



**COALITION FOR
CIVIL FREEDOMS**

2020 Annual Report

Our Mission

Established in 2010, the mission of the Coalition for Civil Freedoms is to defend civil liberties and freedoms, promote a fair U.S. criminal justice system, and advocate for the rights of political prisoners targeted in the “war on terror.”



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Dear Friend of CCF,

Like the rest of the world, we never anticipated the enormous challenges that the year 2020 would bring. As CCF team members, we were fortunate to face the minor inconveniences of quarantines and cancelled conference plans for safety reasons.

But for the incarcerated men and women whom we support—and believe should never have been locked up in the first place—the COVID-19 outbreak in prisons subjected them to lockdowns, prolonged solitary confinement, and cancelled visitation for much of the year.

Across federal prisons, the pandemic has caused mass illness and death, with BOP officials failing to protect the prisoners inside who, like sitting ducks, were vulnerable to contracting a virus against which they had no means to protect themselves. In one particularly devastating instance, a prisoner whom we supported through our Ramadan Gifts Program, 37-year-old Mohamed Yusuf, passed away from COVID-19, after suffering with no medical attention.

In response to this crisis, CCF shifted its focus and quickly sprang into action by launching the Coronavirus Prisoner Release Project, in which our legal team identified prisoners with medical conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to the effects of the virus and filed compassionate release motions on their behalf. As a result, this bleak year was met with some glimmers of hope when two political prisoners were granted release!

We took our education and outreach efforts online with our weekly #InjusticeAtHome webinar

series that featured dozens of impacted family members and former prisoners and shed light on the suffering of prisoners in the age of the coronavirus, as well as a video series “Faces of the War on Terror,” produced by filmmaker Ellie Bernstein and Board Chair Steve Downs, which spotlights institutional Islamophobia through interviews with former prisoners and survivors of the security state in both Europe and the United States.

Along with families, prominent civil rights advocates, journalists, filmmakers, attorneys, and allies, we came together to celebrate CCF’s 10th anniversary and cement our public support for the victims of America’s “war on terror”. The event, which centered CCF’s families and political prisoners, helped raise greater awareness about these long-standing injustices and increase support for our advocacy work.

With this milestone came a rebrand and fresh logo, and a redesigned website and database (underway). We also brought in new volunteers, partner organizations, and impacted families. We are grateful for our many supporters around the world and are cautiously optimistic about what the new year will bring.

Finally, as we solemnly approach the 20th anniversary of the “war on terror”, we hope you’ll join us as we continue our mission to end its injustices, empower and advocate alongside impacted families and communities, and work toward freedom and justice for political prisoners. [#FreeThemAll](#)

In solidarity,

Leena Al-Arian,
Executive Director

Mel Underbakke, PhD
Deputy Executive Director



Prisoner and Family Support

2020 By the Numbers

Ramadan Gifts Fundraised	\$30,000 raised in 30 days
Ramadan Gifts Sent to Prisoners	209 Gifts at \$100 each
Calls/Letters on Behalf of Prisoners	43 prisoner calls 25 embassy calls 8 prison letters
Grassroots Campaigns for Prisoners Initiated or Amplified by CCF	3 campaigns: Mufid Abdelquader, Alexander Ciccolo, Aafia Siddiqui
Letters Generated from Grassroots Campaigns Written on Behalf of Prisoners	300 letters written by CCF supporters and sent to judge
Families & Former Prisoners Sharing Their Stories on CCF Webinars	53 family members and former prisoners featured in 21 webinars

Prisoner Support

Unlike previous years in which CCF was able to rely on the contributions of some mosques and Muslim communities to the Ramadan Gifts Program, the financial difficulties they were facing at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March totally halted their ability to support our annual program. Knowing how much our prisoners have depended on our annual gift over the past decade, we immediately recognized that the hardships of the year

were not a license to reduce or give up on this project; rather it was needed more than ever for prisoners who would be most vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic. CCF quickly tapped into the base of supporters we have been building through our online community and the relationships we have built on the ground across the country. In less than one month, we were able to crowdsource support for our campaign—surpassing our goal and sending



Letters from prisoners received in 2020.



