

AID TO INMATE MOTHERS

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History

Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM), was founded in 1987 by Church Women United, The Alabama Prison Project, The Department of Corrections and group of committed volunteers who discovered that there were many women in prison who never saw their children.

Vision

To create a criminal justice model that demonstrates respect for and understands the rights of the children affected by their mothers imprisonment and recognizes and helps to address the many burdens carried by the children and families as a result of incarceration.

Mission

To provide services to Alabama's incarcerated women with an emphasis on enhancing personal growth and strengthening the bonds between inmate mothers and their children.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Lazette Moody, **President**
- Kimberlin Love, **Vice President**
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- Curtis Knott
- Jean Leuner
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- Peggy Shippen
- Tom Vocino
- Vera Jordan
- Zacchaeus Buckner

NEW GRANTS



AIM WAS AWARDED A
GRANT BY WORKING
WOMAN'S HOME
ASSOCIATION IN A DRIVE-
BY EVENT!

DIRECTORS CORNER

Dear Friends and Supporters:

2021 was such a strange and difficult year for us at AIM. We are heartbroken that we have not been able to bring the children to see their mothers since March of 2020. We know these have been truly hard times for incarcerated mothers and their children having to endure such a long separation. But we have done what we could to give the mothers and children a way to connect. Storybook continued each month—we couldn't make videos, but we dropped off books each month with writing paper and collected them to send out to the children.

Classes also continued via Zoom—we are grateful to the staff at Tutwiler, Montgomery Women's Facility and Birmingham for working with us to allow us to offer classes. Thanks to the Zoom equipment, we were able to offer Parenting Education, Financial Wellness, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Women's Health Education, and Aerobics throughout the year. Our community partnerships have expanded this year—Region's Bank is helping us with our financial wellness classes. The Jacksonville State School of Nursing and the Department of Public Health partnered with us to start up basic health education classes in January of 2021.

In July, our donors made it possible for our children to have the school supplies they needed. It was an amazing Christmas for the AIM children, through the hard work of Larnetta Moncrief and because of so many generous sponsors!

Throughout 2021, we provided the women at Tutwiler with basic hygiene supplies each month by sponsoring one dorm per month. We continued our Pack a Purse program for women leaving prison. We helped the women at Tutwiler celebrate the holidays, by providing art supplies for the Christmas Dorm decorating contest, and snacks for their Caroling through the halls. We also provided prizes for the winning dorms. And the Montgomery Women's Facility got a pizza party for Christmas this year! Our group home, Genesis, continued to house women throughout the year. Our residents were part of the essential workforce that bravely went to work every day. We had a few outbreaks of COVID, but all recovered.

We have continued to reach out to vulnerable women living with HIV/AIDS during the past year, with case management and help navigating social services to make sure that they continued in care and stayed safe during this pandemic.

Our community clients in our ARESET program have been receiving training in Work Readiness and we have been able to provide them with the coaching and tools they need to get back into the workforce.

I am very grateful to my amazing staff, Larnetta Moncrief, Donna Collins, Danielle Cook, Nydia Saffold, Paulette Nicholas and Deborah Neal for their hard work and dedication during this past year. I am also very grateful to Lazette Moody, my Board Chair and the AIM Board of Directors for their hard work and support this past year.

Although the virus isn't gone yet, we are hopeful that this year we will be able to bring our programs back inside prison walls, and to reunite our families. We wish all of our friends and supporters the Happiest of New Years! Stay safe!!

All the best,

CAROL POTOK

Executive Director

VISITATION

Visitation is the signature program of AIM. Since 1987, AIM has transported children from around the state to visit with their mother. This visitation is special because it's 3 hours long, we provide a hot lunch, games, activities, and we print photos for the moms and the children to keep. We also make each child feel special for their birthday month by purchasing birthday cupcakes, singing happy birthday, and providing the child with a gift from their mother at the end of visit. We unfortunately have not had a visit in 2 years do to COVID restrictions. We are hopeful that visits will restart in 2022. New things we hope to bring to visit in 2022, a program for Birmingham Work Release and more opportunities for families to drive themselves to visitation.



**THEY SURE
GROW FAST**



**CHRISTMAS
2021**

STORYBOOK

With some minor changes Storybook has held strong. We still delivered books monthly to the prison.

Mothers were allowed to pick out a book and leave a written message.

