



MISSION STATEMENT

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,

The year 2021 was a significant year for all organizations working on addressing—and ending—the abuses of the “war on terror.” It marked twenty years since the launch of this forever war by the Bush administration in the wake of 9/11. For those of us on the receiving end of the blowback, it was a painful reminder of all that was lost and suffered as a result of policies that continue today.

With hundreds of political prisoners still behind bars, and countless more that have had the misfortune of being targeted by the government and mired in the criminal legal system, our goal was to use this solemn anniversary to remind the world of these forgotten crimes.

As the pandemic continued to shut down travel and in-person gatherings, we knew our programs and educational work would have to continue virtually. We began the year hosting the Friends of Human Rights annual “CommUNITY Picnic” on New Year’s Day focusing on the unity and solidarity of the Tampa community and others around the country who rose up during times of fear and spoke out during times of silence. Many who spoke and attended were active during the trial of Dr. Sami Al-Arian and his co-defendants.

We also spent the beginning of the year with our CCF families in our first-ever virtual family conference held over MLK Jr. weekend in January. Remaining faithful to our mission to empower impacted family members and provide a safe space to discuss the challenges, hopes, and daily frustrations related to their loved one’s incarceration, we held mental health and storytelling workshops and sessions on lobbying

and challenging prisoner abuse. We also held a parallel youth track that included art therapy and sessions on activism and organizing using their skills and passions.

Our new Prisoner and Family Support Coordinator, Nada Dibas, continued to build on the conference with monthly virtual gatherings with family members and a support group led by an impacted family member and licensed mental health clinician. With this added capacity which developed into a full-time position, we were able to revive our Pen Pal Program and engage prisoners regularly and more effectively provide them resources and help. We also successfully completed another annual Ramadan gifts program and provided more than 200 political prisoners gifts of \$100 to their commissary accounts.

With our foremost goal to actually get some prisoners released, we were granted another successful motion for compassionate release, resulting in freedom for Amina Ali, a Somali American political prisoner who served half of a 20-year sentence for sending charity to her impoverished native country. We also filed motions for the Newburgh Four and other prisoners, including the Duka brothers from the Ft. Dix Five case.

Our educational work continued in our #InjusticeAtHome webinar series with episodes on hopeful trends in the courtroom and on Capitol Hill, informants and mental illness of FBI targets, surveillance, and highlighting unjust cases such the imprisonment of Imam Jamil al-Amin, the Newburgh Four, the Kansas trio, Curtis Flowers, and Jalil Muntaqim. Several CCF team members

also participated in an international conference on Islamophobia and the War on Terror.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the “war on terror,” we commissioned a report on its impact and held a two-day conference to discuss its findings. We also organized an international and virtual film festival in which we screened twenty films to mark twenty years. Accompanying each film was a live panel discussion featuring dozens of prominent filmmakers, journalists, activists, impacted individuals, scholars, and more. With more than 15,000 viewers we hope that we were able raise awareness about these long-standing injustices and increase support for our advocacy work.

As firm believers in using the arts to highlight important causes, we co-sponsored an “Art Against Imprisonment” and organized our own art exhibit at Luther College in Iowa featuring paintings by one of our political prisoners. We also commissioned contributions from prisoners to the Certain Days calendar, which comprises artwork, poetry, and other writings by political prisoners.

Finally, we managed to launch the first stage of our updated new website and hope to launch the full site and database by the middle of 2022.

We hope you’ll continue to support us as we proceed down the road to end the “war on terror” once and for all. Join us to prevent another 20 years of injustice and to help free our political prisoners and reunite them with their loved ones.