Outgoing Ramadan greeting cards

209 prisoners their yearly gift of \$100 to their commissary accounts along with personalized greeting cards to uplift their spirits. In addition to providing them with some relief, the program served as an important reminder that they are not forgotten, particularly in a year in which all visitation and contact with the outside world was closed.

Like other nonprofits, in 2020 CCF focused on how we could adapt our grassroots advocacy efforts virtually. As the number of our social media followers grew through the regular events we hosted online, we were able to successfully mobilize supporters' grassroots campaigns that would involve hundreds of our most devoted supporters. The campaign for Holy Land Foundation-Five political prisoner Mufid

Abdelqader, who unfortunately contracted COVID-19 in prison in July—though thankfully recovered—resulted in hundreds of letters sent and dozens of phone calls placed to the judge and prison.

Our daily support for and contact with prisoners continued with regular correspondences over Corrlinks, the prison email system, and snail mail—responding to hundreds of prisoner requests each year including challenging prisoner abuse, poor prison conditions, prolonged solitary confinement, and religious freedom violations, among an abundance of legal questions. About 100 prisoners with access to Corrlinks received our weekly news digest, which often included helpful information such as the

disbursement of stimulus checks for incarcerated people. When a few prisoners were released this year, CCF provided them with assistance in everything from travel expenses to bring them home, to clothing, to helping them find a country to resettle to as they faced deportation.

Family Support

CCF recognized early in the COVID-19 pandemic the growing interest that many under lockdown had in listening to podcasts and viewing webinars. In continuing with our conscious efforts to amplify the voices of our impacted families, our support for them this year largely centered on providing them—and, in many cases, their formerly incarcerated



CCF Deputy Executive Director, Mel Underbakke, at one of CCF's many webinars in 2020.

Prisoner and Family Support continued...

family members—a platform to share their stories, educate the public, and call people to action—both in response to new challenges brought on by COVID-19 outbreak in prisons and to support costly legal challenges to their loved ones' sentences and convictions.

Our webinars and events, composed mainly of two series, "Injustice at Home" and "Faces of the War on Terror", featured over 50 family members and former prisoners in conversation with one another as well as with legal experts, academics, activists, authors, and journalists. The interest in these events was palpable, culminating in the hosting of a "Virtual Gala" marking CCF's 10th anniversary since its founding in 2010. The six-hour event featured dozens

of prominent individuals who videoed in to show our family members their support, including Cornel West, David Cole, Vince Warren, Glenn Greenwald, Noura Erakat, Imam Omar Suleiman, Noam Chomsky, Sahar Aziz, Dalia Mogahed, and Laila Al-Arian.

The event also gave prominence to our impacted family members, centering them each hour where they shared their stories with the thousands of live viewers. Impacted family members remain the beating heart of our organization, making up some of our most consistent and dedicated viewers of and participants in our events.

Despite the distance and limitations of a challenging year, CCF team members have

continued to provide emotional and practical support for impacted families, assisting in everything from helping draft crowdsourcing fundraising campaigns, writing letters, finding psychological support, and in one case, helping a family successfully apply for a grant from the Rosenberg Fund for Children.

While CCF was unable to host an annual Family Conference in 2020, our recent hire of a new Prisoner & Family Support Coordinator has allowed us to develop virtual programs for families that we will execute in 2021, providing them with exclusive online events that will strengthen and grow the CCF Family.



Legal Advocacy

2020 By the Numbers

Compassionate Release Motions Filed	10 filed directly by CCF Legal Team; 3 motions assisted by CCF Legal Team
Prisoners Released through CCF Motions	2 Compassionate Release Motions granted; 1 pending
Legal calls placed on behalf of prisoners	20
Number of prisoners corresponded with	27 through postal mail; 39 through email

Legal advice and assistance continued to be provided directly to prisoners and their families through phone calls, emails, and snail mail. Legal calls were made to a number of prisoners in response to complaints regarding prison conditions. Our legal team also submitted legal requests on behalf of prisoners to meet a variety of needs, such as ordering medical records, and requesting transfers, compassionate release, or mental health treatment.

