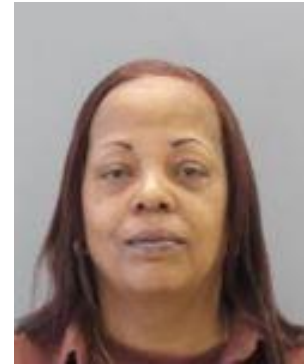




## LORI ANN LASSITER

451 Fullerton Avenue  
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403



### STATUS:

- Incarcerated on October 4, 1988 at the age of 26
- Hometown: Philadelphia, PA; born in Norfolk, VA

### OBJECTIVE:

The foundation of my reentry plan is to be built upon a solid church membership. I would like to have the opportunity to support myself by working in an optical lab and travel with Joyce Myers Ministries to further my spiritual growth. It is also important to me that I share my experiences with a wide range of age groups to help save them from the misery of drug addiction and incarceration.

### EDUCATION:

Associates Degree, PA Business Institute-Accounting and Small Business, 1992  
Maintenance Trade Program-Graduate  
    Painting: 2002  
    Floor: 2003  
    Custodial Apprenticeship, 2007  
        Journey Person-Certification: Floors  
Optical Trade Program-Graduated, 2007  
Hospice Aide Training-Volunteer Program, 2011

### EMPLOYMENT:

#### SCI Muncy:

Morning Dietary, 1990-92  
Paint Crew, 1992-2003  
Floor Maintenance (Honor Position), 2003-05  
Tutor-Custodial Maintenance, 2004-05

#### SCI Cambridge Springs:

Commissary, 2005-06  
Unit Buffer, 2006-07  
Optical Lab, Corrections Industry (Honor Position), 2007-2010  
Property, (Honor Position), 2010-2012  
Medical: Inmate Aid Hospice (Honor Position), 2012-present

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**PROGRAMS:**

Self Esteem, 1991  
Management, 1994  
Parenting Adjustment Group, 1997  
Parenting Workshop, 1998  
Intensive Drug and Alcohol, 1998  
Cage Your Rage, 2001  
Citizenship, 2004  
House of Hope:  
Thinking for A Change  
Self Esteem, 2004-05

Stress Management, 1992,'94,'96, 2002 Anger  
Adjustment Group, 1997  
Impulse Control, 1997  
Survivors Group, 1998  
Understanding Relationships, 2000  
Thinking For A Change, 2004  
Violence Prevention, 2007

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

SCI Muncy

PA Lifers Association-Committee Chairperson:

Hoagie	Chicken
Camera	Run-a-thon
Arts and Crafts	Entertainment
Newsletter, Editor	

Muncy Inmate Organization-participation:

Committee: Soda and Juice  
Chairperson: Run-a-thon

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Phoenix Organization-participation:

Vice President, 2012-13

Chairperson:

Banquet

Committee member:

Run-a-thon

Art

Honor Unit Housing

In Prison-

Aide in special needs program

Created "Speaking Out on Abuse Program" (SOAP), 2007

Annual participation:

World Aids Day program

Cancer Awareness

Sports Competition- score keeper

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Outside of Prison-

Assist college students with research on criminology

Donate to Feed the Children, yearly

Donate to MSD

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (cont'd):**

Activities Department-participation:

Talent shows

Poetry contests

Readings

Card Making, assistant

Kickball

Theater productions

Art contests

Writing

Softball

Physical Exercise Programs-

Aerobics

Walk and Jog

“Over 50” classes

**SPIRITUALITY:**

SCI Muncy:

Bible Studies

Fish Member

Sacred Dance: Participant and Teacher

Testimonies

Visiting Services

Prayer warrior

Choir

Communion Server

Sunday Protestant Services

Poems

Special Service

Baptisms

SCI Cambridge Springs:

Choir

Bathroom Monitor,

Communion: preparer and server

Life In The Spirit

Religious plays and shows

Sunday Church Services

Church Usher

Kairos #7

Readings

Sacred Dance Team

-co-developed, participant and teacher

**AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:**

Talent Shows and Poetry Readings

-1st and 2nd place, (numerous times)

Ornament Making, 1st Place (three times)

Housing Unit Decorations

Acting, “For Colored Girls”

Women’s Hero Award, 1st Place

Ad Lib, “Search For Intelligent Life”

Statewide prisons talent show, 1st Place

Flower Garden, 1st Place (three times)

Journey Person-Custodial Maintenance program

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**PUBLICATIONS:**

Graterfriends, published by The Pennsylvania Prison Society-poetry

**ADVOCACY GROUPS:**

Speak Out  
Let's Get Free  
PA Prison Society  
Voices/Incarcerated  
Behind Bars.org  
Temple University-research project

**THE WOMAN I AM NOW:**

I could paint you a perfect picture  
but that would not be true

The reality is I'm stronger, I'm better  
yet still have some work to do...

Every day is a new journey  
a new plight, if you will

I often struggle just to keep living  
not wanting time to stand still...

The Woman I Am Now  
strives to do better each day  
acknowledging my imperfections  
but not allowing my past to get in the way.

I try to focus on what's ahead  
awaiting this rainbow after the storm

I inflict-impose-incur self healing  
while trying to escape the norm...

The Woman I Am Now?  
Has honestly learned from her mistakes

I want to be productive, help others  
no longer someone the world hates...

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Addiction-prostitution

committing senseless crimes  
these things were all unnecessary  
These things I've left behind...

The Woman I Am Now

smiles often and laughs more

I have grown wiser and more confident

believing any circumstances I can endure...

I'm striving to be positive

remembering there are many lies but only one truth

I'm trying my best to be an example

for my elders, my peers-and our youth...

Yet, the woman I am now

still has flaws surfacing away  
hurt-rejection-anger-loneliness  
but she's better than yesterday...

Oh, but I could paint you a perfect picture

of the woman you think I should be  
a Beauty of Perfect perfection  
but that picture would not be of me...

For I am wondrously flawed

fighting hard not to succumb

Yet every day of my life

I am prouder of the woman I've become...

So the woman that I am now

is not the woman of yesterday  
in weakness I find strength  
in lost-ness I find a way...

For each day has its own struggle

to stay strong-to maintain  
to not cede in my loses  
but to celebrate in my gain...

To take chances, to believe

to not run or pull out my talons  
but to stand firm and to trust  
I can rise above any challenge...

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The Woman I Am Today

I'm a work in progress, continuously found

But I will assure of this

I truly love the woman I am now.