of Times If Only One Remembers To Turn On The Light." PEACE!

~ Randy | SCI Pine Grove | GS5782

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW Family,

Over the last few years since I was booked in June of 2019, I've gone through mixtures of emotions like despair, sadness, depression, anxiety and close to numbness. I've lost family, friends, associates, and acquaintances. The family part hit harder as I began hearing about family members who made a spark in my life just up and stop existing in the Book of Life. Then since I came upstate, I've just been doing not smart things like seeking attention from those I've learned don't have my best interests in life. Some were friends, associates, and/or "puppy love" lovers. No shade though because I've been taught that people coming in your life can be either blessings or lessons. I know for a fact that God loves us all because when I was at my breaking point and felt most alone, I'd asked for them to put someone in my life that would make a total difference. On Sunday, August 10, 2025 I went out to main yard where I met Jacinda Lee Allenbough for the first time and it was love-at-first-sight situation like in romcoms, manga and TV shows on Hallmark. She's been "God Sent"; helping heal my burdens, and put my gifts to better use. Now we are over 3 months in our amazing serious relationship. And I'm officially past 2 months after my 33rd bday on Oct 16th at my project to write a romantic graphic novel never heard of though the avenues have been explored. And it's all thanks to my wifey Jacinda Lee Witherspoon. I never expected to find blessing in such a condemned place. So I wanna say special thanks to her and those that prepared me for the love I experience now. And shoutouts to my people here and outside of Phoenix. You guys know who you are. Sincerely yours,

~ Mikey W | QU1039 | SCI Phoenix

I'M YOUR DEVIL

Timber

You are the angel to my Devil.

You are chaotic to my calm.

I brought a tear to your eye when we became one.

I stuck a spear of crazy energy in your heart.

When you're around me you feel all energized.

You say I'm so damn hot and you can't wait to be fucked by my saber.

You now see it was worth the wait to finally be with the whore of this place.

For you I have calmed my whorish ways.

Tho from time to time I still like to slay other beast with my sword.

Sometimes we take a tour of the yard with each others dick in hand.

Our relationship is never bland.

You shall never fear, because I will always be here to take a stand with you my angel!

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW,

I wrote this song for the most amazing woman I know. She has a beautiful mind and a compassionate heart. She has a very colorful personality and a contagious smile and sense of humor. She inspires me and brings pure joy and happiness to my life. I am extremely proud to know her and be the man in sole possession of her heart. I consider myself blessed for her to be MINE. Steva Heart, this is for you baby...

~ Kalief "Reign" Shelton
QP7278
SCI Albion

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SONG

Crok

- 1 Penis in a pear tree
- 2 Blow jobs
- 3 French Boy Whore
- 4 Exploding birds
- 5 pink holes
- 6 Flavored Condoms
- 7 Purple dildoes
- 8 Rolls of duct tape
- 9 Pink zip ties
- 10 Squirrely but plugs
- 11 Feet of Rope
- 12 hours hard sex

MINE

Kalief "Reign" Shelton

Chorus:

Girl you sexy, girl you fine
Youre so damn pretty its divine
Girl you special, tell you all tha time
And I'm so damn happy that youre mine

Verse 1:

You my babygirl, you my bugaboo
And I aint scared to tell the world that I'm in love with you
You got that good good, n' you know it too
Ill risk it all n' give my life baby, just for you
Cause baby you so special n' I mean it
You told me that you love me, I believe it
Wont do no lying, wont do no cheating
Baby you deserve a man you can believe in

Verse 2:

You my butterfly, you my angel
Bae who am I to be with if it aint you?
It's more than sex and lustful encounters
Baby you tha best I just love to be around you
It took a couple years but I was patient
You exposed your heart to me and I embraced it
Now aint no limit to tha places we can go
So happy I found you girl you complete my soul

Verse 3:

Girl you mi-i-i-i-ine, I aint giving you up
And you so fi-i-i-i-ine, I aint just bigging you up
We done wasted too much time, now enough is enough
I fell in love with your mind way before I dug in ya butt
You so nasty, love tha way that you be giving it up
One day we'll be on the streets and we'll be living it up
To succeed all we need is our love n' our trust
They hated you n' hated me, now they hating on us

(Chorus)