The passage of the First Step Act in 2019 has opened the door for federal prisoners to seek compassionate release from their sentencing judges. Following the COVID-19 outbreak in prisoners, CCF's dedicated legal team immediately responded by launching the "Coronavirus Prisoner Release Project." In this effort, they identified more than 30

elderly or vulnerable federal prisoners for whom we advocate and filed compassionate release motions on their behalf. Out of the 10 compassionate release motions our attorneys filed in 2020, CCF is proud to share that two have been granted release, with one already reunited with her family and another soon to be. Another motion is still pending, and our legal team is now looking into filing four more motions based on risk of COVID-19 exposure.

Finally, in late 2019, CCF's legal team filed supplemental 2255 for Dritan and Shain Duka, brothers convicted in the unjust "Fort Dix Five" case and sentenced to life imprisonment. Our team is now appealing the ruling on that motion to the Third Circuit.



Education and Outreach

2020 By the Numbers

#InjusticeAtHome Webinars Hosted	21
"Faces of the War on Terror" Episodes	10
Viewers via Facebook Live Events	65,800
Social Media Followers Gained	Doubled our followers to 4,000+
"News Digest" Issues Published	50

Shifting Gears

CCF initially hoped to begin organizing regional conferences in 2020 to expand our reach, cultivate bases of support for families in local communities, and provide them with tools and specific actions they could take to advocate for political prisoners. However, as the COVID-19 shutdown forced us to cancel these events, CCF took the opportunity to expand our social media reach through our virtual webinars and events.

Our "Injustice At Home" webinar series, which began only a few weeks after the lockdown orders were first issued in March, featured

dynamic speakers who challenged false narratives put forward by the government and mainstream media outlets, and offered new perspectives by centering impacted voices, some of whom shared their stories in public for the first time ever. Featuring a range of topics—from the impact of the pandemic on federal prisoners to highlighting specific cases like the plight of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, the "Holy Land Foundation Five" or the "Fort Dix Five", and to broader discussions on racist policing and the criminalization of Muslim communities—our webinars placed impacted

individuals in conversation with prominent lawyers, academics, journalists, and activists and before a global audience. Our series has received much positive feedback and thousands of viewers on social media. It has further enabled us to reach new people, expand our base, and most importantly, mobilize them for a number of campaigns.

In June, CCF also teamed up with filmmaker Ellie Bernstein to launch our “Faces of the War on Terror” web series, which features interviews with survivors of the security state in Europe and the United States, including former Guantanamo Bay Prisoner and CAGE Advocacy Director, Moazzam Begg.

In October, CCF marked 10 years since its founding by hosting a virtual gala. The six-hour, telethon-style event featured dozens of prominent individuals who videoed in to show our family members their support, including Cornel West, David Cole, Vince Warren, Glenn Greenwald, Noura Erakat, Imam Omar Suleiman, Noam Chomsky, Miko Peled, Sahar Aziz, Dalia Mogahed, and Laila Al-Arian. Over 40 prominent speakers videoed in to express their support for CCF and the work we do, while also providing

our thousands of viewers with analysis and commentary on the “War on Terror” and the political prosecutions of innocent Muslims. CCF also used the event to honor two individuals with awards for their dedication to fighting for justice: Dr. Agha Saeed and CCF Board Member El-Hajj Mauri’ Saalakhani.

CCF has also gained more of a foothold in activist and community spaces in 2020, as our participation in events hosted (virtually) by other prominent individuals and organizations increased compared to previous years. Our team members were invited to speak on a number of programs and virtual events to speak about political prisoners, offer “Know Your Rights” talks, and promote our mission.

