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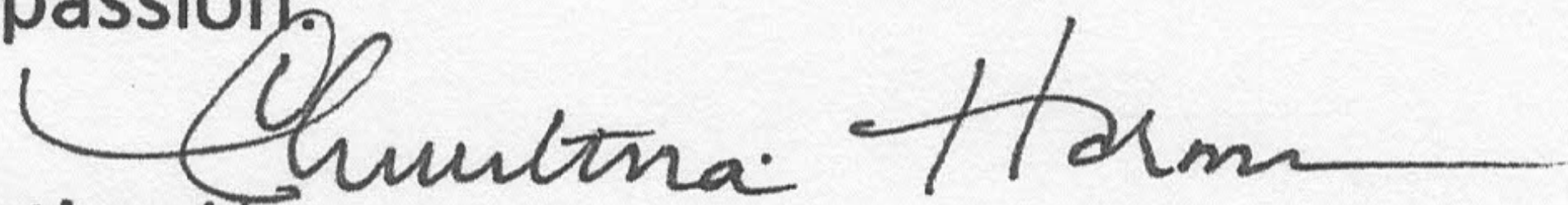
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Hello Arthur and other Partakers board members and supporters:

Enclosed please find a check for \$1,000, specifically payable to PEP (Partakers Empowerment Program) of Partakers. I'm delighted to make this additional, special, contribution because the PEP program sounds so perfect. This attention to the day of release from incarceration (and the next day, and the following day) is exactly what I learned in my own work as a Mentor for two Partakers students behind bars (one male at MCI Norfolk and one female at MCI Framingham) was so badly needed, and so missing. In the case of the two prisoners I got to know so well, the day of release - literally the day they open the razor wire gate and you walk out - you are homeless and penniless and jobless and hungry and whatever family you may have (probably none) may be the worst possible place for you to go even if you could - some kind of residential shelter and sobriety encouragement and just a bed and a hot meal.... is an amazing bridge that provides folks just enough support to have a better chance at re-entering the world without re-offending.

Eight years ago I had direct personal experience with St. Francis House in Boston - Arthur had a relationship with them and when my mentee was going to live in a homeless shelter in Worcester (for lack of any other alternative) Arthur somehow miraculously found him a bed at St. Francis, and an entry ticket into their re-entry program. It was a lifesaver. I am now a big fan and supporter of St. Francis House, but we need more programs like theirs, and Partakers has seemed to answer the call.

I am delighted to provide some financial support, and I thank you all for your vision and compassion.

  
Christina Harms

Former Partakers mentor

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Lifetime Partakers supporter!!