



PRISONS WEEK 2008 STORIES

No. 6 - from a Grandmother

A story of talents becoming real and celebrated

[A letter from a grandmother to a Prison Chaplain about her grandson, a young man aged 22, who, as he completed a three year sentence, was told that his brother had been murdered. He could so easily have responded in a negative way to this horrendous event, but the following letter shows the importance of a supportive prison to prepare people to deal with major challenges. The text has been provided with the author's permission but has been amended to preserve anonymity]

It is with great pride and admiration that I write the following words regarding my grandson. I thought that you would like to know that he is in college and about to take his exams. His college nominated him for a Major Achievement Award for 2008 and he was successful. This Adult Learner of the Year Award is sponsored by Canllaw Online.

We have been invited to the Inspire Adult Learner Award Ceremony for the presentation later this month. It is all very exciting. As you will appreciate we must keep this news confidential until then, when a press release will be issued.

Beside his education he has also appeared in a "Fashion Rocks" show held in our local Leisure Centre during March. It was with pride that I sat in the front row and watched my grandson perform his own material.

I thank you for all the help and inspiration you gave him during his stay at the prison. Once again, thank you.

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