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Dear Mrs. Dwan,

A friend and fellow inmate, here at G.B.C.I., Mike Evans # 344627 has told me about the work you do for us. About the ~~prison~~ prison rights, news letters, and all the help you give to the struggling and needy.

My Name is Robert Berndt # 519367. When I was a small child, about 2yrs old, My parents were physically and sexually abusive for about 3 years. At 5yrs old my father died from epilepsy. While having a seizure he drowned in a pool. My mother developed M.S. and began to abuse me more and more. With this my fathers sister (my aunt) adopted me and took me away from that place. yet, still the damage was done.

My mentality throughout life went from bad to insane and back again as I committed crimes, became addicted to drugs, fought battles with chronic nightmares, struggled with social shyness and my "sexuality". I developed epilepsy at 17 and various other mental illness's (I.E.D., PTSD, O.C.D., Bi-polar and other minor issues)

When I was 17, I was drunk and high on Heroin and made the biggest mistake of my life. I betrayed the trust of a little boy who I truly loved as a family friend. I made this horrible decision. I cannot blame it on my state of mind, only my bad decision to listen to the devil in the back of my subconscious. I sexually assaulted this little boy.

I hope this does not ~~discourage~~ discourage from helping me. My family is there to help me if they can, but I have 4 people in my family with cancer and serious life threatening issues. So its hard for them and me especially. I had confided in my mother (aunt) what I had done and she turned me in. In wich I told on myself and got "screwed" in the end, because I took a deal, layed the entire story out there and in the end got almost double the time I took a deal for. 7 in 5 out was the deal I signed, I got 10 in 10 out. What I did was wrong and I know it. My mother feels extremely guilty for turning me in. She's been in a very depressed mood and I wanted to ease her pain but I dont know how. I tell her she did nothing wrong but it seems she just cant get over it.

So, after Mike told me about your movement, Ive decided to try to devote some of my time to prisoner rights. I would love to recieve your News letters and possibly write some essays for your web-site. Possibly some influential letters and try to help you help us.

Thank you so much for what you do!!!

Sincerely,
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