



# CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

## Message from the Executive Director



As we approach the holiday season, we look forward to spending time with our loved ones safely this year, even if that now requires virtual communication. The world has changed immensely in 2020, in light of the global Covid-19 pandemic, and we are all extremely grateful for our families and loved ones. Our holiday postcard project is now in progress, and we are looking forward to spreading some holiday spirit and nostalgia to our DC residents in custody.

Please contact our Communications Specialist, [Nailah Seabron](#), to coordinate contactless pick up or drop off.

The CIC continues to correspond with adults in custody within the BOP during the pandemic. This week, we are conducting interviews with residents within the Voices of America halfway house in Chesapeake, MD. We look forward to speaking with the gentlemen at the VOA and learning more about their journey to reentry.

The CIC recently had a meeting with the DC Department of Corrections. Since the beginning of the pandemic, DOC facilities have been on lockdown in order to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. The DOC stated that most residents have access to tablets for programs or communication at this time. In addition, the DOC informed us that the voter turnout for this year's election was very high among residents in DOC custody. We look forward to continuing our work and our mandated efforts to inspect, monitor, and report on the DOC facilities.

*-Donald Isaac, Sr.*

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## Compassionate Release Cleaning House. Volunteers Needed!

As of November 2020, 413 Compassionate Release cases have been assigned to judges. Of those cases, 198 have been decided. 58 Compassionate Release cases have been granted, and 140 cases have been denied.

FAMM, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("NACDL"), the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and other advocates, are currently recruiting pro bono attorneys, social workers, and medical professionals to work on compassionate release motions for those prisoners most vulnerable to COVID-19: the elderly and chronically ill.

Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding how to volunteer.

## Recently Published Reports



- [Compassionate Release Process Report](#)
- [Update on District of Columbia Youth Rehabilitation Act](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY19](#)
- [District of Columbia Department of Corrections Inspection Report: FY20](#)

## Community Events

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*Maryland and DC joins together to feed 500 Families*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

WASHINGTON, DC LOCATION | THE TYLER HOUSE | TIME: 10:00AM-1:00PM  
1200 North Capital Street NW, Washington, DC 20002

## Community Turkey Giveaway



Providence Health System, Faith UCC, First Congregational UCC, Peoples Congregational UCC, Plymouth Congregational UCC, and Lincoln Temple Congregational UCC invite community members to a drive thru turkey giveaway.

**Friday, November 20, 2020**

**10:30 am - until food is dispersed**

**Providence Health System**

**1150 Varnum Street NE**

**Washington, DC 20017**

Come early, supplies are limited. Drive thru only - the food will be placed in the trunk of your car.

**Masks required.**



- Are you available to volunteer this holiday season? Community Family Life Services (CFLS) is looking for Thanksgiving Drive volunteers for assisting with packing up food baskets from **November 17-22**. From **December 12-14**, CFLS is looking for volunteers to assist with sorting toys and preparing for

## What We're Reading: Adversity and Accomplishment

### Lorton Legends

by: Eyone Williams



The Lorton Correctional Complex was one of the most notorious prisons in U.S. history, which housed convicted felons from Washington, D.C. This coming of age fictitious urban novel tells the story of Ronald Mays, who is sent to Lorton at age 17 for armed robbery. Lorton shaped and molded every man and woman that experienced life there as an inmate. DC native author Eyone Williams began his writing career while incarcerated as a juvenile, and continues to write since his release over a decade ago.

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### Author Spotlight: Lebert Gordon

Lebert Gordon is a New York Times best selling author and paralegal from the DC area. His book, [Insights Into the Male Mentality](#), was published in 2016. When asked about his book and what motivated his writing, Gordon said:

"While researching and writing this book, I obtained the input of so many people of

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a relationship, is the pursuit of happiness. Personally this book has tremendously enhanced my relationships and the relationships of my many friends and associates whom I've utilized as the test reviewers of my work. If you like Steve Harvey's book "Think Like A Man" then you'll love "Insights Into The Male Mentality."



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