CCF’s work in media also continued in 2020, with our Deputy Executive Director Mel Underbakke publishing an article in Al Jazeera English calling attention to suffering of prisoners during the height of the COVID-19 outbreak, including the “Holy Land Foundation Five” prisoners, all of whom are over the age of 60 and thus more vulnerable to the effects of the virus. Our press releases also called attention to several other important pieces of news, including

breaking one story about the horrific death of political prisoner, Mohamed Yusuf, from COVID-19 due to neglect in FCI Lompoc in California.

Collaborating with seven local groups, CCF was able to co-host our Annual CommUNITY Picnic before the pandemic hit in 2020, bringing together hundreds of people in Tampa, Florida to preserve and strengthen the strong community that was mobilized during the unjust prosecution of CCF founder, Sami Al-Arian.

Finally, we were grateful to recruit a number of dedicated volunteers who have done tremendous work for CCF, assisting with managing and creating social media content and promotion and assisting with prisoner advocacy campaigns. We also have a number of law students volunteering with our Research Team on the CCF Database Project (see: Research section below).



Legislative Advocacy

Ongoing efforts by CCF to continually push for change on Capitol Hill.



Hatem Fariz and Mauri Saalakhan
lobbying on Capitol Hill, 2020



In 2019, CCF Legal Director Kathy Manley wrote a bill to counter the FBI's efforts to preemptively prosecute ideological targets. The bill, called the Entrapment and Governmental Overreach Relief Act (EGO Relief Act), seeks to accomplish three common-sense objectives:

1. Codify for the first time an Entrapment Defense, which would prohibit the government from attempting to induce the target to commit a crime, unless the target had already taken substantial steps toward committing the crime beyond mere free speech.
2. Requiring for a conviction of Material Support for Terrorism that the defendant actually intended to support terrorism—as opposed to the present law that permits a conviction based on the unforeseen or unintended consequences of the defendant's otherwise legal acts.
3. Require that all *ex parte* material given to the trial judge pursuant to the Classified Information Procedure Act be shared with security-cleared defense counsel to prevent the prosecution from classifying and giving the trial judge false or prejudicial material about the defendant to poison the mind of the trial judge, as is presently the case.

The EGO bill has two objectives:

1. If passed, it would significantly change the law under which many preemptive prosecutions were previously conducted and would allow these cases to be brought back into court to be reevaluated under the new EGO law. It is hoped that under the new EGO standard, many of the old preemptive prosecution cases would be dismissed.

2. In addition, the bill would put limitations on the FBI's ability to conduct political prosecutions in the future, similar in some ways to the restrictions that were put on the FBI after COINTELPRO was exposed in the 1970s.

— **Prior Efforts to Get EGO Passed**

During the spring and summer of 2019, CCF Board Chair Steve Downs circulated the text of the bill with members of the CCF coalition for comment, and expressions of support. We also circulated the bill with allied organizations to gauge their reaction. The EGO bill was met with general agreement, and with virtually no criticisms on the merits. We also reached out to Hakeem Jeffries, a democratic Representative from Brooklyn, NY, who is in the Democratic House leadership, a member of the House Judiciary Committee, and a person known to be interested in criminal justice reform. We hoped that Jeffries would sponsor the EGO bill in the House. (Unfortunately, after a number of meetings with Jeffries's staff, they signaled that although they thought the bill was interesting, Jeffries was not the right person to sponsor it because his leadership position required that he not sponsor "controversial" legislation.)

In the fall of 2019, immediately after CCF's family conference in Washington, a number of impacted families joined members of the staff to lobby the EGO bill with their Congressional Representatives and Senators. To follow up this lobbying effort, we sent emails to several hundred Congressional offices providing information about the EGO bill and asking if they would like a personal visit from us to discuss EGO. We expected at most 10 replies. Instead we received over 60 requests for visits. In December 2019, a government relations consultant and Steve Downs spent a week in

Washington visiting 58 Congressional offices to lobby the bill; virtually all of the meetings were with legislative staff, and visits were with both Republicans and Democrats.