#UntilFreedom

In solidarity,



Leena Al-Arian,
Executive Director



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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS



CCF's Prisoner & Family Support

2021 By the Numbers

Ramadan Gifts Fundraised by CCF	~\$66,278 raised in 30 days
Ramadan Gifts Sent to Prisoners	216 Gifts at \$100 each
Calls/Letters on Behalf of Prisoners	43 calls to prisons; 25 calls to embassies; 8 letters to prisons
Correspondence with Political Prisoners	140 Prisoners via Corrlinks (Prison Email System) All via Snail Mail
Pen Pal Program	4 Pen Pal Orientations 29 Pen Pals Matched with Prisoners
Impacted Family Support	1 Virtual Family Conference 10 Monthly Gatherings/Support Group

Prisoner Support

Coming off 2020 learning and implementing new initiatives to help our prisoners and their families, 2021 found us going above and beyond to further help our prisoners. We started off the year rebooting our *Prisoner Pen Pal Program*. We hosted four live pen pal orientations and matched 29 prisoners with pen pals. The orientation was a comprehensive presentation on the expectations of joining the program and it allowed for potential

pen pals to address any hesitations or concerns.

“Every time you write a letter, and that letter passes through all those barriers, walls, and bars, and it finally slips itself under a prisoner’s door...do you know what that does? It reminds him or her that they still exist... That they still matter... That they have occupied a place in someone else’s mind beyond the walls and the

barbed wire... It reignites the dying light of hope and it helps them go on for just a little longer..."

- a CCF-supported political prisoner

In addition, we sent hundreds of prisoners a quarterly newsletter, *Until Freedom*, specially curated for them. This rich and colorful newsletter is intended to provide prisoners with a window into our advocacy work on their behalf and brighten their day. In it, we share all that is happening within and outside of our organization with the people at the center of our cause - the prisoners. Our victories, struggles, news updates, resources, art and poetry, and ongoing actions are all put together and mailed directly to the prisoners. The newsletter also included a resource directory for prisoners which included different types of resources such as educational, Islamic, legal, social, and more.

In March of 2021, we co-sponsored *Art Against Imprisonment*, a virtual art exhibit organized by a partner organization, Palestinian Youth Movement. It highlighted the creativity of incarcerated people to break through their isolation and invisibility. It further exposed the similar ways in which Israel and the U.S. use prisons to criminalize and repress



people's movements for liberation. This annual exhibit intends to build solidarity between our collective movements towards liberation. CCF collected and contributed art submissions from prisoners for the art exhibition.

Prisoners often write to us about the harsh conditions they face, and in the cases in which there is no legal action to take, we campaign for their rights at the grassroots level. We advocated on behalf of prisoners to prison authorities in over 10 cases of prison abuse, and wrote letters of support for their Compassionate Release motions and sentencing hearings—advocating for leniency—in a number of cases.

Sometimes prisoners are in need of resources inaccessible to them. For this reason, we try our best to sponsor dozens of books to prisoners and fulfill hundreds of requests for news articles and legal documents, and other research questions from prisoners.



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MUSLIM POLITICAL
PRISONERS.**

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Family Support

One of CCF's main missions is to provide support for families impacted by FBI targeting, surveillance, and preemptive prosecution in the "war on terror." We strive to understand the needs of their incarcerated loved ones as well as their own and work to find resources to meet their specific needs.

We hosted over ten monthly virtual gatherings to offer social support to many families who were isolated and ostracized by their own communities due to fear and concerns of guilt by association.

There are many ways that CCF monthly meetings have helped us as an impacted family. The trauma our families have suffered left us with emotional, physical and psychological scars. The human connection and relationships we've built have been among the most important ways that these meetings have helped us. Being together with others who can relate to the social loss, rejection, and stigma we have all faced and to be there to support each other, to listen and to be heard with compassion, understanding and without judgment, is a blessing. On the lighter side of things, we share laughter, happy times and updates on each other's days. These are the ways the family meeting helps us and we are grateful to be a part of this family.

**-Peace and Love, Shelley, Stuart, and Ali
(CCF Impacted Family)**

CCF also started a monthly support group for our impacted families led by licensed therapist Zaira Abu Baker, daughter of political prisoner Shukri Abu Baker.

Mental health is an essential part of everyday life. As an impacted family member myself, I understand first-hand the toll that these cases have on a person's mental health and well-being. Having access to adequate resources and safe spaces that help you process and cope with the loss and ongoing trauma of incarceration is integral to getting through such a life-altering and damaging experience. Our support group is where impacted family members come to safely grieve, learn, grow, and not feel alone in such an isolating experience.

