

CHANGE COMES NOW!

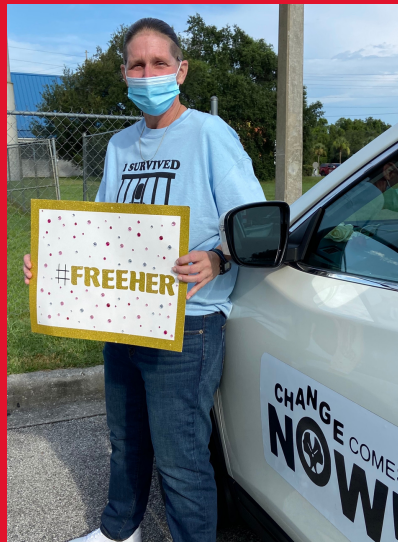
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#FREEHER



**WE celebrate the
women that have
come home.**



**WE celebrate the
women that will
come home.**



WE FIGHT UNTIL EVERYONE IS HOME!



CHANGE COMES NOW DONATIONS WERE ACCEPTED AT EVERY WOMAN'S STATE PRISON IN FLORIDA.

GADSDEN C.F.

- 1,300 black, cloth, washable masks
- 1,200 Caress bars of soap
- 1,200 Toothbrushes
- 1,200 Candy Canes
- 1,200 tubes of Lip Gloss
- 1,200 bottles of Body Wash

(all except the masks will be delivered 12/7/20)

HERNANDO C.I.

- 800 black, cloth, washable masks
- 900 pens
- 800 rolls of toilet paper
- 800 VO5 shampoos
- 400 VO5 conditioners
- 1,700 Ramen Chicken soup
- 400 Toothbrushes
- 400 tubes of toothpaste
- 800 bars of Dial antibacterial soap
- 400 Orea cookies

HOMESTEAD C.I.

- 2,940 rolls of toilet paper
- 1,470 bars of Dial antibacterial soap
- 16 - 32 oz. bottles of ethanol alcohol
- 4 bags of Hand Sanitizer
- 79 gallons of Bleach
- 12 Plastic Chairs (Ford bldg.)
- 2,100 medical disposable masks
- 10,000 gloves
- 750 puzzle books
- 1 - 40" non-smart TV for the Infirmary
- 16 - 32 ounce bottles of ethanol alcohol
- 100 PPE Face Shields
- 1,000 PPE Booties
- 900 black, cloth, washable masks

LOWELL C.I.

- 6,000 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 3,000 bars of Dial antibacterial soap
- 3,000 black, cloth, washable masks
- 100 gallons of Bleach
- 20 gallons of Hand Sanitizer
- 5 - 50" flat screen TV's for the compound
- 5 TV brackets
- 5 FM Digital Converter boxes
- 10 FM Digital Tuners (Booster Boxes)
- 300 rolls of Brawny paper towels
- Pads & Tampons for our women on 'Freedom Row'

F.W.R.C.

- 2,000 black, cloth, washable masks
- 900 VO5 shampoos
- 900 VO5 conditioners
- 900 bars of Dial antibacterial soap
- 900 Deodorants
- 900 Toothbrushes
- 900 tubes of toothpaste
- 900 Composition Books
- 900 bags of Sanitary Napkins
- 100 tubes of Denture Creme

DADEC.I. (MEN)

- 1,600 black, cloth washable masks

A Success Story

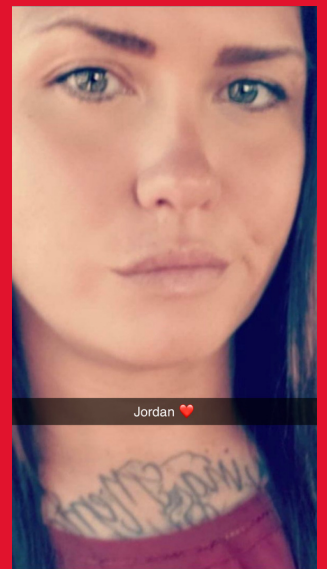
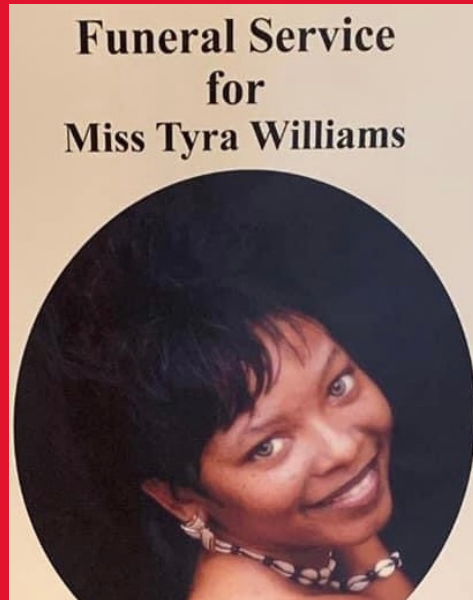
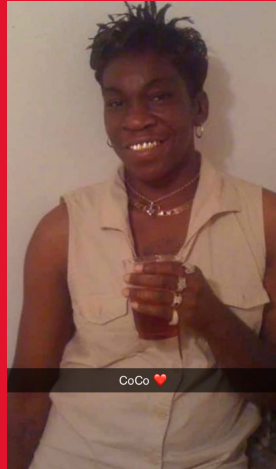


