

CITIZENS FOR PRISON REFORM

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



"I don't know what I would have done without the help of CPR, without your help my son would still be in solitary confinement."

-Family with a loved one in solitary confinement

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello,

Over the years I have found the importance of joining forces with other families to learn from them and to advocate for change that is much needed on this journey.

Mora Wilkevicz

As we celebrate the 10th year since CPR was founded, I look back on how many families and advocates I have met and it is through these connections that have brought me a source of hope and strength during difficult days of being a family member with an incarcerated loved one. I have learned that together we are stronger and together we can bring change for those inside, for families and even for those working with our loved ones.

Mora Wilkevicz

PRESIDENT, CITIZENS FOR PRISON REFORM



Beverly Hynes, Nicole Pacheco, and Bonnie Zabel

MEET CPR'S NEW ORGANIZERS!

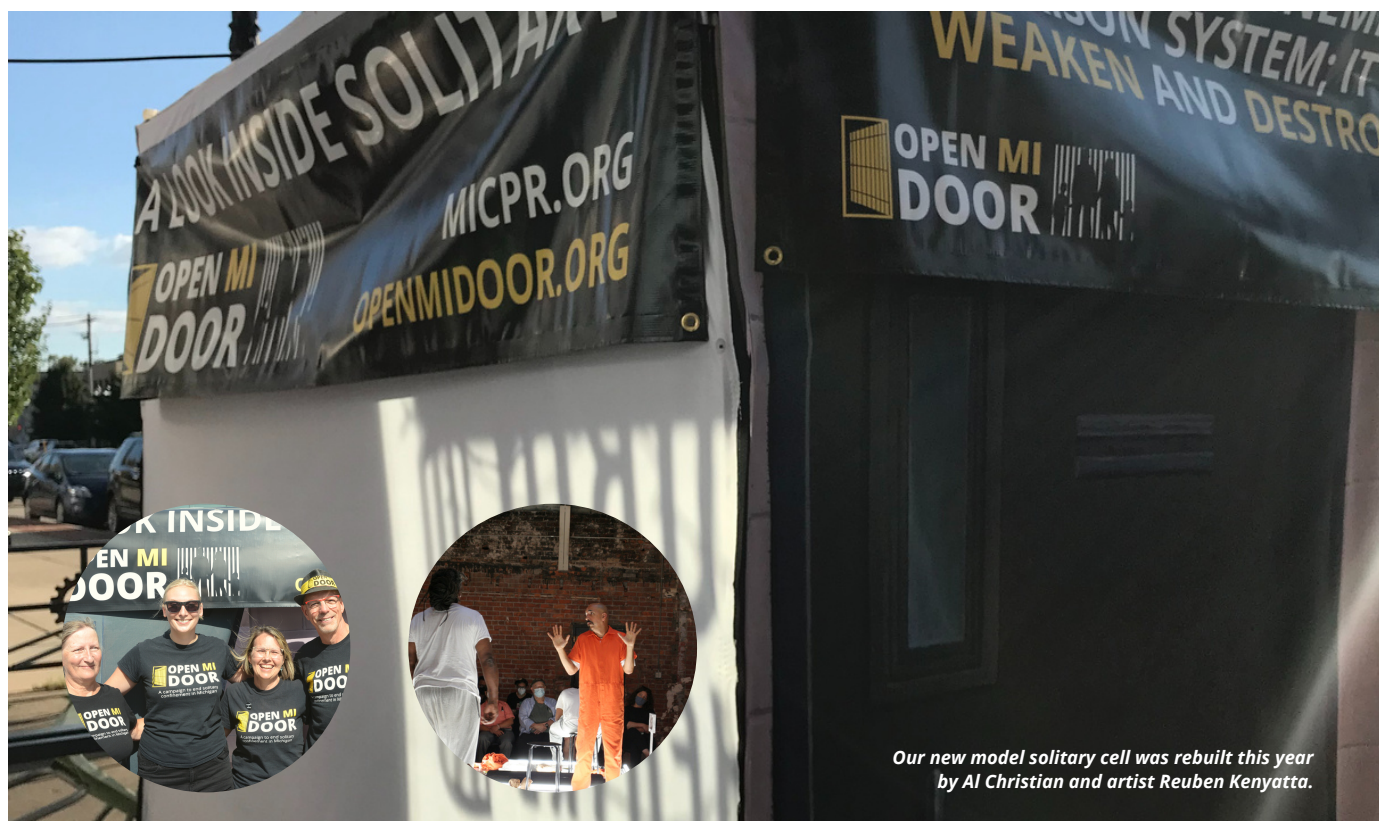
Through the generosity of Michigan Justice Fund, CPR was able to bring on two part-time community organizers, Beverly Hynes and Bonnie Zabel.