-Zaira Abu Baker

Lastly, we are pleased that our efforts to assist financially-struggling CCF families were successful in 2021. The children of two former political prisoners were awarded grants from the Rosenberg Fund for Children. The Rosenberg Fund for Children was established to provide for the educational and emotional needs of children whose parents have suffered because of their progressive activities and were therefore no longer able to provide fully for their children.

CCF 10th Annual (Virtual) Family Conference

The Coalition for Civil Freedoms held its 10th annual conference for the families of political prisoners on Martin Luther King weekend. The conference, originally planned for October 2020, was postponed due to the pandemic and so for the first time ever it was held virtually. The format was experimental for us – but seemed to be quite successful.

The session began on Friday evening with a viewing of the documentary, “The Feeling of Being Watched,” followed by a discussion with the director Assia Boundaoui. People in Assia’s Muslim-American neighborhood in Chicago had suspected FBI Surveillance for years and so she investigated and found their suspicions were absolutely correct. The film tells the story of that investigation.

The following day we held our regular story-telling session with the title “Creating Change with Your Story,” led by filmmaker and journalism professor Nausheen Dadabhoy. We later held a webinar that was open to the public titled “Prisoner Releases: Analyzing Hopeful Trends in the Courtroom & on Capitol Hill”. CCF legal director, Kathy Manley, spoke about recent hopeful trends and outcomes in national security cases—including prisoner releases! Molly Gill, the VIP of Policy at FAMM, spoke about the organization’s recent efforts toward criminal justice reform. Finally, CCF Board Chair Steve Downs highlighted CCF’s legislative objectives toward justice for prisoners wrongfully prosecuted and convicted in the “war on terror” and he analyzed the dangers of the Biden administration’s proposed “domestic terrorism” laws.

The third day began with a very popular inter-generational yoga session led by Board

Member and Holistic Health Coach Sonali Sadequee. This was followed by a “Family Mental Health & Wellness” session with licensed counselor Zaira Abu Baker. Sonali is the sister of former political prisoner Shifa Sdequee, and Zaira is the daughter of Shukri Abu Baker.

As always, parallel youth sessions were held. The first youth workshop was “Art Therapy Activity” with artist and educator Nida Abu Baker and licensed counselor Zaira Abu Baker. (Nida and Zaira are Shukri Abu Baker’s daughters.) CCF’s own Prisoner & Family Support Coordinator Nada Dibas conducted a workshop entitled “Youth Activism: What’s Your Superpower,” on the concepts of activism, social justice, and the power youths hold.

The third workshop was led by Democracy Now! producer Hany Massoud and educator Ayesha Hoda . The title of this workshop was “Justice by the Pen” and discussed how to make changes using something you enjoy. One of the youth who attended the entire conference reported that all the workshops were fun, and they learned a new word – activism!

A final workshop on “How to Challenge Prisoner Abuse in the BOP” was led by Staff Attorney Amith Gupta.

The weekend concluded with a well-received talk by the founder of the Coalition for Civil Freedoms, Dr. Sami Al-Arian. Speaking to us from Istanbul, he talked about “Overcoming Adversity,” and drew from various lessons from history such as the experience of Nelson Mandela and others.





MARKING TWENTY YEARS OF THE WAR ON TERROR

Since 2021 marked 20 years since the War on Terror began, CCF undertook two major projects to commemorate this solemn anniversary. The first was a report entitled, *The Terror Trap: The Impact of The War on Terror on Muslim Communities Since 9/11*, and the second was *The War on Terror Film Festival*, a virtual film festival which took place throughout the month of October in which we screened 20 films to mark 20 years of the “war on terror.”

The Terror Trap Report

In 2021, we partnered with seven civil society and research organizations to release a report entitled *The Terror Trap: The Impact of the War on Terror on Muslim Communities Since 9/11*. With contributions from 32 distinguished scholars, lawyers, advocates, and impacted individuals, the report examines the various dimensions of the so-called War on Terror, and its devastating impact on communities and nations worldwide. Some of the topics explored include the racist history of targeting minorities in the U.S.; the roots of the “terrorism industry”; the role of the Islamophobia industry in exploiting post-9/11 fears; the restructuring of the national security and surveillance state; the use of torture, rendition, black sites, Guantanamo Bay prison, and drone warfare; Countering Violent Extremism programs; the destructive wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; the destruction of Muslim civil liberties through the policies of infiltration, entrapment, and manufacturing crime; and further repression

of American Muslims through the use of “terrorism” sentencing enhancement and discriminatory prison conditions.

