



December 2016

WISHING YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS

Dear Friends,

What another incredible year!

You helped us bring home **TWO MORE** innocent men, for a total of FOUR since 2015. This kind of success is extraordinary for a Project our size.

Without your support, **Charles Palmer** would face *the rest of his life* in prison and **Teshome Campbell** 37 *more years*. Instead, for the first time in decades, they are free and home with their families for the holidays.

We are celebrating favorable court decisions and DNA test results, an office bursting with UIS students and volunteers, and for the second year in a row, our most successful Defenders of the Innocent event ever.

You helped make all of this happen.

Thank you for believing in us. Truly we could not do this work without you!

Wishing you peace and happiness this holiday season,

IIP exonerees, staff, students and volunteers

Teshome Campbell

Teshome Campbell maintained his innocence during the 18 years he was imprisoned for a murder he did not commit. IIP and the law firm of Perkins Coie, representing Teshome pro bono, partnered to win him a new trial based on the failure of his attorney to adequately defend him at his original trial. On January 29, 2016, the state dismissed all charges against Teshome and released him. More ...

Charles Palmer

Charles Palmer maintained his innocence during the 18 years he was imprisoned for a murder that he did not commit. IIP conducted DNA testing on newly discovered evidence that had never been tested, including biological material from under the victim's fingernails that indicated a struggle with the assailant. Results proved Charles was innocent and on November 23, 2016, the state exonerated and released him. More ...