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REAL Transition – Kids Scholarships – Soc Sec Cards

NEXT UPAN MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Kafeneio Coffee House 258 West 3300 South, Salt Lake City

TOPIC: THE NEW PRISON Speakers: Steve Turley, Director of Special Projects And Kevin Miller, Architect for GSBS. Free and open to the public.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please email (or mail) questions you have to UPAN (addresses on page 10) by February 28th. We will send them to the speakers so they are prepared with answers.

#cut50 National Day of Empathy Tuesday, March 6th, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Location: The State Capitol, south steps (or Rotunda in case of inclement weather)

TOPICS: UPAN needs families to speak on how incarceration affects families

MEETING: Faith In Reform Summit Saturday, March 10th 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Zion ELCA 1078 South Foothill Drive Details on page 10.

April UPAN Meeting, Monday, April 9, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Kafeneio Coffee House 258 West 3300 South, Salt Lake City

TOPIC: TBA Free and open to the public.

FOCUS MEETING: To Be Announced. See page 10.

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Introduction to REAL Transition

By Dennis Wynn

REAL Transition is administered by Fresh Start Ventures a non-profit organization based out of Utah county. In the coming months REAL Transition and Fresh Start Ventures hope to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with Director Kersey and the UDOC that will allow REAL Transition to become the main transition program for individuals within the Utah State Prison system as they return to our community. Ryan Berg, Dave & Linda Donaldson, and Chris Raleigh of Fresh Start Ventures presented on REAL Transition in the February UPAN meeting.

What is REAL Transition?

REAL Transition is a community within the Utah State prison, and Utah's county Jail system's focused on providing incarcerated individuals with a method to improve themselves by establishing healthy connections and supporting them in developing a personal vision for success. These connections are to self, to community within, and to society, all which help establish a new beginning. We believe connections are the basis for a meaningful life within any community.

Connection to Self

An individual's connection to self happens through deep introspection, preparation, and recognition brought together through writing about who they were, who they are now, and who they want to become. This process is achieved through participation in REAL Transition. One part of Transition is a series of 25 interactive discussions called Transition Discovery. These discussions foster thoughts, feelings, insights, and ideas around important areas of life: Financial, Emotional, Social, Spiritual, and Physical which help answer written questions.

Connections to Community Within

These community connections happen during any of the following group settings in REAL Transition: Transition Discovery, Mentor Groups, the Live Authentic Workshop, or the Area Workshops. An individual's community connection happens by being prepared through weekly study of the material and participating in all aspects of Transition. These experiences help them learn to be vulnerable and become more willing to share their insights, feelings, and experiences. Individuals who are willing to learn by asking questions, opening themselves up to new ideas and principles, and allowing themselves to be teachable can find success in expressing themselves through writing and sharing their thoughts and feelings. This helps prepare them to engage with the world from a place of worthiness.

Connections to Society

An individual's connection to society is about putting into practice the things they've learned. This can help in healing past relationships and in building new relationships important to one's success. Communication with the outside world is vital to this connection through letters, phone calls, and visits; meaningful interactions with volunteers and healthy dealings with staff. We measure these connections to help establish

where individuals need to focus their attention regarding personal growth through connections.

The Focus

The focus throughout Transition is analyzing oneself through introspection and expressing oneself through writing. This process assists in the creation of documents which can significantly improve the connections to family, friends, and society. REAL Transition is unique because it is not a check list of things to read or to do. It's about connections and learning how to live a wholehearted, authentic life. Individuals make the decision to participate because they are seeking a better way to live and are searching for the actions necessary to achieve a successful life. REAL Transition helps individuals develop healthy connections necessary for lasting success.

Here is an excerpt from a Christmas letter UPAN received from Dennis Wynn discussing how important REAL Transition has been to him:

"It is hard for me to believe another full year has passed. The time away from family and friends is more difficult than words can express. I am extremely grateful for the meaningful connections that I have been able to make both inside and outside of prison.

"My REAL Transition experience has been life changing. Being the main architect of the materials and processes of Transition and having the opportunity to teach and refine these materials has been a humbling experience. It has generated many valuable lessons for me. It has helped me realize how much I need to continue to learn and how little I really know. The opportunity to serve others has helped me develop greater compassion and empathy. I have developed a great love for those I serve and I am driven to help them and all who are working at becoming better people. Transition has given me the chance to connect with others and create remarkable bonds because of our common goals of transformation and improvement.

