



ILLINOIS COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

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Dear Cook County Public Defenders Union,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1033.15 on behalf of Martha Mary Fitzsimmons received on February 12, 2010. It is quite an honor to receive such a gift on behalf of someone who fought so passionately for a more just society. It is only through the continued support and work of good friends like Martha that we are able to expand our efforts throughout Illinois as our state continues its reevaluation of the use of capital punishment.

As was mentioned at our annual Cunningham Carey award dinner, 2010 is the year for abolition. States throughout the nation are moving toward abolition because they are realizing that the possibility of executing an innocent person is real and that the death penalty does not deliver what it promises: it does not deter crime and the death penalty is more expensive than any other sentencing option.

We have spent years preparing for this moment. All we need is your continued financial support in order to make the abolition of the death penalty a reality in Illinois. Please keep ICADP in mind in the coming year.

ICADP is planning a lobby day in Springfield on March 11th. The lobby day will be our time to speak to legislators about ending the death penalty in Illinois as it is a costly and ineffective tool that has led to twenty innocent people being sentenced to death in the state of Illinois. Please check our website for more information.

Thank you again for joining us in this important work in which we can all take pride. Together, we will abolish the death penalty.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Schroeder
Executive Director