

# TEARING DOWN THE WALLS



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## CHIP PO BOX

Want to write to us directly?  
Contact us at the address below.  
We try to ensure that everyone  
is responded to within a month.

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Lake Worth, FL 33460

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CHIP!



**'TIS THE SEASON TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON! GET YOUR VOICES HEARD!**

From all of us at the Covid-19 Hotline for Incarcerated People (CHIP), we want to wish you wonderful holidays and a happy new year. Know that you will be in our thoughts and that we will continue to advocate for you no matter the holiday or season.

We know that sometimes it seems like no one outside of the walls of the jail really understands what you are experiencing. It is not often that the community has a glimpse of the true humanity of people who are incarcerated in our own backyard. We have been working hard to change that. Earlier this year, the Decarcerate Broward Coalition created a list of demands based on the reports that were provided from people in jail. We have been sharing your stories with officials and the general public. One of the demands is for full and complete transparency with the public about the status and severity of COVID-19 cases and safety protocols within Broward's correctional facilities. We are continuing to fight for your well being alongside our community partners.

As such, we are spearheading a letter writing campaign in collaboration with Chainless Change, Inc. (CCI). Our goal is to amplify your concerns to local elected officials, including our county commissioners, and the community at large. We would love for the community to hear from you regarding how the Broward Sheriff's Office has handled COVID-19 and other health issues, overall treatment inside of jails, and other general concerns. Please contact us if you would like to share your story with your local commissioner and others in the community who should represent your best interests. When writing your letter, please address it to "Dear Commissioner" or "Concerned Community Member". It would also be beneficial if you include your most recent address, so that we can direct your letters to the person who represents your home district. We will do our best to ensure that those in positions of power are accountable to you. In solidarity -CHIP

SEND TO: JAIL CONCERNS 4300 N. UNIVERSITY DR. SUITE F-100, SUNRISE, FL 33351



## OUTCOMES OF OUR WORK

CHIP started taking phone calls on April 5th of this year, since then we have spoken to hundreds of people, taken thousands of calls, protested multiple times outside the jails and have continued to grow and improve based on your feedback and needs. Our work has lead to the release of about 10 people, increased medical care for individuals and minor covid-19 prevention improvements such as masks and cleaning supplies, as well as improved commissary items. We are constantly striving to figure out different ways to get your voices heard and keep the public pressure on. From your calls we have developed a podcast, created and distributed a report on COVID-19 and conditions in the jails, have released multiple press releases and have conducted interviews with the press highlighting your struggles and triumphs.



## ABOUT CHIP

The COVID-19 Hotline for Incarcerated People (CHIP) is an all-volunteer prison abolition group which runs a hotline for incarcerated people in South Florida. We offer information, resources, & referrals to incarcerated people facing dire conditions in the wake of COVID-19. We accept calls (including collect calls) 3 days a week (see below for details). We document the conditions in the jails, connect incarcerated people with family members and other resources, do direct advocacy and agitate for systemic change.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN REACH US AT: (561) 486-9099

## SURVIVING JAIL

It is so unhealthy to be stationary in your cell. I recommend some form of exercise. The heart is the strongest muscle therefore you should jog in place or walk back and forth. Our commissary items are what I call gas station food. They lack efficient minerals and vitamins. Heavy exercise is not preferred. To be sure, ask your medical physician.

-J.B.

## STATS FROM CARE & COVID REPORT

- 75% of callers have pre-existing medical conditions
- 50% of callers had medical conditions that could cause a severe response if they contracted COVID-19
- 30% of callers mentioned medical neglect
- Only 14% of callers were tested for COVID-19

## WANT TO BE ON OUR PODCAST?

Are you interested in getting on our podcast "Tearing Down the Walls"? If so, give us a call and we would love to interview you. We also love poetry and music performances as well! (For legal reasons, we can not discuss anything related to your case.)