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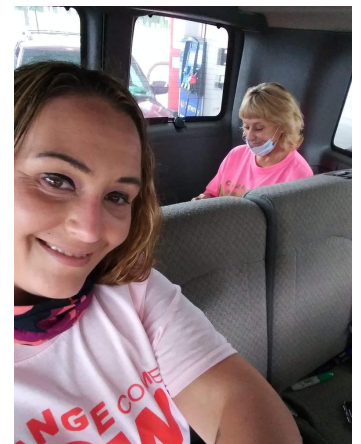
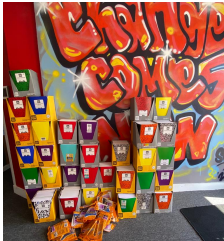
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DONATIONS

Donations were taken to Hernando C.I., Homestead C.I., Lowell C.I., F.W.R.C. & Dade C.I.

Since the last newsletter, CHANGE COMES NOW has delivered 800 black, cloth, washable masks to Homestead CI and 1,600 across the street to Dade CI. Hernando CI accepted 400 shampoos, deodorants, Dial antibacterial soaps, pens as well as 900 Ramen chicken soups. FWRC has the amazing Chaplain Thompson whom allowed us to focus on meeting the women's needs for hygiene products. We dropped off 900 shampoos, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpastes, bags of sanitary napkins and composition books. 'Mommy Reads' joined with us and dropped off 900 bars of Dial antibacterial soap. 'JourneyDay Books' joined with us as well, and they dropped off 900 bottles of VO5 conditioner. Lowell accepted 6,000 rolls of toilet paper, 3,000 bars of Dial antibacterial soap, 20 gallons of hand sanitizer for staff, 100 gallons of bleach, 8 cases of Brawny paper towels, 4,000 gloves for staff, 5 50" non-smart flatscreen TV's, 5 TV brackets, 5 FM Transmitters for the new TVs and 10 Digital TV Converter boxes. We will continue to bring donations as long as we are allowed to help and as long as we have the monies to purchase the needed supplies.



Thank You to volunteers Kathryn Eno, Joanna Macphelimy, Tiffany & Mable Flowers, Fran Maunuel, Jimmy Engard, Amanda Weston.



#FREEHER



Last week Cheryl Weimar and her attorneys reached a settlement after a U.S. District Judge signed an order to close the civil case. Cheryl was awarded \$4.65 million dollars for the beating that left her a quadriplegic. As long as there is abuse of any kind happening to the incarcerated women/girls...we will advocate, bring in the media, protest and we will never, ever not be here for you or the sister that arrives in prison tomorrow.

CHANGE COMES NOW will educate Florida to choose People NOT Prison. Prison is NOT the answer. Prison is the PROBLEM not the solution!!!
Debra Bennett-Austin
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REIMAGINED COMMUNITIES

Last month, CHANGE COMES NOW went into our local community and passed out 100 Zaxby's chicken dinners to our homeless community. We are trying to educate the world that whether we sleep on a prison bunk or a park bench...WE are all the same & WE are all apart of the community.

NATIONAL DAY FOR FREEDOM & JUSTICE

CHANGE COMES NOW participated in The National Day For Freedom & Justice. Formerly Incarcerated women and men spoke and at 4PM bells across the nation rang. Florida Cares & FAMM brought the life size prison cell replica to challenge people to go inside for 3 minutes to get a better understanding of the life we have "inside".

CHANGE COMES NOW was a registered speaker twice against FDC. In 2 Public Hearings, we spoke against the Rule change to add Administrative Management Units and for Taser Guns to be introduced onto the compounds. We now wait to see if the Joint Administrators Committee objects before September 6, 2020.

Jennifer Alemar.



Crystal Chisholm



Allyson Riley, Nancy Denise



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