

Cheryl Casper

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STATUS:

- Incarcerated in 1987 at the age of 30
- Cheryl has served 28.5 years of her life sentence
- Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Objective: When the day comes that I am released from prison I would like to take care of my grandchildren, spend as much time as possible with my children, nieces and nephews-to teach them some of things that I have learned while in prison, such as quilting. This is what I dream of doing every day.

Work History:

Licensed Cosmetologist, 1983

Skills:

Computer Certificates
Legal Assistant Certificates
Waitress

Education:

General Education Diploma
Computer Software
Braille Transcriber, currently studying

Community Engagement:

Phoenix Inmate Organization, 2005-present

Spiritual Life:

I am a Muslim, true to my faith. I go to Quran study class every Sunday.

THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

I am truly far from the woman that walked into prison almost 29 years ago. Praise God! I am wiser, stronger and more aware of how I need to deal with my emotions and anger. As you do time, over these years it allows you time to focus on the wrong and hurt you've caused other's and to yourself and for that matter, it allows you time to grow and change the way you think. I like who I am today: a laid back, easy going, wiser older woman who can make a difference in someone's life. I tell the new arrivals here, "If you don't get anything out of your stay here, then you've wasted that opportunity." I've learned who I am since I've been here and I am happy about that. I pray that I get the chance to demonstrate who I've become outside of these walls.