Our lobbying efforts indicated that there was support for the bill on both sides of the aisle. Both sides seemed to recognize that restrictions on the FBI were overdue, although perhaps for different reasons. The impeachment of the President seemed to motivate the Republicans to clip the FBI's wings, and Libertarians understood that the FBI was encroaching on civil liberties. The Democrats seemed to understand that various minority, racial, and ethnic groups were being unfairly targeted by the FBI. Many offices we visited remembered the lobbying of CCF's impacted families and had a sympathetic point of view as a result.

For the Republicans, meeting impacted Muslims was an important learning experience about issues that they claimed to be unaware of. The Democrats seemed more familiar with the issues but were frustrated with Republican obstructionism. They tended to encourage us to spend more time educating the Republicans on entrapment issues. We followed up on a number of visits but unfortunately few of the Representatives we visited were on the House Judiciary Committee, and everyone agreed that the bill would need to be sponsored by a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

We had one memorable meeting with the Democratic staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Democratic staff seemed to think that the EGO bill was a reasonable response to the present excesses of the FBI, but they literally begged us not to introduce the bill in the Senate because the Democrats were

in the minority, and the Democratic staff was afraid that the Republican majority might use the introduction of the EGO bill as an excuse to make things worse. (They were not specific about what horrors the Republicans might do, but they seemed extremely concerned.)

We intended to continue lobbying the EGO bill in the spring of 2020, but unfortunately the COVID-19 Pandemic struck the country, making traditional lobbying difficult to impossible. Moreover, as the year wore on, Congressional members became increasingly distracted by the election with little time to focus on bills like EGO. While most people we talked with, on both sides of the aisle, seemed to recognize that the EGO bill was a common-sense adjustment to protect civil liberties, it was in effect putting limits on a powerful agency—the FBI—and would certainly draw strong pushback from the national security lobby. This did not appear to be a fight that either political party wanted to have on the eve of an important election. As a result, we decided to suspend effort to pass the bill until after the election.



Research

Nearly a decade ago, CCF and founding member organization, Project SALAM, launched the first-ever database dedicated to tracking and analyzing over 1,200 national security cases. These ongoing research efforts resulted in two extensive reports on the manufacturing of terrorism charges against innocent Muslims published in 2014 and 2019, respectively. While this work has been tremendous in

revealing these unfair preemptive prosecutions and in exposing the myth of a looming “terrorist” threat in the U.S., we have been working to improve our database so we can better analyze these cases. For example, the updated database will include people’s date of birth and age and seek to collect information on race/ethnicity and country of family origin, which will better inform which communities are being targeted the most. We also wish to learn more about the use of informants in the cases we monitor and other relevant information. Conducting this research have been young volunteers who are either current law students or recent law school graduates. The results will be presented with an updated user interface and data visualization, which our web development team has been building.

Accompanying this redesigned and expanded database will be individual stories written and placed on individual ‘Wiki’-style pages on our website. Jeanne Finley, a writer, storyteller, and member of Project SALAM, who recently joined CCF as its new Director of Media and Storytelling, will oversee this project. We hope it will serve as a resource to shed light on the injustices of the cases we follow and that it will help challenge the dominant narrative. We are excited about this project as are many prisoners for whom we advocate!





We are so grateful to you for helping us and for bringing happiness to our family again by helping our son Sami to get released. No words can describe how grateful we are for that. We are so blessed to have you in our life. May God bless you all for all the hard work you are doing to help us and other families like ours.

Siham Hassoun
Mother of released political prisoner

Development

2020 By the Numbers

Grant Money Raised	\$31,000 received from 3 Grants
10 th Anniversary Gala Fundraiser	\$140,000 pledged; \$47,630 collected

Coalition Building

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, CCF was able to continue its coalition-building work in 2020 and engage our board members primarily in legislative advocacy and educational outreach work.

Board Chair Steve Downs, our volunteer legislative director, curated an e-newsletter for Members of Congress to educate them about the deadly impact of the coronavirus outbreak in federal prisons, as well as on the objectives of the EGO Relief Act. We were also honored to be joined by BOD members in a number of #InjusticeAtHome webinar episodes and events including Steve Downs, Fahd Ahmed, Sonali Sadequee, Hatem Fariz, Jonathan Brown, and Mauri' Saalakhan, who also generously invited CCF team members to his programs and promoted our mission.