Our new organizers are helping us to further engage families and hold in-person events in various regions across Michigan.

These events are aimed to help families with incarcerated loved ones feel supported, meet other families dealing with the same issues, and to assist them in utilizing their personal experiences to strengthen legislative advocacy and awareness of the general public.

Our MJF Fellow and Open MI Door campaign ambassador, Nicole Pacheco was able to travel to Baltimore with us to join the 19 states supported by Unlock the Box to address and end the use of solitary confinement. Nicole Pacheco, a former Prisoner Observation Aide also had spent 7 months in solitary confinement in her county jail due to Covid. Nicole has been working to organize solitary survivors and amplify their stories.

From in-person coffee hours, to poetry events and Open MI Door events where we utilize the model cell to educate and bring awareness, we have held six in-person events since July and we have more scheduled for Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint, with continued events in Lansing.



The Open MI Door (OMD) campaign has continued to elevate the harmful impacts of solitary confinement in Michigan's prisons, jails, juvenile facilities and promote safer, more humane alternatives to segregation this year.

We have held many events this year to bring awareness. Some highlights have included:

- [The Unlock the Box Convening in Baltimore, Maryland](#)
- [An on-campus event at U of M with Project Outreach](#)
- [Prison Creative Arts Project- Ann Arbor Art Fair](#)
- [Poetry Night at the Robin Theatre](#)
- [Presentations at Michigan State University](#)

OMD also partnered with the End of Isolation Tour to bring "The Box," to Detroit. "The Box" is a play written by Sarah Shourd, in collaboration with other solitary survivors. We would like to give a special thanks to Carolyn Schafer who was a lead on this project and dedicated many hours to our campaign efforts.

CPR's 10th Annual Legislative Education Day was themed "Incarceration Impacts Everyone". CPR displayed the model solitary cell and partnered with National Religious Campaign Against Torture to provide the Solitary Virtual Experience. Families shared their experiences with legislators and emphasized the urgent need for change.

OMD worked with Senator Chang to introduce a segregation bill addressing solitary.

We would like to thank our partners, solitary survivors, and family members who have worked to elevate the OMD campaign.

A SPECIAL THANKS

To the Corrections Ombudsman and Disability Rights Michigan for their commitment to address conditions that impact families and their loved ones.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM



The Family Participation Program (FPP) has expanded this year and is now in 15 pilot prisons.

- Alger Correctional Facility (LMF)
- Baraga Correctional Facility (AMF)
- Charles Egeler Reception & Guidance Center (RGC)
- Chippewa Correctional Facility (URF)
- Gus Harrison Correctional Facility (ARF)
- G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility (JCF)
- Ionia- IMAX Correctional Facility (ICF)
- Lakeland Correctional Facility (LCF)
- Oaks Correctional Facility (ECF)
- Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF)
- Marquette Branch Correctional Facility (MBP)
- Parnell Correctional Facility (SMT)
- St. Louis Correctional Facility (SLF)
- Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV)
- Woodland Correctional Facility (WCC)

We are happy that the FPP Program has continued to grow so we can offer our services to more families throughout the state of Michigan.

CPR-FPP has held regular monthly support meetings to offer resources and guidance to families.

HUNDREDS OF MICHIGAN FAMILIES

Served by the Family Participation Program

Thanks to a donation from the Michigan Justice Fund, we are now working with the Michigan Department of Corrections to distribute copies of the children's book, "See You Soon" to mothers at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV). This is a story about a child who has an incarcerated parent. Mothers at WHV will be able to give a copy of the book to their children.

The high cost of phone calls is a huge barrier to family connection. We have joined the Connecting Families Campaign with the national organization, Worth Rises and organizations across Michigan to make communications free for incarcerated people and their families.

Coffee hours are being piloted in various regions to engage with families and get them involved in legislative advocacy.

We are committed to bringing awareness to the challenges that families face and working towards solutions that promote family connection.



The Family Advisory Board (FAB) has continued to meet more frequently over the last year due to families struggles with Covid and the impact of staff shortages. We thank Kyle Kaminski for his continued commitment to discuss the continued concerns of families and incarcerated individuals.

SB195 is to be implemented soon. This bill was passed in 2020 and will require MDOC create a Family Reunification Policy. This will provide families with an orientation packet when their loved one enters the system, create a permanent Family Advisory Board and many other positive changes that will enhance family connection.