End Song

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear hearts on a wire,

I would like to give a shout out to my beautiful wife Miley S. Diamond, I am praying for you every night that you get to go home. I love you. I am always thinking about you all the time. I love and miss you so much. I want you to know that I wrote to the chapel department to find out if we could get married. They told me to write to Ms. Benson so i wrote to Ms. Benson to find out if we could get married and she replied back saying no so I don't know what else to do because I want to spend the rest of my life with you. I would also like to give a shout out to william boring sydney on g block, tea cup I love you sis, mattie, kid, and every brother and every sister of the hearts on a wire family keep your head up don't let anybody bring you down. I love my beautiful wife, she is absolutely beautiful. I want to to thank all of the men and women who has or had Put their life on the line like me i was in the fire department i also would like to say thank you to my one and only love that person is wonderful in her own way and that person is my beautiful wife Miley Sienea Diamond she has been there for me since the day i layed eyes on her. Thank you honey i want to give a shout to Miley S. Diamond. I love you with every inch of heart i give a shout to Billy Boring, William Fry, Syndey, Teacup, Tone Tone, Lexi, Tiffany, O, Emmy, Kid, and to all of the brothers and sisters that i have not met yet to everybody except for JoJo and JoJo you know what you did and that was not cool. I love my wife Miley S. Diamond and my son Maxton Joseph Diamond. To all my hearts on A wire family keep your heads up.

~ William Diamond | NJ8107

My bae was supposed to be my luv, my king, and my all. He vowed in front of SCI Benner to be my husband. He fought for me, defended me, cried with me, had sex with me, and went against friends over me. I blame myself everyday for arguing with you and causing us to be separated. Husband, you ripped and tore my heart out by not honoring your words. In HOAW you declared I was your wife. You refused to check on me, and you cold iced me for months. You lied to me and hurt me, even when I was 100% faithful, even when other people wanted to me with me. There is nothing for me anymore to hope for. I knew in my stupid, insecure mind I would lose you due to being separated. You're not honoring your words in the RHU with me in front of me, your wife, and our friend. Regret is eating at me.

~ Care Bear

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hoaw,

I'm new with this so I'd like to give a shout out to my family at SCI-Houtzdale my lil Brother - Jayhood who thankfully put me on to Hoaw - shout out to brittney rose for never giving up on my and a shoutout my big bro bones - and to my big sis nicole on FB at Houtzdale love and miss yall all and to the rest of yall keep yall heads up

~ \$Bombface\$ | NV5357 | SCI Houtzdale

YOU

Eli Evans

You make me laugh when I am sad
When you smile I smile too
You give me hope
When I have lost all mine
You make me feel not alone
Without you I am lost
I love you
For who you are
You love me
For who I am
You showed me what true love is
All your scars are beautiful
Inside and out
It makes you who you are
Each one tells a story
You are a survivor
You are my
Always and forever

JUST WHO I AM

RBC King Cork

Search. Through my eyes, watch as the writer rise.
And slowly drop as a wingless bird, wishing to fly.
Promises to fulfill, rejection is hard to conceal.
Revealed are the demons these walls refused to shield.

Because it just who I am.

Rebuild the foundation that's too stubborn to break.
Heal this concrete heart that's starting to ache.
Take a journey down a road that's filled with pain and sorrow.
Storm after storm still praying for a better tomorrow.

Because it just who I am.

Realizing the rope I grip is not always firm.
Never trust a mind that's known to roam.
It's easy to find loyalty when you're always alone.
Questioning myself pacing asking "was I wrong?"

Because it's just who I am.

I ask myself to be mindful of time
Seconds fly fast as you slowly losing your mind.
Listen to the words of a broken man.
When bad on his luck he lent a hand.

Because it's just who I am.

The man who don't know who I trust
who would love to have less so he tried to give it up.
misunderstood what he will always be.
Acknowledging that there is nobody like me.

Because it's just who I am.

Catch every word the truth you'll see.
Win or lose I am still going to be me.
I fall or trip I still land on my feet.
Sweat, blood and tears these obstacles I beat.
I refuse to break or even bend.
Because one thing for sure I know who I am

p.s. Kashiza as long as we accept ourselves that all that matter the sun will shine on all your a day haters. I am sorry you going through that I talked to mama. I wrote this thinking about you.

