

REBOUND!

HFP books major events to replace canceled fundraisers

October 13, 2016
Driving Miss Daisy



Sassy southern lady, Daisy, and her quiet chauffeur, Hoke, are driving to Grand Haven this month to present Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Driving Miss Daisy." Master Arts Theatre presents **Driving Miss Daisy**, Thursday, October 13, 2015, 7:00 PM, in the auditorium of White Pines Middle School, 1400 S. Griffin, in Grand Haven. Featured in the cast will be **Pat Kennedy** (Miss Daisy Werthan); **John Miedema** (Boolie Werthan), and **Jerome Richards** (Hoke Colburn).

It's a great evening of fine theatre, with advance tickets at \$20.00, Students \$10.00. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25.00. In that all expenses have been covered by generous sponsors, *every dollar from ticket sales will go toward HFP!* Master Arts has been serving West Michigan with quality, family friendly theater for more than 30 years.

October 28, 2016
Doug's 80th Birthday Celebration

HFP's Board of Directors invites you to this party observing the upcoming 80th birthday of Founder and President Doug Tjapkes. Stop in anytime between 5-8 PM at the Harbourfront Grand Hall, on the second floor of the Porto Bello Restaurant, 41 Washington Street, in downtown Grand Haven. There'll be appetizers and a cash bar. No admission charge, and in lieu of gifts please consider a donation to HFP. To help with planning, please RSVP (616.935.0075 or info@humanityforprisoners.org) if you hope to attend.

December 9, 2016
The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys



An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at St John's Episcopal Church, 524 Washington Street, Grand Haven. Time 7 PM. Artistic director Scott Bosscher leads the programs by the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, which performs in the Anglican Cathedral tradition with boys singing the treble or soprano part, and the men supplying the three lower voices. This is a beautiful way to prepare for the Christmas season! No admission charge. Free will offering for HFP.

From the desk of Doug: Living the HFP Vision Statement

Under the best of circumstances, prison is a terrible place to be.

Under the worst of circumstances, it is hell!

Our friend Bob Bulten always includes this statement from Bob Pierce in his email communications: "May my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God."

That's where Matt and I find ourselves---

-when we try to hold the hand of an inmate struggling with transgender issues, who some exasperated guards advise to "just go kill himself;"

-when we try to help a woman whose mother, a prisoner, is dying, but still was not released by the Parole Board to a nursing home because of "technicalities;"

-when we fight for an 81-year-old man who went to prison doctors with a toe injury in 2013, and due to apparent lack of appropriate treatment is now in danger of losing his leg!

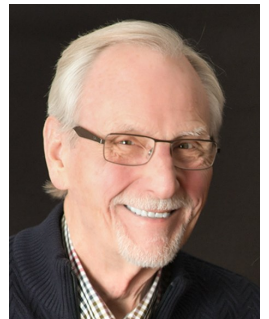
That's just the beginning.

We keep going back to our newly-adopted Vision Statement: *HUMANITY FOR PRISONERS seeks to provide personalized, problem-solving services for inmates who don't know where to turn.* I must confess that not a day goes by when Matt and I don't wonder, also, where to turn. And then we remember to place it all in the Lord's hands.

Says American historian Howard Zinn:

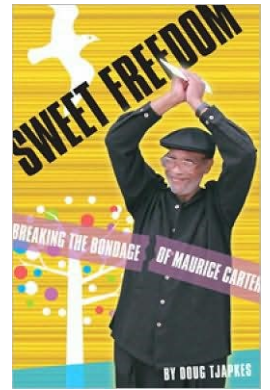
"It must surely be a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit that even a small number of those men and women in the hell of the prison system survive it and hold on to their humanity."

AMEN AND AMEN!



Read **SWEET FREEDOM** in e-book format!

We're pleased to announce that e-book versions of Doug's publication are now available! And for a limited time, we're happy to offer the special introductory price of \$7.95! To learn more, visit humanityforprisoners.org.



Prisoners in Jackson love HFP!

From veterans at Parnall Correctional Facility:

From ALL of the Veterans here at Parnall, THANK YOU FOR THE NEW FLAGS!! We really appreciate it. Thank you so much for this and ALL you have done for us. You have shown us so much support in so many ways and we are very grateful for you and HFP. GOD bless you all again.

From the Warden's Forum of G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility:

Enclosed find a donation from the Prisoner Benefit Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00!

When you're 71 and have special needs Prison is not the place to be!

Ms. D is struggling with a combination of dementia and serious physical issues. As a result, another inmate is hovering over her. The caregiver recently contacted HFP with this report:

-Ms. D was not able to get a new colostomy bag Friday

-They told her she should rinse the bags out in toilet water and re-use them

-They told her bags are too expensive, she's only going to get one every three days now, and if it gets full, to empty and rinse in toilet.

Ms. C is handicapped and must get around in a wheelchair. She emailed our office with this message:

This morning the aide that was assigned to take me was working, and the officer on duty would not ask another aide to take me to breakfast and med. She told me to find my own aide. I had to scoot backwards in my wheelchair all the way to chow and back, and then to meds. If an aide does not want to go to breakfast it's the same. Can you please help me?

Touch a life!

Never in the history of HFP has your contribution been more meaningful!

Never in the history of HFP has it been so easy to donate!

Contact Matt for details:
info@humanityforprisoners.org

HFP Wish List

On occasion, Humanity for Prisoners has needs arise that people may wish to contribute instead of monetary donations. This month, HFP is in need of **8 1/2" x 11" copy paper and regular USPS stamps**. If you would like to donate, call our office at 616.935.0075 or send an email to info@humanityforprisoners.org.