



JIMMY CARTER

September 3, 2015

To Evelyn Lemly

Through the work of The Carter Center, Rosalynn and I long have been committed to efforts that build communities and strengthen families. The center utilizes more than 90 percent of donations to finance our programs worldwide. In my discussions with the leaders of the Kairos prison ministry, I have learned that they are similarly supported, allowing their leaders to focus primarily on ministering to incarcerated men and women. Their efforts have directly affected a reduction in the recidivism rate, which in turn has contributed to enhancing our communities with returning citizens who can positively contribute to society.

Georgia is one of the three leading states in the nation that are assisting in giving inmates the necessary skills they need to transition back into society. Kairos is a volunteer based ministry of people who freely give of their time, talents, and resources to go inside prisons on a regular basis to help men and women who are committed to changing their lives. From the testimonials of former inmates to the stories of the volunteers whose lives have been changed through the ministry, Kairos has proven to benefit both those who volunteer as well as all those who are served.

We are proud of Kairos' ministry, and hope to see its efforts expanded in our nation and throughout the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter".

Ms. Evelyn Lemly  
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