

OUR HOPE RESTS IN . . .

your support of prisoners and ex-offenders who want to help themselves:

- ☐ Here's some cash to help meet a man's immediately needs.
- ☐ I'm interested in knowing more about hiring someone.
- ☐ I know of a job opening or could suggest some employers to contact.
- ☐ I know a group who would like to have one of the men as a speaker.
- ☐ I'd like to get more information on PACT
- ☐ Put me on your mailing list.
- ☐ I'd like to help with mailings or telephoning.
- ☐ I'd like to be a PACT volunteer.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Zip.....

Phone: Home.....

Business.....

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER

"Struggle for Justice" \$1.95
American Friends Service Committee

"The Politics of Punishment" \$3.75
Erik Olin Wright

"The Shame of the Prisons" \$1.25
Ben H. Bagdikian & Leon Dash

"Prison Letters of Thomas Crowder" . . . \$.50
American Friends Service Committee

"The Problems of Prisons" \$.75
David F. Greenberg

"PRISONS: Changing a System That
Doesn't Work" \$.75
Christian Science Monitor Report

"A Model Act for the Protection and
Rights of Prisoners" Donation
National Council on Crime and Delinquency

. . . and others

Resources for loan are available at the PACT House,
among them are:

"Using volunteers in Court Settings"
Indiana Department of Corrections

"Transitions to Freedom: An organizers model for
prison projects"

"Crime and Justice in Indiana": an NCCD Study

A Cooperative Project With
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PACT

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR EX-OFFENDERS



PRISONERS AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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A CONVICT IS . . .

a person. Somewhere along the line he blew it — bad. And got caught. In one fast shuffle he was changed. From being an ordinary person with all the rights and privileges . . . to being a CONVICT. At least, In the eyes of society that's who he is. But, he's still a person! Of great value!



EX-OFFENDERS RAPPING AT PACT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

A PRISON IS . . .

a warehouse, at best, where human potential is left to stagnate. Upon release, an ex-offender has little more than \$15, a prison-made suit and a life experience that gives him little chance of making it in society.

For each convict who gets out of prison and makes it in the straight world, two others don't make it. Over and over men are stuck back in jail. Every time this happens another person is wasted; and each year we're taxed another \$12,000 per person for this waste to continue.

PACT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER EXISTS TO . . .

DEFEAT THIS WASTE!

- **EDUCATION:** PACT helps to bring community education resources into the prison.
- **COUNSELING:** PACT appreciates the difficulties in the process of rebuilding a life and seeks to provide the kind of help that opens a man up to his own unique abilities and heals his damaged attitudes.
- **EMPLOYMENT:** PACT finds jobs for ex-offenders and helps to secure their economic stability in the community.
- **SUPPORT:** PACT stands by a man as he works through the transition from prison to society.
- **HOUSING:** PACT provides a temporary home for ex-offenders and assistance in finding a permanent residence.
- **AWARENESS:** PACT exists to make people see that convicts are people — like yourself. People who need lots of tough-minded help in regaining the rights and privileges they blew.

PACT IS . . .

a group of community residents from the Northwest Indiana area, ex-offenders from the Indiana State Prison (ISP), and prisoners of ISP. We are governed by a board of Directors that meets monthly inside the prison and assisted by an advisory council which meets in the outside community.



VISITORS TO PACT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

We believe that what is needed is solid "bridge building" between prisons and the community that will stimulate interaction between offenders and society at large and will enable ex-offenders to participate in work, training, and other aspects of community life. We feel that emphasis in correctional reform should be in providing meaningful community based non-institutional alternatives to incarceration. We believe this is a better investment of tax payers money; a more rational and humane approach to criminal justice; and a positive step toward reducing the presently high recidivism rate (criminal repeaters).