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear HOAW Fam,

First, Daniel (Laughing Fox) we have some similar ideas and I'm also Native (Susquehannock) I have a letter for you, but don't have anyway to get it to you. Do you got someone who I can send it to? HMU on tab. With that being said fam, I got scary news and good news. I got medically transferred from the Hellhole Dallas July 22. I am now at Benneson GA alone to find a celly there is this cool guy who says hi to me everyday at treatment but he is on F. So Dallas doc said I have muscular dystrophy, here at first they thought MS. Now medical is saying they strongly believe I have ALS. I get an MRI and see the neurologist soon after then may need a muscle biopsy. I'm scared cuz I don't want to die. I got so many plans and dreams I must follow before I go. I'm workin on getting out, hopefully it happens soon. The good news is I'm officially getting married next year! He is wonderful guy been answering my calls for 5 years, hasn't disappeared. He actually make me laugh. He a little young, 27, but that ok. I'm planning a huge party for him in Hershey with a big ass cake.

I just hope to get there and be with him with whatever time I got left in life I want to make it the best, with me him and out lil fam of might boyz and girls.

Before I end, shoutouts: Jacinda, big sis, hope all is well wsu now? Justin B, hope you good, still haven't got that how is Smithfield, be safe bro. Michael P miss u tons still get ur I pic up and well HMU. Jay when u gonna write how everything at Hunt? TY. SUP CORK bro you guys good? Tell everyone who don't get hearts I said hi. Send my love, Zion still hurt but miss u too. Josh's you fam I miss you got some things I need to tell u bout. David P, thank you, hope you goin home soon? Tim N, everyone everywhere I love you all. Some peeps here Rob, Jef, MissAsh, sup y'all?ok y'all be safe love ya boi haze
(UPDATE: neurologist doesn't think I have ALS)

~ Haze | SCI Benner

I FEEL LOVE

B.R.2.Star | KZ2276 | SCI Forest

When it rain on me
I feel so much pain on me
Your love take that pain from me
Sunshine is what you bring to me
You got me on bended knee
Asking you to marry me
You bring out the best in me
Fill me with so much positivity
Your heart is like heavenly
You was made so perfectly

LETTERS & LOVE

Hey, Hearts On A Wire!

First I want to say I love this shit. Our community, we run the fucking world! We taking over and it makes me so happy. One thing I want to say is if you know me you know I don't take no shit from nobody and when it comes to the LGCTQIAZ+ community and if a muthafucker outside of that disrespect, touch, or harm one of mine they know they have a big problem when it comes to LuLu and especially our Queens! But what I want to speak on too when it comes to Houtzdale, we are deep in this bitch but it's too much hate, backbiting, and fuck shit! We have to bring the unity back and unite as one. It's bad enough we get singled out by the cops and inmates, then they see US going against each other and they looking at US as weak and we are not weak, we are some of the strongest group of people in the world because of the shit we have to endure, because of the lifestyle we live. That's why, outside these gates, the LGCTQIAZ+ running shit. Music, fashion, acting, everything we took over and now it's time for the LGCTQIAZ+ in the prisons to get it the fuck! Together, especially here in Houtzdale. I don't know what's going on in other jails, but I'm speaking to my LGCTQIAZ+ family here. Also around the whole PA DOC, get it together, it time to reunite and be strong.

Now I want to get to my shoutouts. First and foremost I want to send my love to my bro Hollow, wassup my twin I hear you want back in the RHU for what? I know it wasn't a fight because I did my ones and twos on that so I'll see you soon and you can update me. I love you Bro, keep YA head up and if you need some money or anything let me know. Also i want to shoutout KK, we was just stuck in the Hole together and just know it felt like Heaven :) Real shit, hopefully you staying true to your word. If not, you know where we stand. Shoutout to "Makayla" AKA Thic A\$\$ Tink even tho you're on your self journey and the last talk we had alone, when you open back up to me, I loves it and I want you to know I forgive you and I still got love for you. Shoutout my Bro Bones on EB; Slim Dollars, Floyd, \$Jayhood, Nichole Monique Quiñones <3 Keep YA head nikkin fuck the haters and continue to get to the bag\$. Shout out to my big bro Flocka on A-A, you like a dad to me and when it comes to you I'm riding until the wheels fall off. Shoutout Kaylee love, you girl you're beautiful always, you know YA worth, don't ever change. Shout out "Skillz" OG I miss you, I send my love and sorry for your loss. Shoutout to my heart <3 Niara AKA Ms. Peaches. Words can't explain how much I love and miss you. I call mommy still to check up and make sure you're okay. I'll be maxing out this summer of 2026 and I'm going to be right by your side, promise <3. Last but not least shout out to the beautiful Indya the Law Clerk <3. I miss our talks, I miss YA smile and I miss YA touch. We'll be home together soon and shit will be so much better. I hope all is well with you and YA family, keep up the great work :) Keep YA head up and know that I love you. Okay I'm out. To the community - keep YA head; get to the bag.