"One of the greatest experiences for me in Transition has been learning more about myself through the process of writing. I have also learned to be much more vulnerable and honest with myself and others because of new understandings and insights. The *Live Authentic Workshop* has been especially helpful in learning about how to practice and apply vulnerability. The sharing and deep discussions with others in these workshops have been life changing for me. I feel "becoming more vulnerable has helped me grow to new

levels. It has been scary and exciting all at the same time. I have pushed myself to do things I would have never done before and I'm growing every day because of this. It has helped me continue to develop and refine REAL Transition. This year in our Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Concert I sang a solo. I would have never allowed myself to be that vulnerable in this area of my life. This was something I never thought I could do but because I've learned how vulnerability feels I'm not as afraid to deal with uncomfortable emotions and feelings.

"Through deep introspection and the writing process I have learned a lot about my past and how to take those experiences and find ways to become a better me. I have also learned a lot about the present and how to make the most out of every moment and to find joy and happiness every day. Transition has helped me learn more about living in the present and creating healthy new habits as well as how to establish and achieve

meaningful goals. My goals help me to continue to dream and believe in the future.

"The practice of completing REAL Transition line by line and a piece at a time has been a great experience of patience and commitment. There is no instant gratification involved. Completion and transformation occurs one class, one answer, and one document at a time. It is a difficult and yet rewarding process.

"I'm so grateful for the entire REAL Transition experience. I am thankful to be able to share the information I've put together with others. But most of all, I am grateful for the experience Transition has given me, through my own writing and discoveries to be a more appreciative and understanding person, I've been able to learn more about myself through this process than at any other time in my life. REAL Transition has been a fantastic, life-changing experience." - Dennis Wynn

THE MEN BEHIND THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL TRANSITION

By Ryan Berg and Molly Prince

REAL Transition is a remarkable program that inmates in USP and CUCF and individuals rebuilding their lives after prison in the community are voluntarily participating in and gaining tremendous benefit from. The men behind the creation and implementation of REAL Transition are Utah inmates. We want to highlight each one and acknowledge our deep appreciation for their sacrifices and contribution to helping so many improve their lives in facilities that sometimes feel like they are thwarting personal growth.

Dennis Wynn In the fall of 2015 Dennis Wynn and other incarcerated individuals created REAL Transition as a way to help individuals transform their lives and prepare to successfully re-enter society. This was created from being in the middle of the problem and seeing that no one was going to solve the re-entry/transition problem for them. So this group of incarcerated individuals worked together to solve it for themselves as well as the men and women who were in the very same circumstances.

Dennis had been mentoring and helping men in this way for many years before the creation of the REAL Transition curriculum and program. I (Ryan Berg) met Dennis in 2013. He and I began talking one day, and he asked me one question that struck me to my core. "If you could do anything with your life, and you knew you would not fail, what would you do?" My answer lacked vision. It lacked a plan. It lacked an understanding of my self-worth and my talents. Dennis took me and helped me to see that I have value and talents. He helped me to understand how I could use them to be successful and stable in my life.

Dennis does this constantly, with everyone that he meets. We became best friends. We talked about

principles and values; families and relationships. We talked about why I had come to prison. Not just the crime I had committed, but the real root reasons. And in that process of discovery, I grew far beyond anything I could have achieved on my own. I discovered who I was, where I had been, why I had been there, and I set a course for where I wanted to go. The proof of this model, the empirical evidence, is in the facts of my life now compared to my life back then - as it will be found in the facts of every person's life who comes into this program, embraces it, lives it, and uses it. This is the way to become something better than who you were. REAL Transition is different because it is a way of life. It is founded on principles that have existed forever.

REAL Transition simply supports the other programming UDC offers, because it prepares the individuals to enter those programs. This is not just a transition to the community program, this is a transition into a new-life program. It should be available for everyone, no matter where they are in their incarceration journey.

