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I N T E R R U P T E D L I F E

INTERRUPTED LIFE

Incarcerated Mothers in the United States

↔ *a traveling public art installation*

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"Interrupted Life: Incarcerated Mothers in the United States," a beautiful and dramatic exhibition, provides a powerful occasion for paying attention to the facts and experiences of incarceration in the United States. "Interrupted Life" which will remain at each exhibition venue for one month, invites viewers to become educated, active community members, searching for further information and decent solutions to a major and growing problem in U.S. society.

The Exhibition: 8 linked installations

1. **"Stretched Thin,"** a photography installation by Stephen Shames
Shames traveled with children living in the city to visit their mothers in prison, far away. His installation, a construction of clothing, text and photographs, suggests the consequences of separation. The consequences are made vivid by real letters, drawings, and diary entries.

