

WE MIGHT BE PRISONERS, BUT WE DO CARE

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THIS IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT. I WAS TALKING TO A GUARD IN HERE ABOUT THE MONEY WE ARE TRYING TO RAISE FOR CHARITY AND HE SAID, YOU GUYS SHOULD TRY TO GET THIS PUT IN LOCAL PAPERS BECAUSE NO ONE ON THE OUTSIDE KNOWS WHAT YOU'S DO. HE SAID HE DOES BECAUSE HE WORKS HERE. WE HAVE 3 ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS PRISON. THE PLA (PENNSYLVANIA LIFERS ASSOCIATION) THIS IS FOR ALL MEN WHO ARE SENTENCED TO DIE IN HERE. THE ALTAR ROCK JAYCEES. THEY ARE A CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL JAYCEES ORGANIZATION. AND THE H.N.S., THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY. A GROUP OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO TRYING TO DO BETTER, BE BETTER, IMPROVE IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE, ESPECIALLY SPIRITUAL. I AM A MEMBER OF THE PLA, I WAS ONCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALTAR ROCK JAYCEES AND I AM ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY. THESE 3 ORGANIZATIONS HOLD FUND RAISERS IN THIS PRISON AND WHAT WE DO IS WE SELL FOOD AND DRINKS TO PRISONERS, STUFF WE DON'T NORMALLY GET IN HERE. WE BUY FROM WHOLE SALE VENDORS AND MARK IT UP OURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN MAKE DONATIONS TO CHARITY. WE DONATE MONEY AS LITTLE AS \$100, AND AS MUCH AS \$2,500, TO WHATEVER CHARITY WE KNOW OF THAT NEEDS IT AT THE TIME. EACH ORGANIZATION DONATES ABOUT \$10,000-\$12,000 TO CHARITY PER YEAR. WE DO THIS OFF OF MAKING 19¢-42¢ PER HOUR WORKING, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS. AND THIS TIME, I AM RUNNING A FUND RAISER FOR THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY. I SAW AN ARTICLE IN THE CATHOLIC REGISTER NEWSPAPER OF A FOOD BANK THAT NEEDS HELP. AND SINCE I GREW UP POOR, I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF A FOOD BANK SO I SUBMITTED MY IDEA TO THE PRISON ADMINISTRATION AND ASKED FOR APPROVAL. THEY SAID YES. I AM ATTACHING THE ARTICLE I SUBMITTED & WHAT WE ARE SELLING TO THE PRISON POPULATION. I AM ALSO ATTACHING THIS ARTICLE FROM THE PHILA. DAILY NEWSPAPER OF ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND. WHEN I FIRST LEARNED OF THIS, I WAS NEW TO THE JAYCEES AND RECOMMENDED THAT WE DONATE \$1,000 TO THEM. AND WE DID THAT YEAR. THIS CHARITY, WHEN I FIRST READ THE STORY OF THIS ADORABLE LITTLE GIRL, JUST A CHILD WITH CANCER WANTING TO DO THIS LEMONADE STAND, IT BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES. WE MIGHT BE IN PRISON, BUT WE ARE HUMAN, WE DO HAVE EMOTIONS, FEELINGS, AND MOST OF US HAVE A CONSCIENCE. I KNOW I CERTAINLY DO. PLEASE READ THIS BLOG TO IT'S ENTIRETY. THOUGH WE CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN HERE AND ALMOST HALF OF THE MEN IN THIS PRISON (APPROX. 1,000) ALL KNOW THEY WILL DIE IN HERE, THEY CONTINUE TO DONATE WHAT LITTLE MONEY THEY CAN TO CHARITY. I ASK ALL OF SOCIETY TO TRY, JUST TRY TO TREAT US LIKE A BOOK. DO NOT JUDGE US BY OUR COVER. WE MIGHT BE IN PRISON BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO US, THERE IS MORE TO OUR STORY. THERE IS MORE TO MY STORY. I THANK YOU FOR READING, I URGE EVERYONE TO GO TO AN ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND AND DO WHAT YOU CAN. IF YOU CAN'T DONATE MONEY, DONATE YOUR HELP, TIME, EVEN JUST GO ON LINE AND SPREAD THE WORD. DON'T JUDGE US JUST YET, DON'T JUDGE ME JUST YET. I AM NOT THE 21 YEAR OLD KID I WAS WHEN I CAME HERE. GIVE US A CHANCE. TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS, CIAO.