~ El Jefe Dre\$ AKA LuLu | SCI Houtzdale

LETTERS & LOVE

Dear Hearts On a Wire,

I like to take the time to wish many in my heart + family a safe X-mas & new year. 1st will be to my handsome son Ashten Skott Coberly son of Kelly R. Coberly of Morgantown WV currently in Altoona PA. I'm blessed to be your dad for 16 years ago I was blessed with the most handsome boy God gave me. I'm happy that you're in my life forever and always. I no I might not be at home but son the shadow that's at your feet is me carrying you on the right path. When you hear the wind cry it's me saying I love you Baby Boy and I will always be your teddy bear as you gave me that name at age 3 yrs old on 12-3-09 that was the day my life was complete. I blessed for you + your mom Kelly Rea Coberly (Kelly Bell) yall a gift to my life as well as my family. My mom Darlene Gillette of 600 Block Patton PA I gifted to be brought into the world by her, she made me into the man I am today. 35 yrs ago on 2-4-90 I came to the world. I was born half deaf, half blind almost. I was on a breathing machine for 2½ years, double hernia surgery as a child, I been beat-raped as a child by a man that was married to my aunt he in SCI Somerset Frank Richard Farino of Altoona PA. Rumors say he might be my real dad IDK but for 35+ years I was born without a father in my life. I was raised by my grandparents before I was adopted by them--I'm a country boy from Cambria County, PA. I'm into a lot of things, I love art--hunting--fishing--WWE--MMA--Steelers--Yankees--Pirates--country music--hiking long walks on the beach or nature trails. I'm a bisexual top male. I'm not ashamed of my life or what happened to me as a child for it made me into a man that my dad will never be. I'm glad my son loves me for me as well as my mom Darlene and my sisters Sam + Mary Gillette. I love my lil brother Brock Roland--Patrick Smith--Wayne Himes--Joey Love--Clayton + JJ Southers of Altoona + northern Cambria PA. Also I give my love to my ex of Patton PA wish him well on all his life needs Michael Scott Chaplin also love to my lil bro in Virginia Owen Kandall and all my Facebook ppl on my account BillyBear and William Dusty Buring and Tiktok Dusty Valentine. I love to say loves to fam above Gram pap--Judy--sis in law--bro--Bubby--Fred--Twin my dog + angel my lil homie Roger Gearheart and family all safe I hope to see y'all soon. Always yours,

~ Dusty V, Billy Bear Buring | QQ0421

LETTERS & LOVE

I was at Rockview I always seen this Queen working on the compound grounds and I'll be like Damn Hella Fine & Hella Sexy Fr. I went down to cardio and he was in the same session that I was in. So you know when there is a baddie in the room you be trying to look without the other one Knowing and \$H*t. But when you look you catch them staring at you. So long story short This Queen went from treadmill to treadmill then got to the bike next to me. We had a convo then he asked me if I go to yard in the am. You know me yung boi playing it slick I'll go out if you are and you want me to. Next morning I go out we are in B-Yard and SCI-Rockview this Queen ain't come out in the morning. So I sent word to em like damn you made me come outside in the morning and you don't even show. So afternoon yard we had C-Yard. I was like the first 10 people in yard. I posted up at the table next to the handball court then I seen this Queen walking thru the grass coming straight to me. He gets to be I asked him out asap. I knew he was the one when I first laid my eyes on him. We been together every since 11.16.23. We had our ups & downs but still had love for one another now we are even stronger. Nothing could never get in the way of our love. Gave him a ring before I got transfer to SCI-Forest due to the jail closing. My baby wears it faithfully every day to yard/shower all that. So fellas sorry for your luck he is taking by a King so good luck. The Queens at SCI-Forest I'm sorry I am taking I'll always be faithful, loyal, & honest with my Queen forever & Always.

