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belongings including his coat and gloves in the dead of winter. With the recent release of numerous political prisoners, such as Jalil Muntaqim, and Jaan Laaman, the ABCF was able to send funds to help them start their new lives outside of the prison walls. This aspect of the Warchest program is designed to provide quick and immediate support in sudden situations.

**Where Does The Money Go?**

The funds that are collected are distributed to prisoners who do not receive regular financial support from their family or other political prisoner support organizations. When the Warchest was first established, a list was created of PP/POWs who were suspected of being in need. With the help of several political prisoners (Ojore N. Lutalo, Sundiata Acoli and Sekou Odinga) the list was refined. As years have passed, prisoners who received funds from the Warchest have been freed, passed on, or have been freed, passed on, or have received funds from the Warchest program.

The funds that are collected are sometimes one-time donations or through six or twelve-month commitments. The ABCF encourages the six or twelve-month commitments because it allows the organization to know just how much we can expect to have available in the program. This helps us adjust the monthly stipends to the prisoners or add others onto the list of political prisoners supported by the Warchest.

In addition, the ABCF started an annual event, known as Running Down the Walls, to help raise funds for the Warchest. This is a 5k run/walk designed to raise funds and awareness about the needs of our imprisoned comrades. This event has also helped by allowing a large infusion of funds into the Warchest. Despite the success, the need for our imprisoned comrades is great and every dime collected is used to support them.

**This fund for political prisoners is a vital support system - no joke at all. Please know that this aid had helped me in the worst of time in the SMU...**

- Oso Blanco

**We Must Not Forget**

It is important for those who are active in revolutionary and various social justice causes to remember those who are incarcerated from our communities. The State would love to see our most dedicated locked up behind the prison bars, lost and forgotten. While the Warchest program falls short of ensuring that these individuals are remembered and supported in the capacity that is truly needed, it is a symbol to those incarcerated that there are many of us outside the prison walls who remember them and the sacrifices they have made for the people’s liberation. The Warchest program is a reminder to everyone that we have a responsibility to uphold. We must take on our obligation to those who have sacrificed so much and have asked for nothing in return. Only through your support can we keep this program going. We encourage you to donate to the Warchest and assist us in the campaign to support our comrades.

For more information about the ABCF and the Warchest program please check out our website at: www.abcf.net

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