Brandi Smith has been kissing freedom for nearly 6 years after giving a decade of her life to prison. She successfully early terminated off probation and is the proud Owner & Fashion Designer of her own business. In moving forward, Brandi is rebuilding her life, but she also remembers and was a contributor to Change Comes Now, helping us attain some of the donations we brought to the prisons. Being sentenced at the young age of 20 does not hinder this amazing woman from fulfilling her dreams. It can be done. WE are all proof. YOU CAN DO IT TOO!

R . I . P . SOLDIER

Different causes & different reasons, but WE all have something in common, Incarceration. That and the fact that a moment in our lives doesn't define the person that WE are.

- PATRICIA WOLACK
- SHANDA MERRITT
- MATTIE CAESER
- MARILYN GREEN
- RHONDA BULL
- CHIANTI STALLWORTH
- JOSEFA DAVILA
- JUDY GISELL
- TYRA WILLIAMS
- PAMELA FAULKS
- MARIE ALTRUDA
- JORDAN GALLAGHER
- NATALIE PRICE
- SHEILA JACKSON
- AINSLEY RATLIFF
- BLANCHE REEDY
- DEBBIE SANVILLE
- LOREN (LALA) FOSSETT
- TIFFANY KEMPER
- AMBER GADDIS
- FELICIA WHALEY
- AMANDA TOOLE
- TASHA GONZALEZ
- BRITTNEY MEGONIGAL
- KRISTINA LAFOLLETTE
- CRYSTAL MURRAY
- AMANDA ERVIN
- ASHLEY ROOKE
- TRISTEN ROUTHLESS
- AMBER GADDIS
- MARTHA BEATTY
- TIFFANY KEMPER
- LORI COLLINS
- MELISSA CHAMBERS
- ANGELA BROWN
- ADELA RAMIREZ
- PATRICE WILLIAMS
- MINDY VANCE
- HALEY VINCENT
- ASHLEY KLIGFELD (2019)
- ELIZABETH JORDLING (2019)





**Felony Murder Law
Clemency & Parole Campaign
Participatory Defense
Reimagined Communities
Closing Lowell Campaign
Mutual Aid**

Moving into our 2nd year, Change Comes Now is reorganizing. The above list are issues that will be priority in 2021. On a personal note, I am going back to school in January. I plan on studying Public Policy and anything else that will put me in position to be a State Representative. It is my belief that our elected officials are not doing enough to fix the wrongs in the criminal legal system. A formerly incarcerated person should be and will be in Tallahassee. Laws need to be rewritten and bills need to be supported and pushed through.

A part time person will be hired to assist me in the office. Change Comes Now speaks of 2nd chances. The person hired will be formerly incarcerated and we will lead by example.

A 'Change Comes Now' JPay has been created to help keep a clear form of communication through the fence. If you know of anyone that would like to be added, please just let me know. Also, beginning January 1, 2021 there will be a community liaison on each of the women's state compounds. This person will send a few words daily via JPay describing the state of their compound. These words will be available for loved ones to check in and view.

It is our hope to support and educate our communities throughout Florida so we can all be apart of a change that is badly needed. There is power in numbers. There are so many of 'US' that when we merge with 'them' our numbers will NOT be ignored and together we will be the change. Andrea James of The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women & Girls always tells me, "This isn't sprint, it's a marathon." I promise the race has begun.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Always Love,

**Debra Bennett-Austin
Executive Director**

Upon release feel free to call me @ 561-507-3590. You can also be a member of The National Council For Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women & Girls with the fee waived.