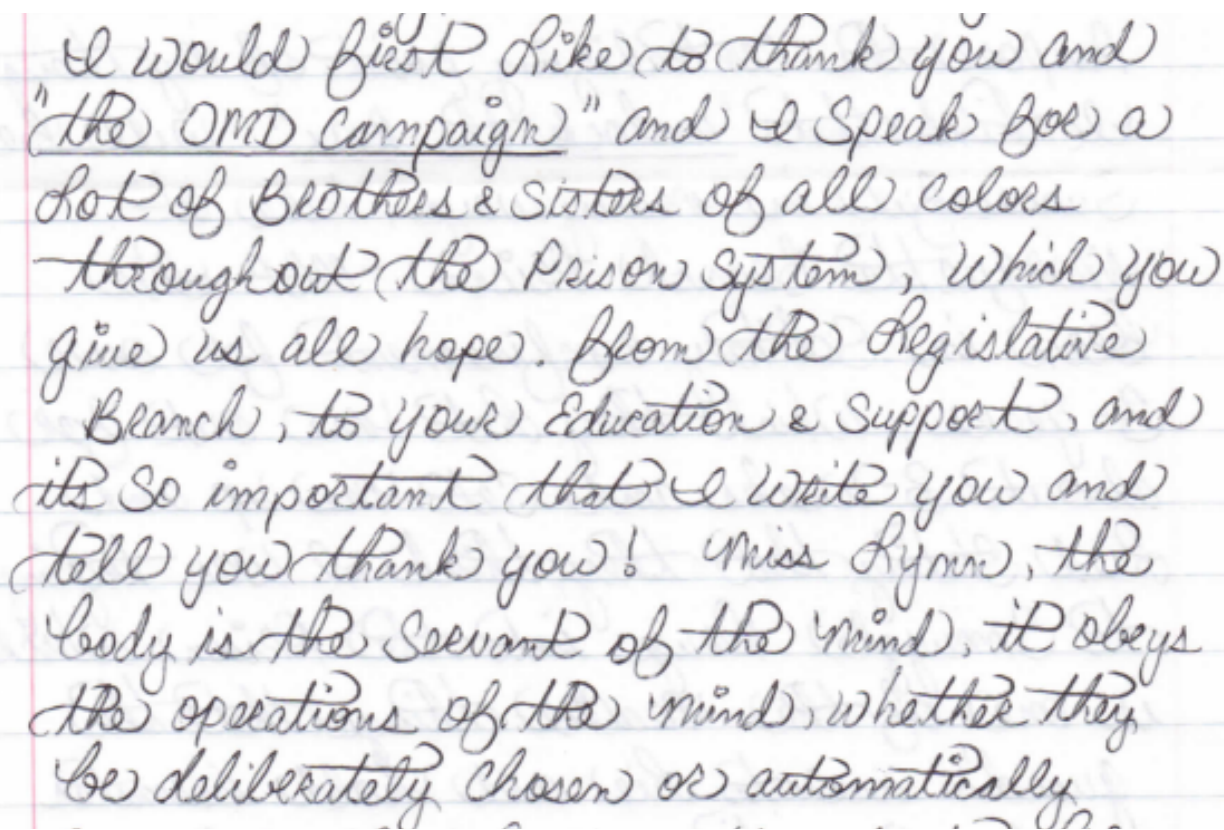
There has been an increase in critical needs of families, addressing communication and medical concerns, and general well-being of those inside. The FAB has continued to advocate for improved visitation policies that would return visits to more of a normal state prior to covid.

The FAB hopes to work in collaboration with the MDOC to address the issues with visitations.

We have continued to address inadequate mental and medical health care, backlog of transfers, need for medication assisted treatment, substance use programming and the need for programming in general for the entire population. Individuals inside have been locked down more with less time for recreation. There are many continued concerns with the video calls not occurring due to staffing or technical issues.

MDOC will have an application available for individuals to apply to serve on the board. This information will be posted at all prisons and on MDOC's website.

CPR is grateful for those who have served on the board and taken leadership roles in piloting the FAB since 2015.



I would first like to thank you and "the OMD Campaign" and I speak for a lot of Brothers & Sisters of all colors throughout the Prison system, which you give us all hope. From the Legislative Branch, to your Education & Support, and it's so important that I write you and tell you thank you! Miss Lynn, the body is the servant of the mind, it obeys the operations of the mind, whether they be deliberately chosen or automatically.

This year our inside correspondence team has expanded to now include five dedicated individuals who have been receiving and responding to all communications addressed to Citizens for Prison and the Open MI Door campaign.

We would like to honor volunteers Marti Howe, Lynn Scott, Jennifer Gougeon-Catarino, Susie Greenbauer, and Walter Miller this year for their amazing work and advocacy.

Our inside correspondence team helps us to identify individuals who are in need of direct advocacy so we provide support to them and their families.

The team also sends regular updates about our campaign efforts to the Open MI Door to people currently living in isolation in our prisons.

Our volunteer correspondents provide hope to all those they communicate with. We are so grateful for their compassion and hard work.

"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help."