Jeremy English is a skilled graphic designer. One of the things he did when he became involved in REAL Transition was to create and establish the Logo, Brand, and Identity of REAL Transition. Next, he helped improve the materials, enhancing each PowerPoint and workbook. As they worked on the look, feel, and flow of the content, he was of enormous assistance to the creative process. With his help, REAL Transition took on a polished, professional look and feel. His creative abilities are phenomenal. *(Please note that Jeremy also was a winner of UPAN's 2017 Holiday Card Contest in the Contemporary Category.)*

James Perry has been a great asset since the beginning of REAL Transition. He originally recognized

the need for some type of class instruction. It was from this initial insight that Transition Discovery was created. He was a great help in reviewing and red-lining materials as they were created in the early stages. He was the original facilitator of the Orientation Class. Real Transition organizers look to Jim for his wisdom and insight to help in the main aspects of Transition.

David Ayotte was responsible for formatting the original workbooks. He worked hard each week to stay ahead of the production of the next workbook. He used his technical skills to put together the original PowerPoints and sourced all of the media clips that are used. Many of those clips are still used today. Dave's skills and talents were very beneficial to the development of the original workbooks and PowerPoints.

Denim Robinson Denim was instrumental in building the attendance tracking system necessary to keep information on the various classes, workshops, and groups. He also kept pertinent information necessary for quarterly reports. Denim has been a tremendous benefit in developing the information necessary to create empirical data for the future of REAL Transition.

Bill Lee was the person who introduced Brene Brown's TED Talks from her book *Daring Greatly* to REAL Transition. Because of his knowledge of this material and his ability to teach, he initially facilitated all of the live authentic workshops using the *Daring Greatly* material. Bill's influence and excitement about Brown's work has had a great impact on REAL Transition.

Sergio Torres has been influential with the Spanish speaking participants in Transition. He helped translate material so those who speak very little English can benefit from the material presented each week. Sergio has a great passion to help all individuals but especially those who struggle to understand because of the language barrier. He is a great help to the Spanish speaking community in CUCF.

Kevin Lacey came along in Transition when the creators and mentors were printing as many as 170 workbooks every five weeks. His dedication and commitment to help complete the printing, assembling and binding of these books in the short periods of time they had to produce them was a tremendous help to Transition. He was constantly watching and informing those who ordered the supplies to make sure they could keep up with production. Kevin has assisted in the weekly consistency and growth of REAL Transition.

The above men continue their prison journeys offering their skills, love and expertise to help others.

Ryan Berg successfully completed parole in 2017. He has rebuilt a successful life in the community as a father of two children, a business analyst for a logistics company and a REAL Transition Mentor / Facilitator and Community Member Advisory Board Member for Fresh Start Ventures.

FRESH START TRANSITION COMMUNITY

Dave and Linda Donaldson started Fresh Start Ventures. They are LDS Volunteers at the prison and share their heartfelt dedication to using REAL Transition to help them pursue their life's purpose of helping others. They shared that doing this work with inmates, and also offering a safe and no-cost space for individuals in the community seeking to use REAL Transition to transform their lives, has been "a life-changing experience for our family. These are the people that Jesus told us to reach out to and lift. The funny thing is, while we thought we were volunteering to lift our brothers and sisters, it is we who are constantly lifted by this work. We receive more than we give."

The Board Members of Fresh Start include Dave Donaldson, Founder & Executive Director; Linda Donaldson, co-founder and Women's and Children's Outreach; Joseph Spencer, Vice President; Chris Raleigh, Education Specialist for LDS Correctional Services, Former CES Principal; Susan Larsen, Board Member from the community (V-P at Wells Fargo); and Dr. Lee Johnson, Psychologist and BYU Professor.

Since REAL Transition was born in Central Utah Correctional Facility in 2015, over 700 men have been touched by the program. Currently over 150 men participate in weekly classes in the Boulders and Henries Housing Facilities. Classes are taught by Peer Mentors and facilitated by Volunteer Mentors.

In the Draper Timpanogos Facility over 24 women participate in weekly classes and over 40 have been involved in the program since 2017.

REAL Transition will hopefully expand to other USP facilities and there are plans to introduce it to various county jails throughout the state in the future.

In the community, REAL Transition Provo meets weekly. Currently there are 13 participating in weekly classes and over 40 have touched the program since 2017.

REAL Transition Will Bring Lasting Transformation to Anyone Who Chooses to Dig Into It by Molly Prince, LCSW

As a mental / behavioral health therapist who has worked with probationers and parolees for 21 years in the community outpatient treatment setting, I believe that REAL Transition will bring lasting transformation to

anyone who chooses to dig into it, do the amazing work, and live it.