We then mailed the books to children. Approximately 306 children and 124 moms participated in this program in 2021.

2022 will bring changes with new technological enhancements. We are in the process of adding a program to stream videos.



TUTWILER OFFICER BOSWELL HELPED DELIVER ENVELOPES AND BOOKS FOR OUR STORYBOOK PROJECT!

**TUTWILER STAFF POSES
WITH THE NEWEST BOOKS
FOR THE MONTHLY
STORYBOOK PROGRAM!**



**Rain or shine Officer
Boswell met us at the
gate with a huge smiling
face! We are so grateful
for her enthusiasm and
excitement for this
program!**



A donation of books for the Storybook Project and other items were given to AIM by Trenholm State Community College Adult Education staff. Yellow glasses are a Dollar General Project to bring awareness to literacy

PROJECT

RECONNECT

NEW AEROBICS CLASS

“Ladies, you have one minute to do as many sit-ups as you can...go!” Fifteen women in white flop down on mats and start their workout.

Welcome to the Power Hour, our new Aerobics class taught by personal trainer, Romen MacDonald of Squad Fitness via Zoom at Tutwiler. The women are participating in a 6-week class to learn how to do exercises without equipment that will help them tone up and slim down. Each week they are given “homework” to do in their dorms and told to record their progress in journals. Each student received a water bottle and every week they get a healthy snack—such as fruit. The women will have their progress tracked with pre and posttests. We hope to continue offering this class throughout the year.

This WHI FI program is made possible by the Caring Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield.



WHI FI

Each month, women at Tutwiler have a health education workshop called WHI FI (Women's Health Information for the Incarcerated). Health professionals provide general health education on topics such as breast cancer, STDs and HIV Prevention, nutrition awareness, mental health, and heart health.

WHI FI is sponsored by Aid to Inmate Mothers, the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health, and the Jacksonville State Department of Nursing.

Project Reconnect took a healthy turn this year. Although still not allowed to enter the facility we still conducted classes via zoom. We reintroduced WHIFI (Women's Health Information for the Incarcerated) a monthly seminar that covered various women health topics. We also introduced a work out class. The class was held weekly women exercised with an instructor via zoom. The women and staff enjoyed the class so much that the Warden allowed them to start an additional class led by an officer.

ASC

2021 we received a grant from the Jewish Teen Foundation of Greater Boston for much needed upgrades and repairs to the Service Center. This grant allowed us to get some plumbing fixed, install and replace security cameras, and build shelves in the clothing closet.

In 2021, we had 10 residents live at the service center. We had approximately 50 women utilize and receive other services such clothing, hygiene, household goods, employment search and access to computers.



ARESET

ARESET served over 30 women in 2021. At least 70% of the women in the program were able to obtain employment. At least 10% received jobs that have made them financially secure.

The program paid for documents needed to obtain IDs and drivers licenses, work clothing, bus passes and eye glasses.



POSITIVE LIVING

AIM staffer Paulette Nicholas made many rounds throughout 2021. She attended several events around the state promoting Positive Living and providing HIV/AIDS education. She attended several events and distributed lots of goodies to new clients. Great work Paulette!



Paulette's group held an event in Selma this month!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



LARNETTA HAD THE UNIQUE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTIC KEENAGERS AT MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH IN CROPWELL, ALABAMA. THEY ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT HELPING THE AIM PROGRAM! THANK YOU TO MS. DEBBIE ALFORD, MS. JOANNE DUNN, AND MS. BARBARA TURNER FOR ALLOWING US TO COME SPEAK AT YOUR OUTREACH PROGRAM.



Our Executive Director, Carol Potok, pictured with Jill Friedman, at the AIM table at Gift Hope Montgomery!



"ALONE, WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH"
-HELEN KELLER



Carol had the pleasure of speaking to the GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs.



We had an abundance of donors and groups participate in the pack-a-purse project.

Thanks to Montgomery Sheriff's Office for sponsoring several of our families this year for Christmas!



Thanks to Dr. Katrina Swain with the Mu Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for the donations of hygiene and purses!

Several sorority groups, various churches, individual and companies donated hygiene, purses, household goods, backs and tote bags.

Thank you all for your continued support of this program!

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE DOING BEAUTIFUL THINGS



The Montgomery Chapter of The Links, Inc.



Thanks to First United Methodist Church, Montgomery, for the donation of hygiene boxes for the ladies!

