

HELP STAMP OUT DESPAIR

Not ten miles from the Statue of Liberty there are hundreds of immigrants languishing in “detention”. They have no access to the outside: they live in a miserable, windowless, remodeled warehouse. They are not permitted to have possession or even their own clothes. One of their only pleasures is corresponding with family and friends. The problem is that the detainees can use only pre-stamped envelopes, which they purchase from the detention center commissary for much more than the price you can purchase them for at the post office. Many detainees come here with little or no money; so it is difficult for them to afford postage.

WE CAN TAKE ACTION



SUPPLY DONATION DRIVE AND LETTER WRITING SESSION

With

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FIRST FRIENDS OF NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AND TRINITY CHURCH
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WHAT YOU CAN BRING: Blank 2-Pocket folders, Size #10 (business size envelopes WITH Forever Postage Stamps, Greeting Cards (Including Christmas Cards), Soft Covered Books (Non-violent), Small writing paper (5 x 8 size), Stick Pens (No Metal Inserts) and **YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WRITE** words of encouragement to detainees or requests to policymakers for humane changes to laws and regulations that stack the system against aspiring immigrants.

First Friends of NJ and NY upholds the inherent dignity and humanity of detained immigrants and asylum seekers. We provide compassion and hope through volunteer visitation, resettlement assistance and advocacy.