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To Whom It May Concern:

I have met with Ann Edenfield, Wings Ministry Executive Director/Founder, to discuss her proposal to work with children and families of incarcerated men and women. Please accept this as a letter of support for Ms. Edenfield's proposal.

One of the "invisible" victims of crime is the family of the criminal. Entire families, especially children, can be deeply traumatized by an event over which they have no control, no prior experience, and no way to access much needed support or information. In fact, the incarceration of one family member often results in the social ostracism of the entire family. Ms. Edenfield's proposal addresses many of these issues in a realistic, constructive, and proactive way. The New Mexico Corrections Department Education Bureau is fully supporting of Ms. Edenfield's proposal and, if funded, will do all it can to assist her to implement it.

Sincerely,

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Director - New Mexico Corrections Department of Education