

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR A FIRST FRIENDS PHONE TEAM

First Friends has toll free lines in each of the 4 detention facilities we visit. These lines are for detainees to request visitors. We provide posters for each dorm which explain our visiting program and tell how to access the line in their facility.

Would you consider taking detainee phone requests weekdays between 10:30AM and 3:30PM?

We would forward a dedicated toll free line to your home or cell phone for a time period and weekday convenient for you. In turn, we ask you to relay detainee information to us by e-mail or phone.

We have already had a number of Spanish speakers who have volunteered to answer a line dedicated to Spanish speaking detainees. Currently this dedicated line is only at Delaney Hall. It is now being extended to the other 3 facilities.

A dedicated line for English speaking detainees at all 4 detainees is in place. Thus, we wish to ask you to consider volunteering at this time.

If you wish to consider volunteering please call us at 908-965-0455, Sally at 201-394-093 or Greg at 551-427-0598 to discuss. We will provide a manual which explains the data we need and procedures to follow for both visitor requests and other inquiries.

This is an opportunity to have a limited volunteer involvement with immigrant detainees. Frankly, they appreciate the opportunity to talk with people on the outside who are concerned about them. This is a service which can be provided by the undocumented as well as the documented person.

Please consider this as an invitation. We would appreciate your help.

Thank you for your consideration.

The First Friends Staff

FYI, we maintain programs at:

Elizabeth Detention Center
Delaney Hall Detention Facility
Hudson County Correctional Center
Bergen County Jail

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