I Love You Justin Torres "AKA" TQ

Love Your King Day Day

11.16.23 Best Day Every Babygirl

~ Darrin K | QH1897 | SCI-Forest

P.S. Esmm Records is created by me Darrin Kleiman to give any brother's & sister's that are locked up a chance to get their music heard from a jail cell to the streets. I give Hearts On A Wire permission to submit my music I send them in their books. Also spread the word about Esmm Records. I get out Jan 20, 2027. Any brother's or sister's are serious about their music here yall go. Have your folks write me or send me a emails so we can get in touch through phone calls or video visits when I get out and find a beat or create one and get started from there. This is a Nonprofit Organization. Also yall can do features with other inmates. Get the pens to the paper and start writing. Esmm records is East Side Mula Mob Records. Let's change the world & the game

~ Your boi Day Day the King YC | Darrin Kleiman | QH1897

ME & MY BOO

Day Day The King YC

You sat there and said I was your ride
You said for me you'll die
I'm just hoping it wasn't a lie
I'm here till the wheels fall off
That's to the end of time
You're the only one that's been on my mind
Baby girl you're the only one I want by side
That's a real Ride or Die
For you baby girl I'll never lie
I want it to be me and you in a suit and tie
Like we are Bonnie and Clyde
Always by each other's side
N*ggas won't come close to you
Line em up I'm going through em
Hollow tips have em leaking out
I'm always out ain't never sneaking around
When I came through they gonna get laid
down
I was with my man and I just laid the pipe
down
They respect me more just like my mamma
did
I even told my brother and my sis
Now we talkin about marriage and a kid
I'm just a young gay dude tryin to get rich
I'll never change up it's just me & my boo
together like some glue
Love you till the moon

Shout out to Justin D.T. Kleiman @ Rockview

LIFE BEYOND DEATH

Day Day The King YC

Babygirl you been on my mind,
Just like a nightmare,
I wish I was still right there,
By your side how can I lie,
I'll always love you even when I'm in the
sky,
I'll always be by your side every day &
night holding you tight,
I'll fight your fight cause it's truly right,
Me & you together we are bright,
Laying down looking at the stars all
night,
This is what I want for the rest of my life,
I love you when you rub all up on my
chest,
When I'm with you I don't need my vest,
I got 30 shots if he wants to put me to
the test,
Babygirl let's show em who's up next

P.S. Shoutout to my babygirl
Justin D.T. Kleiman I love & miss you
@ SCI Rockview
I'm back on my grind my queen
♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

Let's take over the world BABYGIRL
XOXO
Love Your King & Future Husband
Day Day the King YC

LEGAL RESOURCES

PA Institutional Law Project - Philadelphia

718 Arch St.,
Suite 304 South
Philadelphia, PA 19106

PA Institutional Law Project - Lewisburg

P.O. Box 128
Lewisburg, PA 17837

PA Institutional Law Project - Pittsburgh

247 Fort Pitt Blvd, 4th Floor,
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

PA Innocence Project

1515 Market Street,
Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19102

AIDS Law Project of PA

1211 Chestnut St., Ste 600
Philadelphia, PA 19107

ACLU Pittsburgh Office

313 Atwood St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ACLU Philadelphia

PO Box 40008
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Amistad Law Project

PO Box 9148
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Abolitionist Law Center

P.O. Box 8654
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Transgender Law Center

PO Box 70976
Oakland, CA 94612-0976

Lambda Legal

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10005-3904

NCLR National Office

870 Market Street Suite 370
San Francisco CA 94102

GLAD

18 Tremont, Suite 950
Boston, MA 02108

TLDEF

520 8th Avenue, Suite 2204
New York, New York 10018

ARC for Gender Justice

PO Box 180198
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project provides assistance to incarcerated or institutionalized people in PA whose constitutional rights have been violated within the institution.

Pennsylvania Innocence Project takes on direct appeal and PCRA cases from factually innocent individuals only incarcerated in PA who have been wrongfully convicted.

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania takes cases involving the HIV-related rights of people living with HIV.

The **ACLU** sometimes takes prison conditions cases, but they are selective in which cases they take because they do “impact litigation.”

Impact litigation is strategic legal cases that have the potential to change the situation for other people in similar situations to the plaintiff.

Amistad Law Project takes on impact litigation aimed at reducing incarceration in Pennsylvania.

Abolitionist Law Center takes on impact litigation aimed at addressing human rights violations in Pennsylvania prisons.

Transgender Law Center is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to trans rights.

Lambda Legal is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT/HIV rights.

The **National Center for Lesbian Rights** is another national impact litigation firm that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT.

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) is a national organization that takes on impact litigation related to LGBT/HIV rights.

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) is a national impact litigation firm that takes cases related to trans discrimination.

Alyssa Rodriguez Center for Gender Justice (ARC) is a new organization connecting jailhouse lawyers and advocates working for gender justice. Members get *pro se* legal information and support for their advocacy.