While my specialty is working with court or board ordered adults who have offended in a sexual manner, I

also work with other individuals who come into therapy voluntarily who are striving to improve and change their lives. I have used a wide variety of treatment approaches, modalities and programs for various client needs over the past two decades. REAL Transition seems to be a synthesis of so much that has been proven to help people make lasting change and find their value, discover meaning in their lives, and discern their life's purpose.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dennis Wynn through the visiting room when he was housed in Draper and his daughter, Heather Fabian, would visit. Heather is one of the women who co-founded UPAN with me and she was an original director. My limited in-person experience of Dennis is that he is a humble and deeply caring man. Dennis shared the REAL Transition curriculum with me several months ago and I was immediately impressed that Dennis created such an inspired, in depth and comprehensive program to assist anyone who is interested in going through the process in finding themselves, identifying their core values and beliefs, and re-discovering their personal value and strengths in all areas of life – mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social, and financial. These courses take 25 weeks. They inspire and encourage the participants to truly invest themselves into their own evolution and change processes - and that's not to be taken lightly.

All Human Behavior is an Attempt to Meet Unmet Needs

Years ago, I was introduced to the premise that we have basic, internal, psychological needs that we will all spend all of our time and energy endeavoring to meet, regardless if our choices in how we meet those needs is pro-social or anti-social, productive or unproductive, helpful or harmful. I discovered this in my beginning years as a therapist. It was proposed in the 1980s by Dr. Gary Applegate, a former BYU professor who wrote the book *Happiness, It's Your Choice*.

REAL Transition cites Marshall B. Rosenberg, PhD's book, *Nonviolent Communication* in which he asserts that behind every action, however ineffective, tragic, violent or abhorrent to us, is an attempt to meet a need. The creator, mentors and facilitators of REAL Transition have posited the possibility that states, "What if every individual who sits incarcerated, or trapped in addiction, or buried under the weight of self-doubt and depression has simply been trying to fulfill a need, however ineffectively? What if those individuals have within themselves tremendously valuable talents and abilities that remain undiscovered? Could what has been a burden on society become an asset simply by teaching correct principles and giving them a vision and a pathway?" I want to echo... "What if?!"

This premise is the basis of many therapeutic approaches used in psychology and other disciplines that focus on helping people find their value, meaning, happiness and purpose.

REAL Transition Could Benefit all Inmates

Personally and professionally, I would be thrilled if REAL Transition were made available in every housing unit in each facility of the Department of Corrections, and in each county jail that State inmates are sent via the Inmate Placement Program, as well as introductions to shorter term county inmates in those jails so that they can continue the program when released.

Currently, the only in-depth treatment programs consistently offered in the Utah Prison System are substance abuse and sex offender treatment programs. These programs are important and vital, but there are many other offenders in the system that could benefit from help offered by this in depth self-help program. While there are other psychoeducational skills classes offered in our jails and prisons, there is nothing else as comprehensive as REAL Transition. REAL Transition is an approach that every individual who has struggled and found themselves caught up in the criminal justice system can benefit from, regardless of the offense, the person's history, or the challenges they continue to face.

The beauty of REAL Transition is that the individuals who become involved are self-selected. This is as it should be. They should not be required to participate in REAL Transition as a condition of a Case Action Plan, of classification or housing levels, nor as a condition of obtaining a parole date. Individuals who become involved and truly benefit from the Transition classes and workshops become meaningfully engaged and do the deep digging and soul-searching work because they truly desire to discover, know and heal themselves. If everyone were offered the opportunity of REAL Transition while incarcerated, those who choose to benefit from it would be much more prepared to move forward with their lives once released.

I believe that REAL Transition brings lasting transformation to those who are committing themselves to it.

On behalf of UPAN and the many individuals touched by REAL Transition both inside and out, I want to share deep gratitude to Dennis Wynn. Thank you Dennis, for your loving heart, your desire to contribute to the greater good and improvement of each individual you have come into contact with, and for devoting your life these past years to giving this gift to the world. And much appreciation to those who mentor and facilitate this program both inside and out.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." Barack Obama

* * * * **SCAM ALERT** * * * *

We have been Alerted of a Scam Against Sex Offenders on the Registry

A scam that targets registered sex offenders is making its way around the U.S. If you know anyone who is on Utah's registry, please alert them to the scam. A caller posing as a law enforcement official calls and states that the registrant is in potential violation of the registry terms and may have a warrant issued against them for

their arrest unless they -- surprise -- pay a fine over the phone. Anyone who receives a call like that is advised to NOT provide any payment or personal financial information, save the number from which they received the call and immediately report it to the state police as well as the FCC.

