



March 14, 2002

Re: Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones  
Gregory Truck Body  
711 Kevin Court  
Oakland, CA 94621

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is being written in regards to Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones and her continued dedication and service to the students enrolled in San Quentin's Re-Entry Program.

For the past seven months, Gwen has faithfully taken time out of her busy schedule to come and deliver motivational presentations and offers of assistance to the students, which could help them upon their release back into society. Gwen's efforts have proven to energize and encourage the students in the class to strive for greater goals than just coming back and forth to prison.

I would like to take this time to commend her for her efforts and devotion to making a difference in the rehabilitation of prisoners. Gwen continually demonstrates for the students in the class new concepts, ideas, and modes of thinking that could be of benefit to the student once he is released. Gwen's presentation teaches that if a person wishes to succeed in life, they can, no matter what the obstacles before them. Gwen shares very personal parts of her life and shows how she herself overcame adversity to reach her goals.

It should be noted that most of these young men have had extensive contact with the criminal justice system and they have developed over the years an antagonistic attitude towards any attempt to make any personable connection with them. However, because Gwen is so sincere and committed in her devotion to helping these men change their lives, they have responded to her and she has gotten past their hard exterior and made that connection. It has been a privilege to be able to meet Gwen and listen to her share her life with the Re-Entry class, the same way she has been doing for the past forty years in other correctional facilities.

I would like to thank you for taking this time to hear about Gwen's generous gift of herself to the men in the Re-Entry program. Gwen's positive outlook on life is a breath of fresh air in a world with such negativity.

Sincerely,

*Bobby Brown*

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