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & PENPAL RESOURCES

Books Through Bars provides small packages of free books to individuals incarcerated. **Ithaca College Books Thru Bars** send free books nationwide. **Pittsburgh Prison Book System** sends free educational books and quality reading material to prisoners and prison libraries. **Books For Prisoners at UCSD** and **East Bay Prisoner Support** send socially conscious reading materials nationwide. **Tranzmission Prison Project** sends books and trans booklets to incarcerated LGBTQ folks nationwide. **Prisoners Literature Project** and **Prison Library Project** ship free books.

Send a letter that includes your name, ID number, full address, any restrictions on incoming books, and types of books wanted. Make your request by subject rather than specific title or author, and provide several areas of interest if possible. For example, African American history, basic math, carpentry, how to draw.

Please be patient. These programs get many requests, so it may take a while.

Black & Pink, and **Montreal Prisoner Correspondence Project**, are organizations that matches incarcerated members of the LGBT community anywhere in the country (and in Canada) with pen pals.

Let's Get Free has a magazine available to folks in PA prisons.

Hearts on a Wire appears on several resource lists as a pen pal organization. While we are aware how valuable it can be to have contact with people, this has *never* been a service we have provided, nor is it something we have the capacity to take on. Hearts has worked to correct these resource guides as we become aware of them, but we continue to get frequent requests for pen pal matching.

Books Through Bars

4722 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Ithaca College Books Thru Bars

PO Box 113
Brooktondale NY 14817

Pittsburgh Prison Book System

PO Box 71357
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Books For Prisoners at UCSD

w/Groundwork Bookstore
0323 Student Center
La Jolla, CA 92037

East Bay Prisoner Support

PO Box 22449
Oakland CA 94609

Tranzmission Prison Project

P.O. Box 1874
Asheville NC 28806

Prisoners Literature Project

% Bound Together Books
1369 Haight St.
SFCA 94117

Prison Library Project

915C W. Foothill Blvd PMB128
Claremont CA 91711

Black and Pink

6223 Maple St #4600
Omaha, NE 68104

Prisoner Correspondence Project

QPIRG Concordia
c/o Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest
Montreal QC H3G 1M8
CANADA

Let's Get Free

460 Melwood Street #300
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

SUBSCRIBE

Subscriptions are **FREE** for Trans people & allies who are locked up in Pennsylvania.

If you want our newsletters, please **ask to be added to our mailing list** and **let us know how you are connected to the Trans community.**

We will **not** add people to our mailing list who have not reached out to us directly.

Back issues of the newsletter are available to view or download at heartsonawire.org

GETTING OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA?

Get in touch!

We do our best to support our inside members in reentry. Let us know when you expect to get out, where you are going, and what you need.

PA VISIT PROGRAM

Our experiment with virtual visits between inside and outside Hearts on a Wire community members is going well. We currently have more requests than we have capacity for!

If you are **Transgender** in the **PA DOC** and you want to try out a visit with an outside member, please write to us and let us know so we can add you to the waitlist.

Hearts On A Wire
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Philadelphia, PA 19143

WRITE TO US! SUBMISSIONS

You can send us...

Letters | Shoutouts (keep it short and sweet) | Original Artwork Recipes | Interviews | How-to articles | Ideas | Articles responding to current events, prison policies, and this newsletter | Original Poetry | Book Reviews | ¡Las contribuciones en español son muy bienvenidas!

Writing Prompt for Next Issue

It's never easy to watch the news, but this year so far has featured a really difficult news cycle. How are you reacting? What are you feeling? What weighs on your heart? What is grabbing your attention? What do you want your community to know?

We encourage you to respond to this prompt, titling your submission "Writing Prompt Response"

Guidelines:

- **Deadline for Next Issue: April 3.** We cannot guarantee publication of submissions received after this date.
- If you contribute make sure you tell us **exactly** how you want to be credited [Anonymous? ID number? Chosen name? Facility?]. **We will only use your location and/or government name if you tell us to do so.**
- We will not publish full addresses.
- Please respect other people's privacy; only make disclosures about yourself.
- **No shade.**
- Your original work only. **We will not publish work that has previously been published elsewhere.**
- We get more submissions than we can possibly print.
- We are trying to get a lot of voices into the conversation.
- **We prioritize writing by trans and non-binary authors.**
- **We reserve the right to publish excerpts and to make light edits for length and clarity.**