**Willy the Plumber Scholarship Application Time
for Children of Inmates**

Willy the Plumber Scholarship is specifically for Utah children of incarcerated persons who are doing a lot of time. It was created and is sponsored by Karl's Affordable Plumbing (Karl Winsness) and managed and administered by the Community Foundation of Utah, a 501c3 nonprofit organization registered with the IRS.

Karl has again contacted UPAN to get the word out that 2018's Willey the Plumber Scholarship applications will be accepted between Feb. 15, 2018 until March 30th.

For more information and to obtain an application or to donate to this wonderful cause, **please contact** The Community Foundation of Utah who manages the scholarship fund. Mailing address is 2257 East 1100 South, Suite #205 SLC 84106 or call 801-559-3005. You may also contact Karl Winsness at 801-548-1829. <http://www.willytheplumberscholarship.net> or email: info@utahcf.org

The basic criteria for students applying for a scholarship: Kids with a parent doing prison time if they have done three or more years within the last seven years or are doing more than two years right now. The applicant needs to have Utah roots.

The definition of a child of an inmate is interpreted loosely in this program. A child of an inmate can be a biological child, step child, common law child, biological but estranged child, where the birth certificate or last name is not as important as the visiting record or other supporting facts that show the connection between the child and the inmate.

The applicant should have a minimum of a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply, but for best consideration it's recommended the student have at least a 3.0 GPA.

The scholarship award amount is \$500 annually for vocational and technical schools, and \$1,000 annually for colleges and universities. The number of awards

varies based on the number of qualified applicants and the donations received to fund the scholarships.

The following is from the above listed website:

We recognize that these children themselves haven't done anything wrong – Basically they are also victims of their parents' bad choices; the 'Forgotten Victims of Crime.' We want to break that cycle, a way out of prison visiting rooms, with an incentive and some financial help towards getting a higher education.

The purpose of these Scholarships is to first act as an incentive - a seed to succeed - for these kids to be able to do better than their parents; to know that they can do better. There is a Scholarship specifically for them (by getting good grades and staying out of gangs and drugs); There is help with that financial burden of college. The second is to provide not only some financial help and also possibly some direction. Too often, too little is expected of these kids. The student must have a strong desire to succeed in life and college or a post-high school institution; that will be determined by their application and their eligibility.

The number of Scholarships will be dependent on the amount of donations: The more money that comes in the more that can go out. It's up to me (Karl), the public, and the Utah State Prison Inmates to make sure that this scholarship keeps working – and then the inmates also get credit for its success.

This is still a work in progress. Most of the funding for scholarships is coming out of Mr. Winsness' pocket. He hopes to receive donations from the public as well as from inmates.

Every Scholarship handed out will be published on the Willy the Plumber website. This information will include the name of the recipient and whatever they want to disclose.

Look for something positive in each day – even if some days you have to look a little harder! Anonymous

"We all do better when we work together. Our differences matter, but our common humanity matters more." Bill Clinton

OBTAINING REPLACEMENT SOCIAL SECURITY (SS) CARDS WHILE IN PRISON

The following is a re-print of an article UPAN originally published in 2014. There continue to be multiple individuals released from USP without their Social Security cards, birth certificates and other documentation necessary to obtain a valid state ID. This seems to be particularly true for individuals who are expiring their sentences. UPAN has been advised that the prison transitional team is now assisting inmates in obtaining documents prior to release, but there seems to be a number of offenders who fall through the cracks, possibly because some are in county jails and their transitional needs are not being addressed in a timely manner. We encourage inmates to do this themselves.

UPAN wants to do what we can to help educate inmates on how to get a duplicate Social Security card while in prison. It will be held by the prison until release. The other option is you can designate a trusted friend or loved one in the community to receive and hold it for you. Please know there are a limited number of duplicate cards one individual can receive in a lifetime.

