

TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE E.O.C.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY POSSIBLE:

WHEN GROWN MEN ARE INCARCERATED OR IN A FACILITY LIKE E.O.C.C., WE TEND TO HAVE OUR HEARTS HARDENED AND OUR EMOTIONS KEPT TO OURSELVES. HOWEVER, ON MONDAY (DEC. 12, 2016) EVENING, I WAS REMINDED OF THE GREAT AND POSITIVE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. TO ALL OF YOU WHO DEDICATED YOUR TIME & EFFORTS... THANK YOU! TO THOSE WHO DONATED MONEY TO PROVIDE EACH RESIDENT WITH AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF GIFTS & NECESSITIES... THANK YOU! BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU FOR CREATING SUCH A COMPASSIONATE & CARING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF US!

AT TIMES, A LOT OF US FEEL THAT PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN UP ON US OR THAT WE ARE VIEWED NEGATIVELY BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD. HOWEVER, THE ENTIRE E.O.C.C. STAFF AND ITS MANY VISITORS (PREACHERS, INTERNS, VOLUNTEERS, ETC.) HAVE MADE SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON ME SINCE MY ARRIVAL. THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PLACE! IT IS A COMBINATION OF GENUINE UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION FOR EACH OF US. BUT IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. ALL OF YOU PROVIDE US WITH REHABILITATIVE TOOLS TO PREPARE US FOR RE-ENTRY TO SOCIETY. WE AREN'T TREATED LIKE HOPELESS AND WORTHLESS CRIMINALS. WE ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. YOU PROVIDE US ALL WITH A 'CHOICE TO CHANGE'! OF COURSE, IT COMES DOWN TO US TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE BECAUSE ONLY 'I CONTROL MYSELF'! WITH ALL OF THIS SAID, WE ARE ALL IN A BETTER SITUATION BECAUSE WE EXPERIENCED E.O.C.C. AND IT IS DEFINITELY 'NOT THE BUILDING THAT MAKES THIS PLACE SPECIAL... IT IS THE PEOPLE, IT IS YOU!

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO! I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE DARKEST TIMES OF MY LIFE AND THOUGHT MY LIFE WAS OVER. HOWEVER, MY FAITH AND

ALL OF YOU HAVE ALLOWED ME TO HAVE A POSITIVE OUTLOOK
AND ATTITUDE ON LIFE MOVING FORWARD! I CAN'T SPEAK FOR
EVERYONE AND WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW EXACTLY
HOW MANY LIVES YOU CHANGED FOR THE BETTER, BUT I WANTED
ALL OF YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE APPRECIATED! THE "CHRISTMAS
PARTY" WAS JUST THE PROVERBIAL CHERRY ON TOP! YOUR
EFFORTS AND ATTITUDES, ON A DAILY BASIS, IS WHAT MAKES ALL
OF YOU SPECIAL!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION,
SEAN GREEN