The *Terror Trap* report demonstrates that the War on Terror has been a calculated attempt to repress and control Muslim communities at home and abroad through fear, lies and violence. Notwithstanding this lack of evidence of any violent threat, the US government deliberately struck fear into the Muslim community by conducting hundreds of unjustified detentions, raids, interrogations, and harassment of Muslim populations culminating in hundreds of pre-crime prosecutions of innocent Muslims using entrapment and misuse of material support for terrorism laws. The final chapter of the report lists recommendations to Congress to end the “war on terror” by repealing the very laws that created it. Examples are closing Guantanamo Bay prison, releasing the Senate Torture Report, ending the incarceration of innocent Muslims on pretext charges, dismantling the unlimited surveillance and scapegoating of the Muslim Community, repealing authorization to invade (mostly) Muslim countries, and eliminating drone assassinations.

The recommendations, which were developed from focus group discussions, further include passage of CCF’s own legislative remedy, the Entrapment and Governmental Overreach Relief Act (EGO Relief Act), to provide: (1) the first codified Entrapment Defense; (2) require intent for Material Support Charges; and (3) require disclosure to the defense of all classified information given by the prosecution to the trial judge.





In addition, Congress should end other abuses associated with preemptive prosecution including terrorism sentencing enhancements; Communication Management Units (CMUs) in prisons, and unreasonable limitations on Habeas Corpus under the 1996 Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996.

The complete list of recommendations can be found in *The Terror Trap* report on our website.

Finally, with the report launch, CCF held six Terror Trap roundtable discussions in which contributors to the report discussed their chapters and what needed to be done to improve the situation for Muslims and the country. This series, *The Terror Trap Conference* Oct. 18-19, can be found on the CCF Facebook page.

The War on Terror Film Festival

In 2021, we launched the War on Terror Film Festival to highlight major films showing the horror and absurdity of the “war on terror”—every weekend in the month of October. Each screening was accompanied by a live discussion with filmmakers, actors, scholars, survivors and resisters like Edward Snowden, Noam Chomsky, Rory Kennedy, Amy Goodman, and Michael Moore. Panelists reflected on the challenges of living through the ongoing policies of the so-called “war on terror” and telling these stories. These panel discussions were recorded and can be viewed on <http://wotfilmfestival.com/film-discussions>.

Viewed by over 15,000 people around the world, the WOT Film Festival generated so much enthusiasm, and impacted so many people, that we would like to continue it in 2022 with a War on Terror Film Club. We hope to continue to show important WOT films and hold live panel discussions, once a month for free to a global audience. Finally, the Festival was a very effective method of outreach as it garnered almost 6000 subscribers!





Legal Advocacy

2021 By The Numbers

Compassionate Release Motions Filed	8 filed directly by CCF Legal Team
Prisoners Released through CCF Motions	1 Compassionate Release Motion granted; 7 pending
Other legal filings or appearances	4
Advocacy letters or calls	27
Reviewed legal papers and advised prisoners or sent them legal material	33
Legal calls with CCF clients	45
Number of prisoners corresponded with	31 through postal mail; 44 through email

In 2021 the CCF legal team led by Legal Director Kathy Manley continued filing compassionate release motions, and won the release of one of the prisoners we support. We filed eight compassionate release motions, and have four pending now, including two recently filed for David Williams, Laguerre Payen, and Onta Williams of the Newburgh Four. We also filed a compassionate release motion for Safya Yassin.

We filed an appeal for Dritan and Shain Duka of the Fort Dix Five, and are awaiting a decision on that

from the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, we helped get one of our people out of ICE detention and to his new home, and are currently working on that process for another person. We also maintained and updated our extensive database of cases, and our Ramadan List of prisoners we support.

Finally, we wrote a few articles and spoke to several journalists about the cases. Staff Attorney Amith Gupta also organized a workshop on addressing and responding to prison abuse.