Q. How can prisoners get replacement Social Security cards while in prison?

A. Obtain one document to prove identity. The document must be original or certified by custodian of the record with signature. SS will not accept prison issued ID. Here are some examples:

1. Acceptable documents: original or certified copy of medical record. Medical records are electronic so they should be considered a certified copy when the document is printed, stamped and signed by the record custodian.

a) To obtain a medical record, obtain a Dept. of Corrections GRAMA (Government Records Access and Management Act) form from caseworker.

b) Mail a fully completed GRAMA request form to medical records at the prison to obtain medical records summary. Clearly state you want a medical records summary in order to obtain a replacement Social Security card so medical records will not send you your entire set of medical records.

(1) Cost for records is 25 cents a page

(2) Medical records will be sent back to inmate.

2. Other acceptable documents: physician's statement, dental records, driver's license, state-issued non-driver identity card, passport, or U.S. military ID card (prison ID will not work).

3. The physician statement and dental records should be less than 2 years old, should be original or certified copy with signature, stamp or seal from medical office. The document should be from the medical chart or medical records and include the full name, medical procedure, and date of birth. Nicknames will not work in getting a replacement social security card.

B. Complete the SS-5. The SS-5 is the Social Security Administration application form for a Social Security card. The name (first and last name) on the SS-5 must be the same as the name on the medical records form. You should get these forms from your case manager.

C. Inmate mails the completed and signed Form SS-5 and stamped and signed medical records to Social Security office. Original or certified copy of medical records must be sent to SS office. The office that serves the prison is 348 E. Winchester St. Suite 100, Murray, UT 84107. Ph. 1-866-690-1947. If you are having the SS-5 form sent to a family member or other person outside of the prison, please be sure to give that address on line 16 of SS-5 form by writing (example): care of Jane Doe 111 Any Street, Anytown, State, 11111. If you are having it sent to someone outside of Utah, please ask the person you are sending it to, to provide you with the address of the Social Security office in their town.

1. The printed medical record should be accompanied by a page that is signed, dated and stamped by the custodian of the record.

2. There is no specific person at Social Security to which applications from the prison should be mailed. It is best to request your Social Security card from the office that services the mailing address you are having them send your SS card to. Clearly state on the SS-5 form you want a REPLACEMENT social security card or they may think you want an original social security card and then they would need proof of birth.

The five Utah Social Security offices are as follows:

Social Security Office
175 East 400 South Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Social Security Office
348 E Winchester St. Suite 100
Murray, UT 84107 Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Social Security Office
324 25th Street, Room 2403 FOB
Ogden, UT 84401

Social Security Office
923 South River Road
St. George, UT 84790

Social Security Office
485 North Freedom BLVD
Provo, UT 84601

Other Social Security offices can be found at
the website: www.ssa.gov

II. Within 7 to 14 days the new (or replacement) SS card will be mailed to the address provided by the inmate.

A. US Postal Services will deliver a Social Security card to the Utah Department of Corrections, Records Department or to friends or family of the resident. Use c/o (in care of) even when sending Social Security cards back to the Utah Department of Corrections.

B. It may be easier to mail your SS card to a trusted relative's home address. Get their permission before having the SS card mailed to their home. It should be mailed with the inmate's name c/o (in care of) the name or place to which it is mailed.

C. In the case of Road Home, if they have no record of a person staying there with the inmate's name, the card will be returned to Social Security and destroyed. You may receive no more than three replacement Social Security number cards in one year and ten replacement social security number cards per lifetime.

D. Using the phrase "in care of" or C/O is very important in getting a replacement Social Security card. If the US Postal Service cannot verify you live at the address the SS card is being sent to, it will not leave it and it will be returned to Social Security and destroyed. Always use c/o if you have not been living at the address and know someone who has been living and receiving mail at the stated address.

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New Electronic Address Verification Process as of February 14, 2017

Public Information Officer Maria Peterson shared that the Department of Corrections has listened to the feedback from families and have provided a new, electronic address verification process for releasing individuals. If you need to submit an address for a releasing offender, try the new Electronic Address Verification Process.

The following is taken directly from the website at: <https://corrections.utah.gov/index.php/offender-resources/address-verification-form>

What is an Address Verification Form? An address verification is necessary to protect the safety of the public and to help in the successful reentry/parole of the releasing offender. Adult Probation and Parole (AP&P) Agents review and investigate a proposed address to make sure it supports the offender's supervision needs. The address verification process considers public safety, victim issues and any other issues that may impact the successful reentry of the offender. The person who submits their address for consideration first answers a few questions to begin the process. The Electronic Address Verification form replaces a paper form that was once used to start this process.

