



Before, During, and After Incarceration

Dear Friend,

BDAI (Before, During, and, After Incarceration), is reaching out to you in support for criminal justice reform and addressing unmet mental health needs in our local community. BDAI has supported incarcerated individuals and their families since 2017. We believe with support, encouragement and programming our returning citizens can be restored and become productive citizens, co-workers, family members and neighbors.

BDAI has contributed to our community in the following ways:

- We sponsor a monthly Support Dinner for families affected by incarceration.
- We offer weekly "Life Skill" classes at the Grand Traverse County Jail. Topics of discussion include resolving conflict, building self-esteem, grief and loss, positive communication, and the biology of addiction.
- In 2019, we began a coaching program that matches a trained volunteer who partners with an inmate from release through their first year to assist with a successful transition to life outside of jail.
- BDAI received grants to help individuals in need with BATA bus passes, food and, clothing vouchers. BDAI provides initial financial assistance to cover the high costs associated with probation terms and court programs for those who are indigent.
- We have volunteered with Keys to Freedom's ministry, "Gifts for Kids", an event for (children of the incarcerated) held during the Christmas season.
- BDAI has a strong focus on diversion programs that can deter individuals from entering the jail population. Statistics show that approximately 52% of those arrested are suffering from addiction and/or mental health disorders. We are assisting the larger community in establishing a crisis intervention center where those suffering mental health episodes and/or intoxication will be offered triage rather than be sent to jail.

BDAI is working hard to help the incarcerated and their families in Northern Michigan. We embrace the spirit of restoration instead of punishment and need your support. Our endeavors will help taxpayers and will create a safer community. Any financial help you are able to provide will sustain our efforts to continue this important community outreach mission.

Thank you.

BDAI Board of Directors

Please send donations to:

BDAI, P. O. Box 11, Traverse City, MI 49684

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