Policy

CCF continues to advocate for the *Entrapment and Governmental Overreach Relief Act (EGO Relief Act)*, which would 1) Codify for the first time an entrapment defense that 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) Require 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 evidence about the defendant to poison the mind of the trial judge, as is presently the case.

The EGO Relief Act is very important because, if passed, many of the old preemptive prosecution cases could be dismissed. It would also place limitations on the way the FBI conducts political prosecutions in the future.

Unfortunately, our efforts were hindered by continued COVID-related restrictions in 2021. Typically, following the Family Conferences,



family members would stay in Washington, DC to help lobby for the passage of the bill. The two challenges this year were that the Family Conference was virtual, and most meetings with legislators and staff were also virtual.

Although typically in-person meetings did not happen during 2021, an opportunity arose to speak with Sen. Chuck Grassley at a town hall meeting in Iowa. Sen. Grassley is the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and since he has long been concerned with criminal justice reform, it seems that he might have some interest in our EGO bill. At the meeting, we explained the basics of the bill, and left him with some printed information, including our *Inventing Terrorists* report.

We followed up by contacting Erin Creegan, Sen. Grassley’s judiciary representative. We held two virtual meetings with her to explain the EGO bill and the need for it. While not totally convinced, we felt these were productive meetings and she asked that we keep her informed of events, as well as bring family members to tell their stories when we go live again.



Education & Outreach

2021 By The Numbers

#InjusticeAtHome Webinars Done	10
Viewers of WOT Film Festival	Over 15,000 worldwide
WOT Film Discussion Panels	17
Subscribers to WOT email list	6,200
‘News Digest’ issues sent out	50

We at CCF initially hoped to begin organizing regional conferences in 2021 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, the COVID-19 shutdown did not end, and we were forced to continue our work through virtual webinars and events.

For eight years, CCF has co-hosted an Annual New Years Day CommUNITY Picnic in Tampa,

Florida, which began to show support for the Muslim community during a time of heightened Islamophobia. This picnic brings together people of all faiths, ages, ethnicities – and political views! It is an important and popular event, and so rather than cancel it, we began the year by holding a virtual picnic. It was recorded and can be viewed on the CCF Facebook page as the first webinar of 2021 in the “Injustice At Home” series.

The webinar series, which began with the onset of the pandemic in 2020, continued in 2021 with 10

additional webinars—making a total of 31 episodes. It featured a range of topics and 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. For example, one of the episodes featured Curtis Flowers, a Black man from Mississippi who spent 23 years fighting for his freedom because of a racist prosecution. Another webinar featured the filmmakers of *The Newburgh Sting* on how the FBI entrapped four Black men. Others covered topics such as surveillance, FBI informants, the hopeful story of released prisoners and more. Our series has received much positive feedback and thousands of viewers on social media. It has further enabled us to reach new people and expand our base.

One of the prisoners CCF supports is an artist. We utilized his paintings to further reach the public by organizing two exhibits of his work, *Seascapes & Landscapes: Escaping Prison Through Art*, one at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and the other at a local coffee shop/gallery. Both exhibits were on display for a month, and through his story, we were able to reach many more people with our message to end wrongful convictions.

CCF has also gained more of a foothold in activist and community spaces in 2021, 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, including an international conference on Islamophobia and

an event organized by Project South featuring impacted family member, Kiki McWilliams (aunt of David Williams of the Newburgh Four) and former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Mohamedou Ould Slahi.

CCF's work in media also continued in 2021 with a few of our team members publishing op-eds in various outlets about our work and on the continuing legacy of COINTELPRO.

A new website was also launched in 2021, to be completed in 2022. One important segment to be added is the telling of prisoner stories. Gathering these stories began in 2021 when family member Alaa Muhidin was hired to write these stories, four of which were completed. The goal is to add the stories of all of the prisoners for whom we advocate.



