

2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF PRISONER VISITATION AND SUPPORT (PVS)

PVS completed its 39th year of service to prisoners in 2007. Every time a PVS visitor enters a prison and talks to a prisoner with kindness and compassion, he or she carries on the tradition of the PVS founders, Bob Horton and Fay Honey Knopp. We are grateful to each and every one of the PVS volunteers who give of their time to see that Bob's and Honey's work does go on.

PRISON EXPANSION: The Federal prison system continues to expand. At the end of 2007, the Federal Bureau of Prisons had over 200,000 prisoners in its care, which is 7,000 more than in 2006. Foreign nationals continue to make up 28% of its population and women continue to enter the prison system at a higher rate than men.

PVS FOCUS: PVS continues to focus on visiting foreign nationals and women, since both groups receive less visits than other prisoners. Our volunteers concentrate on visiting prisoners with an acute need for human contact: those in solitary confinement and on death row, those in maximum-security prisons and those frequently transferred from prison to prison. PVS makes sure we have visitors at all women's prisons, all maximum-security penitentiaries (including the super-maxes and the death row units) and all medical centers. And we do!

VISITOR RECRUITMENT: Our Visitor Recruitment Coordinators continue to seek qualified new prison visitors, with an emphasis on finding African-American, Hispanic and multi-lingual volunteers. Lena Prewitt recruits in the Eastern U.S. and David Poundstone recruits in the Western U.S. In 2007, PVS appointed 62 new visitors, bringing the total of our national visitor network to 305. We now have visitors at two new prisons, USP Hazelton, WV, and USP Tucson, AZ, and visitors at two prisons where we didn't have visitors (FDC Houston, TX and FCI Safford, AZ). We continue to visit in the Death Row Unit at USP Terre Haute, IN. Our National Visitors and Local Coordinators took most of these new volunteers in for their first visits to help orient them. We have visitors at 90 out of 114 Federal prisons and at 1 of the 13 privately-managed Federal prisons, with the largest numbers at: FCC Coleman, FL Complex (21, including 7 at USP I and 7 at USP II); FCI Danbury, CT (14); FCC Allenwood, PA Complex (12, including 7 at USP Allenwood); FCC Beaumont, TX Complex (11, including 7 at USP Beaumont); FCC Terre Haute, IN (11); FCC Florence, CO Complex (8, including 4 at ADX Florence); USP Atlanta, GA (7); FCC Butner, NC (7); FDC Philadelphia, PA (7); FCI Dublin, CA (6); FCI Fort Dix, NJ (6); USP Lewisburg, PA (6); FCC Petersburg, VA Complex (6); USP Big Sandy, KY (5); MDC Brooklyn, NY (5); FMC Carswell, TX (5); FCI Edgefield, SC (5); FCI Gilmer, WV (5); USP Leavenworth, KS (5); FCC Lompoc, CA (5); FMC Rochester, MN (5); FCI Talladega, AL (5); and FCC Tucson, AZ (5). We have 9 volunteers who visit at 4 Military prisons: Camp Lejeune Marine Brig, NC (3); RCF Ft. Knox, KY (1); USDB Ft. Leavenworth, KS (2, including the Death Row Unit); and RCF Ft. Lewis, WA (3). In 2007, we need to recruit visitors for the new Federal prisons in Hazelton, WV; Herlong, CA; and Williamsburg, SC; as well as USP Allenwood, PA; FCI Ashland, KY; USP Atwater, CA; FCC Beaumont, TX; FCI Big Spring, TX; USP Canaan, PA; FPC Duluth, MN; FCI Estill, SC; FCI Forrest City, AR; FCI La Tuna, TX; USP McCreary, KY; FCI Oakdale, LA; USP Pollock, LA; MCC San Diego, CA; FCI Schuylkill, PA; FCI Seagoville, TX; FCI Three Rivers, TX; FCC Victorville, CA; and the 13 privately-managed Federal prisons.

NATIONAL VISITORS: The Federal Bureau of Prisons agreed to designate Jonne Long (KS) and Virginia Rinella (IL) as National Visitors. They, along with Nan Broeder (FL); Eric Corson (PA); Jeannie Graves (CA); David Poundstone (CO); and Lena Prewitt (AL) – visited 33 prisons across the U.S., meeting with visitors, prisoners and prison officials. The National Visitors will meet April 24, 2008, with Harley Lappin, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), along with Joyce Conley, Assistant Director of Correctional Programs and Chief Chaplain Joe Pryor. Later in the day, the National Visitors will meet at the Pentagon with the Director of Legal Policy, Department of Defense (DOD).