Why is the process changing? First and foremost, we are making this form electronic for efficiency and consistency. Feedback from staff and from inmates' family members supported moving to an electronic process and moving away from paper forms, which required printing and delivery. The electronic form is conveniently located on the UDC website and goes directly to the appropriate Department contact without concern of the form getting lost or delayed by mail.

Who needs to use this form and when should I submit it? Family members or friends of inmates who have agreed to have the offender live with them following release. You can submit the form when your loved one is about 120 days from release.

What happens after I submit it? You'll be contacted within seven days by a UDC staff member who will give you info on the next steps in the process. If the release date exceeds 90 days, the address review may not occur right away. You can check your approval status any time by emailing re-entry@utah.gov.

SALT LAKE CITY'S DAY OF EMPATHY: MARCH 6, 2018 5:30 - 7 PM AT THE CAPITOL SOUTH STEPS

This is a national day of action to generate empathy on a massive scale for millions of Americans impacted by the criminal justice system. Britnee Webb has connected UPAN with other local groups for Utah's 2nd Annual Day of Empathy. In order to reform our criminal justice system, we must first humanize and empathize with those who are impacted by it. Throughout the country, the Day of Empathy will highlight the needs and share the perspectives of Americans impacted by the current justice system. This can include those who are addicted or mentally ill, incarcerated individuals working to transform themselves, people with a criminal record desperately seeking a second chance, families of incarcerated persons, and all community members impacted by crime, public safety, and violence. **SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES.** CONTACT utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com

The New Utah State Prison, The Proposed Inland Port, And Environmental Justice

By Wayne Martinson, Conservation Committee Member, Great Salt Lake Audubon

Notes regarding the author and the article below:

Wayne Martinson worked for National Audubon Society until retiring in Sept. 2016. The National Audubon Society Gillmor Sanctuary is just north of the new state prison, across what is called the Goggin Drain. For over 25 years Wayne was intermittently involved in Northwest Quadrant planning and also with various components of the Gillmor Sanctuary.

There are a couple of reasons that he is interested in a buffer for a railroad freight terminal for the prison. **First**, a railroad freight terminal would likely be a very hard place to live close to. And if a person were living full time near a railroad freight terminal it would be even harder. This feels like a potential environmental justice

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The new Utah State Prison is being built in an area northwest of the Salt Lake Airport. More specifically, it is being built to the east of 8800 West and north of approximately 1700 North.

The area where the prison is being built is in what is called the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City. Much of the area in the Northwest quadrant that is north of I-80, including where the new prison is located, has not been open to the public. Roads and infrastructure are being put into place to service this area.

The Northwest Quadrant Plan, which was approved by Salt Lake City Council in 2016, zones this area as M-1 or light industrial. But it should be noted that before the most recent approval of the Northwest Quadrant Plan there had been serious discussion of the area being zoned for residential.

As the decision was made to put the new prison in the northwest part of the Northwest Quadrant, people assumed that light industrial would be something along the lines of warehouses and light industrial.

Recently, there has been a great deal of discussion about developing an inland port in the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City. The inland port would consist of a railroad freight terminal along with warehouses and other facilities associated with the terminal. The full size and scope of the railroad freight terminal and the associated facilities for the inland port have not yet been determined nor has the exact location. It could be located either to the South or the North of I-80.

The railroad freight terminal is perhaps the most concern regarding the Utah State Prison. While this freight terminal could be constructed in an environmentally sensitive way it would no doubt still have substantial noise and lighting associated with it. Air quality has also been a major issue at other ports. But if the freight terminal primarily uses electric vehicles, air quality concerns could be minimized.

issue. Everyone should be concerned about how humans are treated and the impacts of where they live on their quality of life. **Second**, the same kinds of concerns regarding a railroad freight terminal for humans can apply to wildlife. The prison is located next to areas managed for wildlife, primarily birds. A buffer for the prison regarding a railroad freight terminal would also provide an additional buffer for wildlife. The article below is Wayne Martinson's very brief review of the issues regarding the new state prison location and the inland port. UPAN deeply appreciates Mr. Martinson's involvement in this issue and his willingness to keep us apprised of the ongoing developments.

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The Salt Lake City Council's process of approving zoning text amendments that would allow the development of the inland port. One zoning text amendment is that the railroad freight terminal would be prohibited within one mile of residential zoning district.