No act of
kindness, no
matter how
small, is ever
wasted. !

by Aesop



A big thank you to the Optimist Club for their HUGE donation of hygiene items for our Pack a Purse project!! Pictured with the donations are Optimist Club member Joyce Hurst, AIM Staff Carol Potok, Larnetta Moncrief, Caitlyn Williams, and Optimist Club President Rose Jackson. The Central Montgomery Optimist Club has been donating hygiene items for this program for at least 10 years!

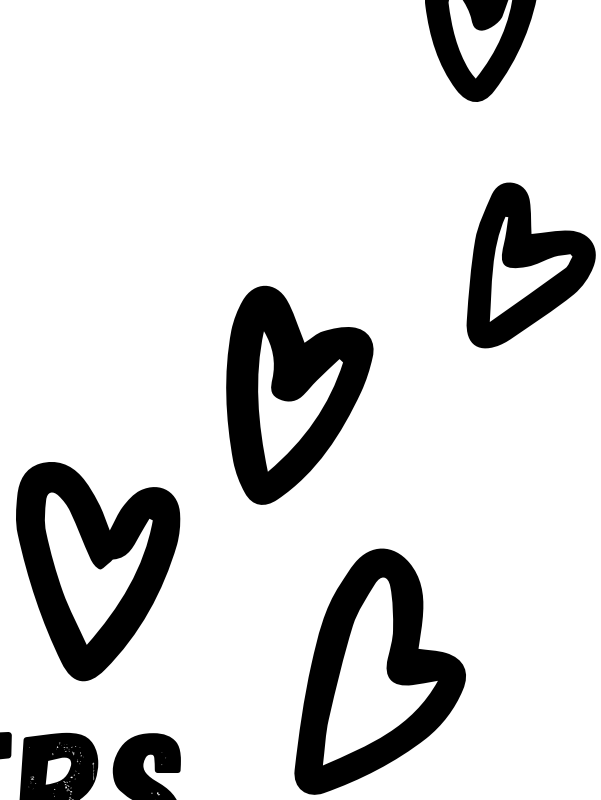


SHERMONE TAYLOR FROM THE TAU RHO MU SORORITY DONATED NEARLY 50 PACKED PURSES PACKED BY HER AND HER FELLOW SORORS! THANK YOU LADIES FOR THIS TRULY AMAZING GIFT!!



THANKS TO THE BETA PI CHAPTER OF AKA AT ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE HYGIENE DONATION! PICTURED ARE MIA

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thanks



VOLUNTEERS

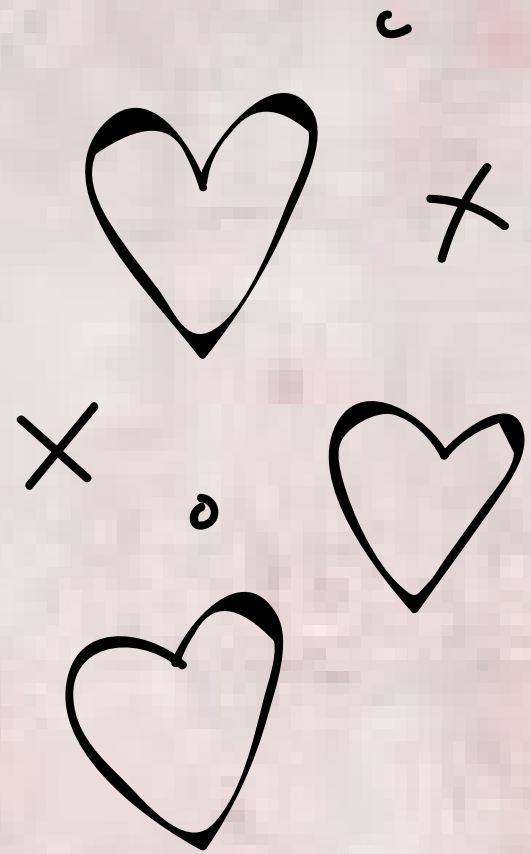
DONORS

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

DOING BEAUTIFUL

THINGS

*Thank you Women
in Training*



THANKS TO CHRISTINE BAZEMORE FROM ORDER OF
EASTERN STAR, SOJOURNER TRUTH #265, FOR THE
DONATION OF HYGIENE AND PURSES!