VISITOR TRAINING: PVS takes pride in its training of prison visitors. PVS held its national visitor training workshop October 25-28, 2007 in Atlanta, GA. 89 visitors attended. The highlight of the workshop was a group visit to USP Atlanta, where Harley Lappin, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, addressed the visitors. The group photos from the workshop are on the front page of this report, along with a photo of Harley Lappin presenting a medal to PVS Executive Director Eric Corson. In 2008, we will hold a national workshop in Colorado Springs, CO, from October 23-26, which will include a group visit to the Federal Correctional Complex in Florence, CO.

NATIONAL TRAINERS: The 2007 national training workshop was planned and led by our 6 PVS National Trainers – Co-leaders Jonne Long (Leavenworth ,KS) and Virginia Rinella (Marion, IL), Joe Davies (Florence, CO), Dan Doyle (Allenwood, PA), Mary Clare Jakes (Chicago, IL), and Martha Rotter (Tucson, AZ).

PVS DEVELOPMENT: Since over 85% of PVS's income is from individuals, religious congregations and other organizations, we seek to continue enlarging our direct mail donor base. In 2007, we sent a mailing to the “Progressive Magazine” subscriber list and added 64 names to the PVS mailing list. In 2008, we hope to renew our planned giving campaign to encourage our donors to assist us in the future by putting PVS in their wills. We continue to seek ways to inform more federal employees that PVS is part of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and we continue to seek out national and regional foundations and businesses. Our award-winning video (also available in DVD) continues to be distributed as a way of doing outreach to potential donors and visitors.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF PRISONER VISITATION AND SUPPORT (PVS) FOR 2007

INCOME: 1/1/07 - 12/31/07	General	Recruitment	Workshop	Development	Total
Sponsoring Organizations	\$8,000				\$8,000
Direct Mail (Individuals)	\$67,956		\$195		\$68,151
Direct Mail (Congregations)	\$13,798				\$13,798
Visitor Donations	\$7,553		\$37,123		\$44,676
Board Donations	\$2,774				\$2,774
Combined Federal Campaign Foundations	\$12,058	\$8,000			\$20,058
Bequests	0				0
Companies	\$3,300				\$3,300
Organizations	\$30				\$30
Interest	\$6,526				\$6,526
Miscellaneous	\$276				\$276
Total Income for 2007	\$122,241	\$8,000	\$37,318	\$0	\$167,559

Note: \$20,000 from 2005 income was designated for use in 2007. This \$20,000 was added to the 2007 income to give a total of \$187,559.

EXPENSES: 1/1/07 -12/31/07	General	Recruitment	Workshop	Development	Total
Salaries	\$52,746	\$27,885			\$80,631
Payroll Taxes	\$4,517	\$2,392			\$6,909
Employee Insurance	\$6,818	\$1,080			\$7,898
Program Insurance	\$3,921				\$3,921
Employee Pension	\$3,800	\$3,000			\$6,800
Postage	\$3,680	\$283		\$1,613	\$5,576
Mailing List Purchase/Prep	\$1,693			\$1,962	\$3,655
Printing	\$3,784	\$100		\$2,876	\$6,760
Telephone	\$575	\$632			\$1,207
Office Supplies & Videos	\$122	\$77	\$86		\$275
Office Equipment	\$822				\$822
Rent	\$3,510				\$3,510
Staff Development/Consultation					
Subscriptions	\$99				\$99
Travel	\$730	\$8,822	\$11,290		\$20,842
Lodging	\$1,700	\$3,664	\$20,058		\$25,422
Accounting Costs	\$2,322				\$2,322
Bank Charges	\$846				\$846
Administrative Costs	\$796				\$796
Miscellaneous					
Total Expenses for 2007	\$92,471	\$47,935	\$31,434	\$6,451	\$178,291

TOTAL CASH RESERVES:

12/31/07	\$ 129,190
12/31/06	\$ 139,924
12/31/05	\$ 192,230
12/31/04	\$ 105,633
12/31/03	\$ 122,145
12/31/02	\$ 138,529
12/31/01	\$ 146,619
12/31/00	\$ 155,890
12/31/99	\$ 166,295
12/31/98	\$ 113,495
12/31/97	\$ 60,490
12/31/96	\$ 33,311

WE MOURN THE DEATH IN 2007 OF:
PVS Visitors James Babiarz & Ev Simson
PHOTO: BOP Director Harley Lappin
Presenting BOP Medallion at the PVS
Workshop to PVS Director Eric Corson