The Salt Lake City Council will likely approve zoning text amendments on Feb. 20. The City Council has been informed that a large number of organizations (including UPAN) are also in support of a one-mile buffer for a railroad freight terminal within one mile of the prison. Whether or not this will be included in the amendments on Feb. 20 (or sometime after that) is uncertain. Since the deadline for the UPAN newsletter article is before Feb. 20, including a one-mile buffer between the prison and the terminal is not known as I'm writing this.

The following are a few items for future follow-up:

1. The next UPAN newsletter should include an update regarding the City Council decision on whether or not to include a one-mile buffer for a railroad freight terminal for the prison.
2. The entire concern regarding the location of a railroad freight terminal being close to the prison points to the need for vigilance regarding potential operations/ businesses that could operate in a way that would have negative consequences for people living at the prison. An M-1 zoning is not necessarily protective. Further M-1 zoning can be changed and altered. (UPAN Families need to pay attention to this).
3. As this is being written, the Utah State Legislature is considering taking over the planning and governmental oversight for the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City. If this were to occur, then the types of uses that might be allowed in the Northwest Quadrant could be opened to other activities that would be detrimental to people living at the prison. An update on this potential legislation should also be provided in the next newsletter.

2018 Faith in Reform Summit Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, March 10th 8:30 AM coffee and continental breakfast, 10:30 - 10:45 am – Snack Break. 11:30 – 12:15 Lunch provided, followed by afternoon break-out sessions. Break 2:00 - 2:15 pm. Ends at 3:30 PM

WHERE: ZION Evangelical Lutheran Church 1078 South Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City UT

Speakers – 9 AM Introductions. Presenters expected are: **Patrick Carverand** Christian Motor Cycle Association; **Mel Gardner** Utah State Government; **Mark Swain** Weber Crime Investigator; **Bishop Willie Dunn** Worldwide Gospel Church; **Sargent Dennis Tucker and Captain Johnson** UDC – mentoring, **Shannon Miller Cox** Journey of Hope; **Nubia Pena** Racially Just Utah; **Jason Goth** ACLU of Utah; **Jean Hill** Catholic Diocese. **Rev. Vicki Neumann**.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."
John Quincy Adams

How Can UPAN Be More Effective?

Answer: G R O W, G R O W, G R O W our Membership!
Here Is Step One!

To be super effective, UPAN needs a large membership with individuals willing to participate in committees that focus on various issues that need attention. Here's one way we can grow quickly. There are currently about 6,600 inmates in the UDC prison system. If every inmate has two people who are family or friends, they should be UPAN attendees. Some inmates don't have anyone outside but for those who do, they should strive to get another person or two to help reach two UPAN attendees for every inmate. That equals 13,200 UPAN members (6,600 x 2 = 13,200).

Then those new 13,200 members should persuade another (preferably two) neighbor(s), friend(s), or even family, who see the need to improve the criminal justice system. That will bring our monthly attendance up to 26,400 attendees. (Too big a crowd for Kafeneio Coffee House but we stream Facebook Live). Don't you think the legislators, Governor's office, and the media would take notice and listen to UPAN families' concerns and recommendations? You can bet serious money on that! Let's work on this quickly and maybe by July of this year, we will have to charge our meeting attendees one dollar (\$1.00) per meeting to pay for the football stadium where we will need to meet. Thanks for your help in growing UPAN. Ed. (with a little tongue-in-cheek!)

When FOCUS Meetings are held, they are on the first Monday of the month, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

**LOCATION: Region 3 Adult Probation & Parole Office,
36 W. Fremont Ave (Just West of State St.) SLC Subjects vary and are announced.**
Watch the UPAN Newsletter for future meetings and subjects to be addressed.

**"To know the value of 15 minutes, just ask someone with an incarcerated loved one...
Those 15 minutes in a phone call are the lifeline of the relationship."** Prison Wife Quotes

We've been bouncing around between what's cool and what's hot. What is both is REAL Transition! For those who are serious about living a life that's productive and fulfilling, responding to your calling for which you were born, be it small accomplishments or something that has century-long recognition, we all are here for a reason. And the reason can change with your life's season. I speak from experience. For 23 years my calling was to take care of my Mom, with personal interests a lower priority. My season changed with her passing at age 102 and now my calling is to work as a volunteer for inmates, their families, and for positive changes in the criminal justice system. I am your friend (and so is UPAN). Ed.

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**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead**