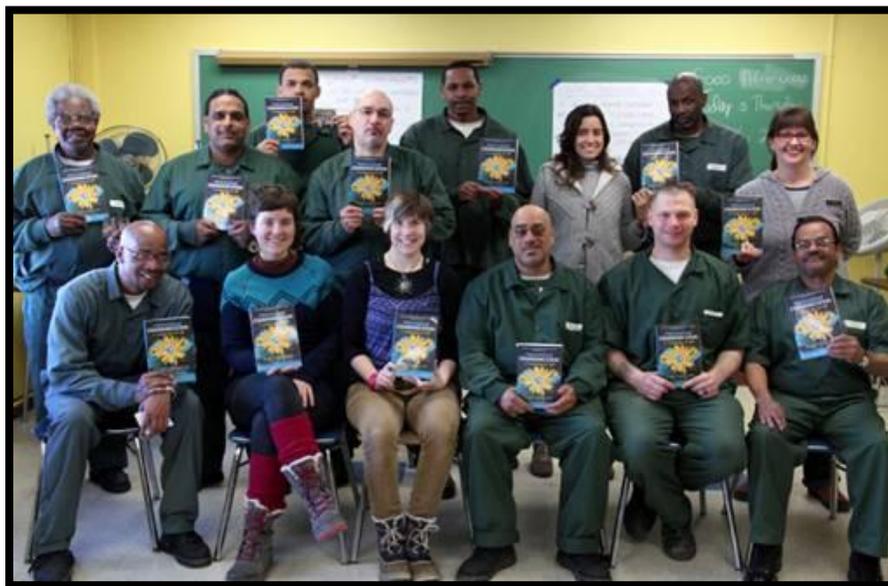




**2014 Season for Nonviolence: Groveland Correctional Facility
March 31, 2014**

The [2014 Season of Nonviolence](#) commenced on January 30th and concludes on Friday, April 4th. As part of Groveland Correctional Facility's observance of the Season for Nonviolence, the facility has participated in a gun buy back program and they hosted Arun Gandhi, author, activist, and grandson of assassinated Mohandas Gandhi. Most recently, the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence taught a three session course on Nonviolent Communication to the inmates.

Nonviolent communication, a skill developed by psychologist Marshall Rosenberg, aims to reduce violence in the world by helping individuals transform their communication. By focusing on the values and needs that motivate a person's words or actions, Nonviolent Communication supports people to make choices that contribute more healing to the world rather than suffering. The Gandhi Institute staff taught the inmates using interactive exercises based on Marshall Rosenberg's book, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*.



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