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Dear Editor:

The fact that thousands of men are behind bars in prison institutions across the United States has been well covered. The number of women behind bars has also increased dramatically in recent years. *But the women have received less media attention.*

I am writing to acquaint you with an initiative at the Taconic Correctional Facility which utilizes the media of dance to teach discipline and cooperation and to build self-esteem for the female inmates.

This unique approach has been developed by **Mary Johnson**, a much-commended member of the region's artistic, social and volunteer communities. This is a rehabilitative concept that brings the artists of the community together with the inmate population with positive results for both.

I believe this positive strong story will be of interest to your viewers and readers.

Sincerely yours,

Bridget Gladwin
Superintendent

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