THE AKA BETA NU OMEGA CHAPTER DID A FUNDRAISER
FOR AIM ON MLK DAY--ALSO THEIR FOUNDER'S DAY.
THEY HAVE RAISED NEARLY \$700! THANK YOU TO AKA!





PICTURED WITH THREE HUGE BOXES OF HYGIENE PRODUCT DONATIONS ARE MS. FLORETTA JAMES DORTCH, PRESIDENT OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA, MU TAU OMEGA CHAPTER OF TALLADEGA. THIS GROUP HAS DONATED TO AIM FOR MANY YEARS, AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR HELPING US PROVIDE WOMEN



THANK YOU ZONTA CLUB FOR THE DONATION FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES!



THANK YOU TO DA DARRYL BAILEY'S OFFICE FOR YOUR DONATION OF BAGS!



Ms. Mary Ann Baltzer drops off donations from the Woman's Club of Saraland and the River



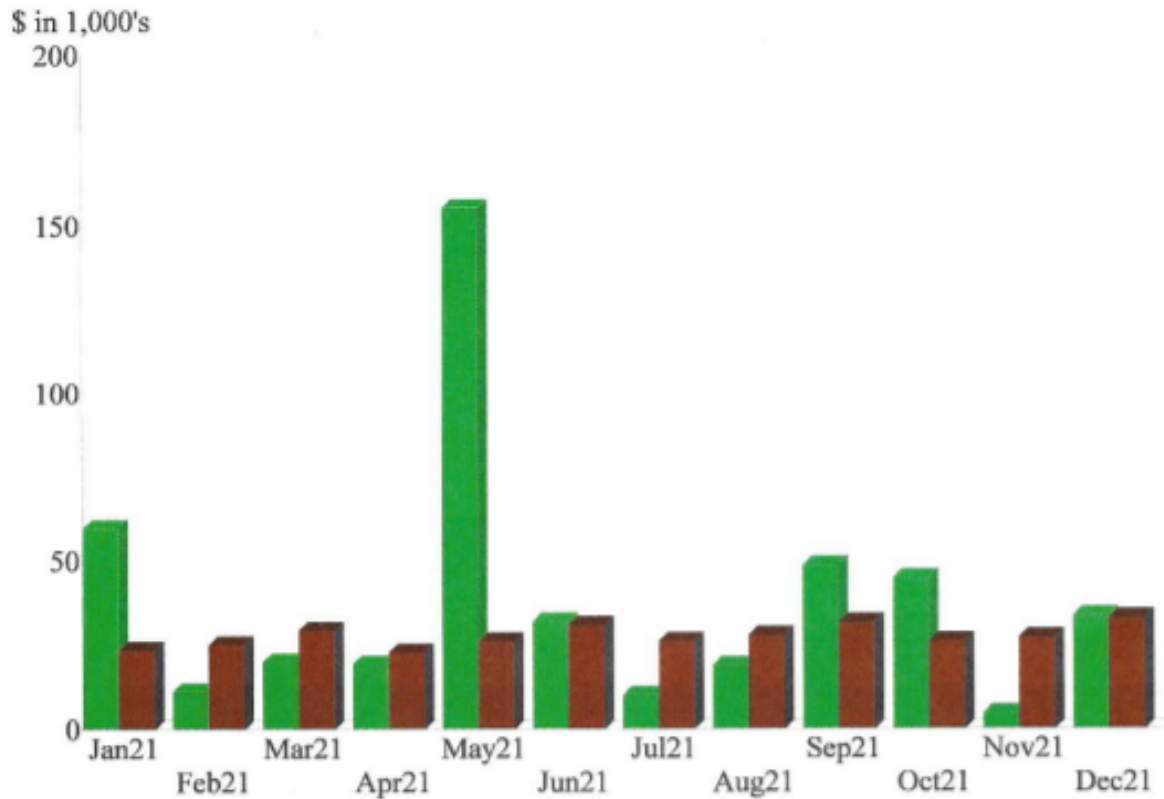
34TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AIM WALKS FOR KIDS



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income and Expense by Month
January through December 2021

Income
Expense



Expense Summary
January through December 2021

6000-00 · Salaries and Employee Expense	63.95%
6500-00 · Program Expenses	22.94
7000-00 · General & Administrative Exp	13.06
8100-00 · Fundraising Expenses	0.05
Total	\$330,246.32