CAGE, our allies in the UK, also participated in multiple CCF webinars and invited Leena Al-Arian and her father, CCF Founder Sami Al-Arian, to participate in their annual event. During the Christmas holiday, Leena was invited to participate in a conference panel organized by the Muslim Student Association-PSG, a national Muslim organization with whom CCF

had not previously worked.

Our friends at the ***Palestinian Youth Movement*** helped coordinate grassroots advocacy campaigns with CCF and amplified our events and actions on their social media pages. Through our weekly program, we were able to include speakers from the ACLU, Center for Constitutional Rights, Muslim Justice League, Stop the CVE Coalition, FAMM, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, and others. We look forward to continue growing our partnerships with movement allies and base build in 2021.

Forward Fundraising

In 2020, the CCF executive director sought to prioritize the financial health of the organization by carefully researching and applying for grants. Of the four that were selected and for which we applied, CCF was pleased to receive three reputable grants to support our work from The Proteus Fund, United Voices, and NEO Philanthropy foundation totaling \$31,000.

CCF continued its fundraising efforts with its largest event in October, the 10th Anniversary Virtual Gala, ***Breaking the Silence: Defending the Victims of America's "War on Terror"***. The telethon-style six-hour event which featured prominent speakers such as Cornel West, Glenn Greenwald, Jeremy McLellan, Huma Yasin, Noura Erakat, and Dalia Mogahed, as well as a specially-created fundraising video, did not only succeed in raising \$140,000 in pledges, but it also significantly raised the profile of CCF as a leading civil liberties organization led by and working directly with impacted individuals.

Several CCF BOD and Advisory Council members also sent videos in support of our 10th anniversary, including Sara Flounders, Zahid Bukhari, Ramzi Kassem, Hassan Shibly, Jess Sundin, and Ahmed Bedier, who co-hosted the event

The efforts to increase the visibility of our organization have coincided with a complete overhaul of our website and database to make them more accessible and better reflect CCF's mission and work. The new website is in the late stages of development with an expected launch date of April 1, 2021.





What's ahead for the Coalition for Civil Freedoms:

After hitting a milestone of 10 years of advocating for political prisoners and their families, CCF is more committed than ever to advancing its mission of ending the abuses of the “war on terror.” This fall marks 20 years of the government’s endless war that has indiscriminately targeted hundreds of innocent families in the U.S. and wrongfully prosecuted individuals for manufactured crimes. In 2021, we hope to create a campaign to highlight the human cost of this devastating war.

Seeking further opportunities for compassionate release for our prisoners will be another focus of CCF’s work in 2021. Thanks to reforms passed in the First Step Act to benefit federal prisoners, our legal team was able to secure freedom for two prisoners and will continue to pursue release for others such as the Newburgh Four who unfairly received harsh sentences. Until the pandemic ends, we will also closely monitor prison conditions and pursue compassionate release for vulnerable prisoners.

We are excited to launch our new website and database, including “wiki” articles on prisoners and cases, and will continue tracking

cases and gathering information to add to our comprehensive case list.

With our new Prisoner & Family Support Coordinator, we look forward to expanding our support and outreach to families, both new and old, and increasing year-round programs to engage and empower them to advocate for their incarcerated loved ones.

Finally, we hope to restart efforts to mobilize support for our proposed legislation and find a courageous sponsor to introduce our bill in Congress.

We are proud to do all of this work on a shoestring budget and with dedicated volunteers, but we could do so much more if we had more resources. We hope you’ll join us in the new year and beyond—until all are free.

Onward together to justice!