Development

2021 By The Numbers

Grant money raised	\$35,000 received from 2 Grants
20th Anniversary of the WOT Programs	\$33,250 and \$5000 in-kind received from partner co-sponsorships

In 2021, we continued to research and apply for grants. Because of the success of our programs in 2020, including winning the release of two political prisoners during the height of the Coronavirus pandemic, The \$15,000 grant we received from the NEO Philanthropy foundation in 2020 was doubled in 2021 to \$30,000. We further received a \$5,000 general support grant from The Proteus Fund which also invited us to present our work in November at a Funders’ Briefing. We hope that this event will help open doors to further funding opportunities.

We received a large donation from a generous donor in 2021 to help carry out our programs including ones around the 20th anniversary of the War on Terror. We also received a total of \$38,250 in sponsorship

funds from partners who were excited to join our film festival and comprehensive report.

Our Ramadan Gifts campaign raised more money in 2021 than any previous year with \$66,277.79 raised. This amount will certainly help kick-start our Prisoner Sponsorship project.

Finally, we hope that the film festival helped raise visibility of our organization and will increase individual donations to further our work. We hope to invest more funds in development in 2022 and develop a strategic fundraising plan to ensure sustainability of our organization.

What's ahead for the Coalition for Civil Freedoms



As we leave 2021—a ‘virtual’ year—behind us, we plan to come back live and in person in 2022. Although we reached thousands of people through our webinars and participating in online events of others, we believe that the most powerful way to influence people is through face-to-face interaction. We also believe that the most effective way to hold a successful event is by working through the grassroots of people on the ground in the community. In that spirit, we will be organizing events with partner organizations around the country.

While we have been continuing to meet with family members virtually through Zoom, we have greatly missed coming together with them at our annual conferences. The families have missed these important annual gatherings also and the chance they provided for meaningful interactions with others who understand and are experiencing similar struggles. The family conferences further offered a chance for renewal and empowerment.

In the fall of 2022, we plan to hold a family conference in person, and follow it up with some lobbying. With the help of our families, we will continue to look for a sponsor to introduce the EGO bill.

Every year, with the help of generous donors, we send a Ramadan gift of \$100 to all of our prisoners. However, we know that for some of our prisoners, this is the only help they receive all year! To help alleviate this problem, we will start a Sponsor a Prisoner program in which donors contribute every month to provide help to these needy prisoners.

In addition to this, we will continue providing free legal assistance to prisoners and seek compassionate release for vulnerable ones.

We will complete work on our new website, adding “Wiki”-style articles on prisoners and cases to tell the stories of those prisoners for whom we advocate. We also will continue tracking cases and gathering information to add to our comprehensive case list.

We 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.

Onward together to justice!



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2021 Financials

Current Assets

Bank Account	\$195,911.39
Paypal	\$9,682.44
Total 2021 Current Assets	\$205,593.83
Total Assets	\$205,593.83

Liabilities & Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$63,755.06
Change in Net Assets	\$141,838.77
Total Net Assets	\$205,593.83
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$205,593.83

Revenue & Other Support

General Donations	\$277,296.95
Ramadan Donations	\$66,277.79
War on Terror Report Donations	\$15,000.00
Film Festival Donations	\$11,500.01
Grant Income	\$30,000.00
Returns & Allowances	\$8,209.90
Total 2021 Revenue & Other Support	\$408,284.65

Total Expenses by Type

Executive Director	\$30,000.00
Deputy Executive Director	\$25,500.00
Prisoner & Family Support Coordinator	\$32,500.00
Misc Contractors	\$15,000.00
Consultant Retreat	\$2,429.44
Travel and Subsistence	\$10,355.67
Ramadan Gifts	\$23,310.92
Prisoner/Family Emergency Funds	\$3,377.05
Legal Services - Director	\$11,034.00
Legal Services - Attorney	\$6,179.40
Legal Services - Miscellaneous	\$700.00
Charitable Contributions	\$14,000.79
Bank Service Charges/IRS Fees	\$524.70
Office Supplies/Printing	\$2,175.84
Website/Database Development	\$33,401.49
Graphic Design	\$5,371.25
Postage and Delivery	\$375.49
Equipment Expense	\$550.61
Film Festival	\$31,802.47
War on Terror Report	\$10,500.00
Development/Advertising	\$34.00
Communications	\$7,323.55
Total 2021 Expenses	\$266,445.88
Change in Net Assets w/o Donor Restrictions	\$141,838.77

