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Dear Chaplain Drum:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you concerning the Kairos Program, and the benefits I believe are a direct result of the program. For instance, participants in the Kairos program exhibit a much lower propensity toward violence which helps to serve as a calming influence throughout the unit. Gang members who go through the program have been known to "throw down their colors" and turn away from the gang lifestyle and mentality, becoming active in the faith-based programs offered on the unit. Those offenders who were already active in the church on the unit have their faith strengthened and renewed, becoming even more active in the church and stepping up as leaders in the church.

A Kairos weekend reaches out to those who are not active in the church or faith-based programs of the unit. Participation in the weekend is limited to 42 offenders, giving them an opportunity to experience the loving grace of God that has the potential to transform their lives and set them on a new path. During a Kairos weekend there is an outreach to all offenders and correctional officers in the form of a cookie distribution program. This is enjoyed by everyone.

I believe that the Kairos program has been a contributing factor to the improved atmosphere on the Eastham Unit, once considered a very violent unit. I can readily recommend Kairos to the wardens of other prisons that have an interest in seeing real change take place in their prisons through the transformation of offenders. Kairos has a proven track record of reducing recidivism and helping provide a loving and supportive community to offenders once they return to the free world. In my opinion, the Kairos program has a positive, effective result on the lives of those involved.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Bell".

Charles Bell
Warden II
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Our mission is to provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime.

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