



## DEBRA LEE BROWN

SCI MUNCY  
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### STATUS

Incarcerated in 1983 at age 28  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA



### DEGREES and WORK HISTORY

- Certified Braille Transcriber - Certified by Library of Congress - 8/14/2006
  - Worked as Literary/Textbook Braille Transcriber
- Journeyperson Upholstery Technician
  - Certified by Pennsylvania Apprenticeship & Training Council – 1/21/1999
  - Worked as Furniture Upholsterer & Teacher Aide
- SCI-Muncy, Education Department 1/21/1999 – 8/23/2002
- Associates Degree in Specialized Business – 11/10/90
  - With concentration in Business Administration/Accounting  
Pennsylvania Business Institute (PBI) Pottstown, PA
- Paralegal Certificate Program – 1/15/1991
  - Penn State University, University Park, PA
- Journeyperson Food Servicer
  - Certified by Pennsylvania Apprenticeship & Training Council  
Completed program prior to 5/1/1989; Certificate dated 5/29/1992

### EDUCATIONAL CLASSES COMPLETED

- Caning & Rushing (Furniture) 2/25/1985
- Nutrition (part of Food Service Apprenticeship) 1/28/1987
- Several Computer Software Courses
  - Computerized Accounting/Advanced Accounting, Payroll,
  - Word Perfect 5.0; D-Base 3+; [MS Word – 7/1/2004]
- Interior Design – ICS School of Business Correspondence Course - 2/1996

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMPLETED

- VIP (Vital Issue Project – Personal Development & Life Management Program – 5/22/1986
- Laubach Literacy Action Tutor Certificate – 3/28/1992
- LLA Special Training Certificate Teaching English as a Second Language – 5/14/1992
  - Laubach Literacy International, Syracuse NY
- Re-Entry & Life Skills for Women – 9/18/2003
  - The Fine Line Re-Entry Project
  - Ex-Offenders' Association of Penna, Phila PA

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<b>SELF-HELP GROUPS</b>	
• Stress Management	4/12/1996
• Self-Esteem	8/19/1996
• Impulse Control	6/19/1997
• Anger Management	1/13/1998
• S.U.R.V.I.V.O.R.S.	10/1998
• S.U.R.V.I.V.O.R.S. II	2/12/1999
• Understanding Relationships	2/1999
• Smoking Cessation Drug/Alcohol Looking Glass Program	
• S.T.E.P. – Services to Elder Prisoners SCI Cambridge Springs	7/2005 – 9/24/2007
<b>ACTIVITIES DEPT. RELATED PROGRAMS</b>	
• Pennsylvania Lifers' Assoc • Chaired, Co-Chaired - part of several committees throughout membership	8/1984 – 1995
• Jaycettes (name changed to Trendsetters) • Chaired, Co-Chaired - part of several committees throughout membership	8/1984 - 1995
• MIO • Chaired, Co-Chaired - part of several committees after return from Cambridge Springs Inmate Organization, SCI Cambridge Springs	1999- 8/2002
• Phoenix - Board Secretary (2005-2006) - Part of several committees throughout membership	9/2001 – 5/11/2013
• Guitar Classes	10/1984 – 11/1988
• Pennsylvania Prison Run-a-Thon - PLA/MIO/Phoenix Organizations, part of committees or participant	1985 - 2015

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### **THE WOMAN I AM TODAY**

Before my incarceration with a Life With-Out Parole sentence, my entire life was very quiet and uneventful. I was clueless about my many personal short-comings that needed changed. Totally blindsided by this complete turn in my life, I resolved to try to keep busy and making the best use of my imprisonment as I possibly can, availing myself of every self-help, growth-achieving and educational program that was available here at Muncy. Initially, participation in these first programs brought to me an epiphany, if you will, of the personal traits that were such a big disadvantage for me and ultimately played a part in my ending up in prison. I immediately set about changing everything that I could change. Throughout these 30-plus years, I have achieved immeasurable growth – personally through the self-help and other institutional programs, and educationally through the vocational programs and degrees. I was able to achieve.

Although these years have been very hard on my family, they have been productive and fruitful for me in the personal change/growth that I needed to achieve. I'm very blessed with the love and support of family, friends and many other good people whom my Higher Power had put into my life to help me through these years. With my Christian faith and my positive attitude, I have never lost hope that there surely is eventual release for me, just over the horizon, and there I will finally be able to share with the free world all of the good and wonderful changes I've found within myself.