

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers



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Dear Friends,

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers is pleased to send you our newsletter as someone who has expressed concern for mothers in prison and their children. The many small and large donations we receive through our Donor's Network are very important to AIM and demonstrate to other funders how the community supports our work. In 1984, the Network contributed over \$5,000 to our annual budget!

To those of you who gave a donation over the summer, thanks for your response to our special appeal. If you haven't given this year or if you can give again, please consider writing a check today.

In 1984 we can list as our accomplishments:

- * purchasing a 15 passenger van for children's visits;
- * initiating policy changes with the Department of Social Services to strengthen their commitment to reuniting families;
- * developing a Resource Center that provides information on human services for post-release mothers and volunteers;
- * organizing a successful housing conference in cooperation with the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women's Service Groups;
- * advocating for 150 mothers on child custody/parenting issues; and
- * arranging over 1,500 children's visits and recruiting 15 new volunteers to provide consistent and supportive family visits.

AIM is as strong as ever: we need to be. The number of women in prison has doubled in the last several years and women come from all areas of Massachusetts to do their time at Framingham far away from their families. In 1985 our goal is to hire two part-time Assistants to help our very busy staff. Please help support AIM by donating whatever you can afford.

Best Wishes for the New Year,

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