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Greetings!

Please allow me to introduce you to a nearly three-year local initiative in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania – the Cumberland County Adult Reentry Program (CCARP). The primary focus of the program is to reduce recidivism, lessen crime in our community and promote public safety. The initiative was established in 2016 by the Cumberland County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and launched in January 2017 by the Cumberland County Adult Probation Department. CCARP's mission is to link ex-offenders to program services that address their individual risks and needs, prior to release from incarceration. This pre-release activity has been shown to promote a greater likelihood of their success following release from incarceration.

CCARP's activities include providing human and social services to ex-offenders and their families. The program also utilizes a mentoring component that provides the opportunity to identify and address basic needs and barriers while the individuals are incarcerated. Developing a reentry plan with the mentor and mentee/ex-offender, establishes a supportive relationship that is continued after release and starts the process towards the goal of developing the mentee into a self-sustaining and law-abiding citizen.

To show our thankfulness for all the mentors have done for our participants and for the community through their work with our program re-entrants, we are planning an appreciation luncheon in August. We are humbly asking for your assistance in the way of donated food and drink items to serve at the luncheon to accommodate 35 people. Items we would be grateful to have may include but are not limited to: finger sandwiches, subs, wraps, chips, coleslaw, macaroni and/or potato salad, desserts (cookies, cakes, pies, etc.) and drinks (soda, tea, water, lemonade, etc.).

CCARP is currently partnered with the Cumberland County Bar Foundation which serves as its 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, through which we may accept monetary donations. We have designated all our donated money to be used directly for the needs and services of re-entrants, not specifically the mentors. After 3 years of dedicating their time and resources, we feel the mentors are beyond deserving of some kind of treat and your donations can help us accomplish that!

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Ashley Rohm, Adult Re-Entry Coordinator at arohm@ccpa.net or 717-240-6522. Checks and donations may be made payable to the Cumberland County Bar Foundation for CCARP mentor luncheon and can be mailed to 32 S. Bedford Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

In hope and service,

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