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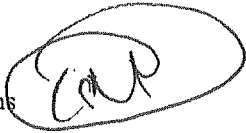
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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** United Way

**From:** Gregg Marcantel, Secretary of Corrections 

**Subject:** Support for Funding for Wings for Life, Inc.

**Date:** February 25, 2014

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The New Mexico Corrections Department is partnering with Wings for Life, Inc. to prepare inmates to become productive citizens when released into our communities and to practice good citizenship while incarcerated.

The New Mexico Corrections Department has eleven prison facilities and approximately 6700 inmates. This includes one facility that houses female offenders with approximately 650 inmates. The Department recognizes healthy family bonds and relationships is a powerful and effective tool in habilitating inmates and motivating them to depart from the criminal life.

In light of the above, the New Mexico Corrections Department encourages the United Way to provide funding to Wings for Life, Inc. to develop family building seminars, workshops and programming to be provided in all eleven of the State's prison facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.