-Heather French Henry

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2021 Social Media Statistics

9,117 FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK

Citizens for Prison Reform's Facebook post reach was 7.7K-up 72.6% from last year.

313 ONLINE VIEWS IN SEPTEMBER 2022

During the month of September, Citizens for Prison Reform's website had hundreds of views and 313 unique visits.

OVER 2,000 EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

Citizens for Prison Reform and Open MI Door's email campaigns have thousands of subscribers.



Citizens for Prison Reform Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2022

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Community Business Checking (0149)	8,395.37
Money Market	18,402.98
PayPal	0.00
PayPal Bank 2	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 26,798.35
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0.00
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	30,177.33
Net Income	-3,378.98
Total Equity	\$ 26,798.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 26,798.35
Fund Restrictions:	
Family Participation Fund	10,013.68
Unlock the Box	9,694.68
Pruess Family Fund	22.08
Unrestricted	7,067.91

Citizens for Prison Reform Profit and Loss by Class

September 2022

	Family Participatio n Program (FPP)	Unlock the Box	Unrestricted	TOTAL
Income				
Annual Meeting			771.32	771.32
Donations			597.21	597.21
PayPal Sales			0.00	0.00
Shirt Sales			39.45	39.45
Total Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,407.98	\$ 1,407.98
Gross Profit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,407.98	\$ 1,407.98
Expenses				
Contractors		1,250.00		1,250.00
Communcation and Outreach	1,200.00	500.00	240.00	1,940.00
Community Engagement Specialist	1,200.00			1,200.00
Executive Director		2,500.00		2,500.00
Legal and Professional Services		100.00	100.00	200.00
Total Contractors	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 7,090.00
Membership Dues		6.00	39.99	45.99
Office Supplies & Software	79.36		176.50	255.86
PayPal Fees			25.68	25.68
Printing and Copying	17.37		14.34	31.71
Shirt Cost			429.00	429.00
Speaker Fees		50.00		50.00
Travel	234.00			234.00
Web Design			96.00	96.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,730.73	\$ 4,406.00	\$ 1,121.51	\$ 8,258.24
Net Operating Income	-\$ 2,730.73	-\$ 4,406.00	\$ 286.47	-\$ 6,850.26
Other Income				
Interest Income			0.95	0.95
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.95
Net Income	-\$ 2,730.73	-\$ 4,406.00	\$ 287.42	-\$ 6,849.31

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Citizens for Prison Reform Profit and Loss by Class October 2021 - September 2022

	Family Participati on Program (FPP)	Unlock the Box	Unrestricted	TOTAL
Income				
Annual Meeting			2,132.32	2,132.32
Donations		40,000.00	7,564.75	47,564.75
Grant Revenue	12,980.00	5,500.00	2,270.00	20,750.00
PayPal Sales			467.78	467.78
Shirt Sales		25.00	444.45	469.45
Sponsorships			1.00	1.00
Total Income	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 45,525.00	\$ 12,880.30	\$ 71,385.30
Gross Profit	\$ 12,980.00	\$ 45,525.00	\$ 12,880.30	\$ 71,385.30
Expenses				
Advertising & Marketing	24.36	458.54		482.90
Annual Meeting Dinner			143.65	143.65
Contractors		5,500.00		5,500.00
Communication and Outreach	2,600.00	4,812.00	13,868.00	21,280.00
Community Engagement Specialist	2,400.00			2,400.00
CPR Program Consultant			250.00	250.00
Executive Director		30,000.00		30,000.00
Legal and Professional Services		1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
OMD Consultant		1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Total Contractors	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 42,562.00	\$ 15,518.00	\$ 63,080.00
Dues and Subscriptions		143.40	257.00	400.40
Event Expense		200.45	399.23	599.68
Grant/Program Expense		1,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
Meetings		86.55	24.04	110.59
Membership Dues		360.00	484.15	844.15
Office Supplies & Software	125.87	59.69	469.50	655.06
PayPal Fees			67.79	67.79
Printing and Copying	842.83	759.37	112.46	1,714.66
Rent & Lease			494.00	494.00
Seminars and Training		0.00	665.00	665.00
Shipping, Freight & Delivery	20.00	195.94	112.04	327.98
Shirt Cost			429.00	429.00
Solitary Supplies		4.22		4.22
Speaker Fees		629.95	200.00	829.95
Special Events - Expense		25.00		25.00
Taxes & Licenses			50.00	50.00
Travel	468.00	778.42		1,246.42
Web Design		12.00	96.00	108.00

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Other Income

Interest Income				14.17	14.17
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$	14.17	\$ 14.17
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$	14.17	\$ 14.17
Net Income	\$ 6,498.94	-\$ 1,750.53	-\$	8,127.39	-\$ 3,378.98

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