

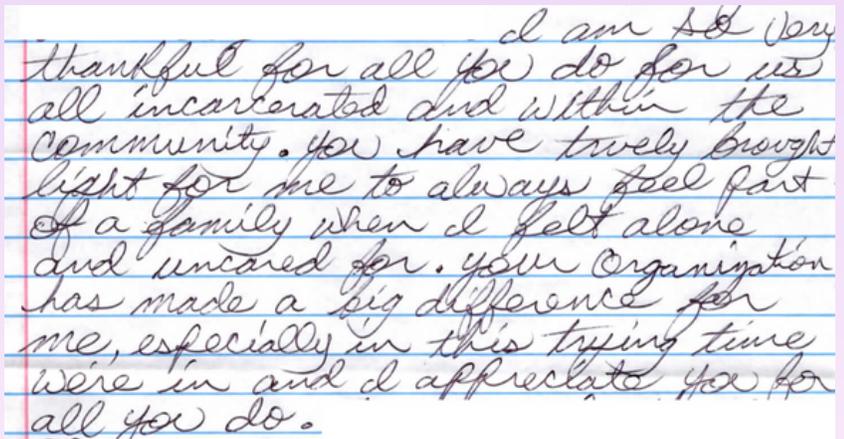


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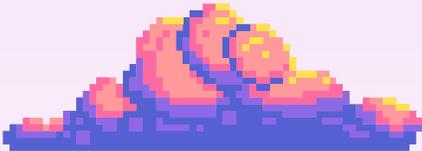
Based in Southern California, Power Blossoms is an abolitionist organization bringing together queer and trans people on both sides of prison walls in the fight against hierarchies and State oppression. We are organized and funded entirely by community efforts. You can support our work by writing a birthday card, donating, helping us with our mail from anywhere, or following us!

GENERAL SUPPORT

Nearly all our work starts with the mail we receive. In addition to handling mail directed towards the projects described below, we might find ourselves researching a legal question, coordinating a phone zap for someone being abused by prison guards, or simply lending a listening ear to a person navigating a low point in their life. There are always letters that need attending to!

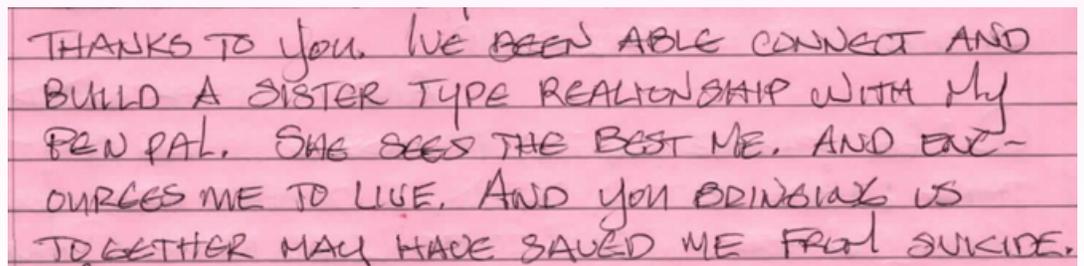
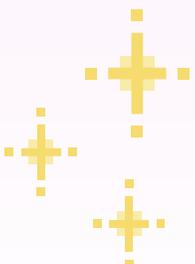


I am so very thankful for all you do for us all incarcerated and within the community. you have truly brought light for me to always feel part of a family when I felt alone and uncared for. your organization has made a big difference for me, especially in this trying time we're in and I appreciate you for all you do.

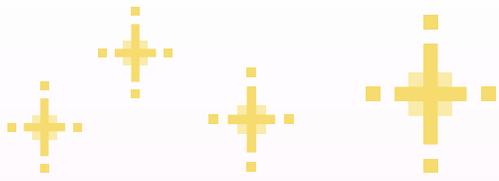


LETTER-WRITING

Fostering communication and building connections over prison walls is at the core of what we do. Recently retooled, this project provides people on the outside four different levels of commitment as they reach out: **Birthday Cards** are a one-off way to help folks feel celebrated on what can otherwise be an especially lonely day. **Conversations** allow a flow of letters to be exchanged between strangers in a manner that builds community. **Penpods** are groups of 2-4 outside friends supporting one individual inside, promoting consistency of communication while avoiding burnout. And **Penpals** take a on a powerful but challenging one-on-one friendship that we hope will span years.



THANKS TO YOU. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT AND BUILD A SISTER TYPE RELATIONSHIP WITH MY PEN PAL. SHE SEES THE BEST ME, AND ENCOURAGES ME TO LIVE. AND YOU BRINGING US TOGETHER MAY HAVE SAVED ME FROM SUICIDE.



PAROLE & REENTRY SUPPORT

We do our best to help our members navigate the stress of parole hearings, assisting them in formulating reentry plans to present to the Board by sharing relevant resources and making key introductions to other orgs. (These now include links to trans-friendly housing and pro bono attorneys.) We also provide letters of support advancing arguments for approving parole, in addition to monetary support upon release to ease the first few weeks' transition.

I also wanted to write to tell you that I was granted parole!! After 23 long years for my non-violent 3rd strike, I am so, so excited. Your support letter was a literary work of art and a powerful blessing. My commissioner at my hearing spoke of it very positively. It made a world of difference.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

While money is a tightly limited resource for nearly all prisoners, this is especially the case for queer and trans people who receive no outside support from families that have cut them off. To counteract this, we've distributed thousands of dollars to our members—money typically used to purchase more nutritious food, hygiene products not supplied by the prison, and gender-affirming products like makeup that would otherwise be inaccessible.



I want to let you know, I received acct. statement on March 29th 2023 and yes it showed \$57.00 has been added to my pre-paid acct. It came at the perfect time, It is a blessing for the help. Thank you to every one that helped in, helping me in financial support.



NEWSLETTER

We have now produced three issues of our quarterly newsletter, *The Floriograph*, named after hidden feelings expressed through “the language of flowers.” Each issue is ripe with trans abolitionist history/theory, news reports on outside resistance, artwork and letters from our members, legal resources, creative and self-care activities, publishing opportunities, and more!

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