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**Thank you very much
for your annual gift of
\$100. I really appreciate
everything you do to
promote the cause
of political prisoners
and constitutional
protections for all.**

Shukri Abu Baker
*Political Prisoner of Holy Land
Foundation Five*

2020 Financials

Beginning Balance

January 1, 2020

\$19,091.00

Ending Balance

December 31, 2020

\$60,635.52⁽¹⁾

Total Revenue by Type

General Donations	\$3,723.50
Facebook Fundraisers	\$46,096.76
PayPal Donations	\$41,000.00
Grants/Foundations	\$31,000.00
Ramadan Gifts Program	\$5,243.00
Special Events (Gala)	\$37,630.00
Refunds	\$373.00
Total 2020 Revenue	\$165,066.26

(1) Amount does not include PayPal Ending Balance 12/31/2020 of \$3,119.54, pending donations on PayPal Giving Fund in the amount of \$7,118, and Facebook: \$4,000, and pending travel refunds of \$5,989.18.

Total Expenses by Type

Staff Compensation	\$48,000.00
Consultants	\$4,794.45
Legal Services	\$20,279.30
Legal Fees/Expenses	\$569.38
Graphic Design	\$1,834.00
Rebrand	\$1,150.00
Communications	\$3,997.84
Communications - Zoom	\$423.91
Website/Database Development	\$2,900.00
Development/Fundraising	\$400.00
Special Events/Gala	\$970.48
Programs - Ramadan Gifts	\$21,426.79
Postage	\$470.45
Office Supplies	\$65.74
Bank Fees	\$15.00
IRS Filing Fees	\$175.00
Travel/Lodging	\$503.92
Prisoner Emergency Gift	\$200.00
Legislative Advocacy	\$1,000.00
Loan Repayment	\$9,000.00
Total 2020 Expenses	\$ 118,176.26

Expenses by Group

Staff & Consultant Compensation

Executive Director	\$19,000.00
Deputy Executive Director	\$19,000.00
Prisoner & Family Support Coordinator	\$10,000.00
Consultants	\$4,794.45
Total	\$52,794.45

Legal Services & Expenses

Legal Director	\$13,038.30
Staff Attorney	\$7,421.00
Services Total	\$20,279.30
Expenses Total	\$569.38

Graphic Design

2020 Rebranding	\$1,150.00
General Design Work	\$1,834.00
Design Total	\$2,984.00

Communications

Uberconference	\$45.00
MailChimp	\$769.44
G Suite	\$1,169.33
Google Voice	\$1,627.68
Zoom	\$443.70
Web Host/Domain	\$279.70
Advertisement	\$86.90
Communications Total	\$52,794.45

Expenses by Group Continued

Development

Special Events/Gala	\$970.48
Fundraising	\$400.00
Development Total	\$1,370.48

Ramadan Gift Program

USPS Money Orders	\$20,272.00
JPay/Electronic Canteen	\$869.79
Greeting Cards	\$285.00
Ramadan Gift Program Total	\$21,426.79

Website/Database Development

Upwork - Development Team	\$2,900.00
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Miscellaneous

Loan Repayment	\$9,000.00
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Legislative Advocacy

Government Relations - Consultant	\$1,000.00
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Travel

Staff Retreat (Lodging & Parking)	\$478.86
Food	\$25.06
Development Total	\$503.92

Emergency Fund

Prisoner Emergency Fund	\$200.00
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Postal Services

P.O. Box Fee	\$100.00
Postage	\$370.45
Postal Services Total	\$470.45

Expenses by Group Continued

Office Supplies

Office Supplies	\$65.74
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Totals

Staff Compensation	\$48,000.00
Consultants	\$4,794.45
Legal Services	\$20,279.30
Legal Expenses	\$569.38
Graphic Design	\$1,834.00
Rebrand	\$1,150.00
Communications	\$4,421.75
Website/Database Development	\$2,900.00
Development	\$400.00
Special Events/Gala	\$970.48
Programs - Ramadan Gifts	\$21,426.79
Postage	\$470.45
Office Supplies	\$65.74
Bank Fee	\$15.00
IRS Filing Fee	\$175.00
Travel/Lodging/Food	\$503.92
Prisoner Emergency Gift	\$200.00
Legislative Advocacy	\$1,000.00
Loan Repayment	\$9,000.00
Expenses Grand Total	\$118,176.26

