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Jo Salas, Artistic Director
Hudson River Playback Theatre, Inc.
137 Hasbrouck Road
New Paltz, NY 12561

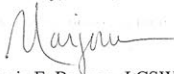
Dear Ms. Salas,

Thank you for a most extraordinary and wonderful performance on December 4th in honor of World AIDS Day. The women here at Beacon Correctional Facility were so moved, as was I, by the compassionate, poignant, and humorous telling of their stories by you and your company.

The evening inspired a coming together for a meaningful purpose in the hearts of all present. It was a validating and healing experience for this welcoming audience of incarcerated women during a time of transition in their lives and uncertainty in the world at large and a most beautiful way to remember people mourned and living with HIV/AIDS.

Once again, thank you for your generous efforts that made this event possible. The ILC was proud to co-sponsor, with Woodstock Chimes Fund, your authentic, powerful and loving presence. Know that you touched many lives and, for a moment, suspended reality while creating possibility. It was, as always, an honor to have you here.

Respectfully,


Marjorie E. Berman, LCSW-R
Social Worker/Beacon CR