

My name is Emma Gonzalez. I met Ms. Hassan in 2002 when I arrived at Dublin Federal Prison Camp. Our friendship began in 2005 when we were both transferred to Victorville Federal Prison Camp. I taught Spanish at the prison she was one of my best students.

We developed more communication then and that is where I learned of her story. Ms. Hassan is an amazing woman. Her story inspired me to focus on making my time at the camp one of learning and growing spiritually. She has helped many of us who came into the system cope with the everyday situations you deal with while in prison especially being away from your children. During my time at Victorville Federal Prison she was the one person I looked up to. She is a tower of strength to many. It is my personal belief that Ms. Hassan has more than paid for her mistake. She would be a great asset to the community.

Hamedah is a woman who taught us that you can overcome any obstacle. She got her degree as a paralegal and in doing so has inspired other women to realize that it can be done. Hamedah has been a blessing in my life. I got the opportunity to meet her family as well and see the love and support they give her. Many of the women loose that when incarcerated because the families just can't cope but her family has always been there for her encouraging her, loving her and visiting when possible. It is my strong belief that Hamedah is more of an asset to the community than to the bureau of prisons. Please send her home it's time!!

Thank you,

Emma Gonzalez

