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HARVEST GATHERING HELPS FOOD BANKS THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN

The Michigan Department of Corrections stepped up again this year to assist Michigan families who are struggling to put food on the table. Facilities and offices throughout the Department donated tons of food and thousands of dollars to ensure people don't go hungry. Here is a sampling of that support:



Central Office employees donated 771 food items and \$3,190 in support of the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The Central Office committee also held a silent auction and a "Grub Crawl" potluck luncheon to raise money for the food bank. Additionally, the Central Office Blood Drive Committee held a book and bake sale in August, raising \$261 dollars for the Harvest Gathering and Food Bank Council of Michigan.

These donations were in the name of Judy Gold, a department analyst who chaired the Harvest Gathering Committee for the past several years. Judy was killed in a bicycling accident just months before she was to retire.



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St. Louis Correctional Facility donated seven large boxes of food/canned goods, in addition to three cases of vegetables and stuffing. Staff also donated \$243, which will be used to buy turkeys for the Alma Community Cafe's Thanksgiving Meal.

Staff creativity and generosity at Thumb Correctional Facility resulted in the 2010 Harvest Gathering efforts producing an astonishing 3,482 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The two week event began with a friendly competi-

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tion between University of Michigan and Michigan State University fans. Additional cash contributions as well as the proceeds from two casual days netted a huge win for both U of M fans and the Food Bank.

G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility collected over 150 lbs of canned goods. They held a Michigan State University vs. University of Michigan donation contest. However, when they inadvertently combined the canned goods when tallying the totals, they called it a tie!



From Left: Sandy Charleston and Kelly Holden

Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility donated 237 pounds of food and non-perishable items during the Harvest Gathering. The local St. Vincent dePaul Society also received a check from Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility Employee Club.



L to R: Karin Adams, Pennie Chappell, Ann Nelson (St. Vincent DePaul), and Randy McClellan.

Each year, offices and work sites throughout the Department compete to see who can donate the most to their local food bank. The Harvest Gathering Committee is still collecting totals so F.Y.I. hopes to announce this year's winner in the next edition. No matter who takes this year's trophy, the real winners are the citizens who receive much needed support as a result of our Department's employees.



HONOR GUARD HOLIDAY BANQUET IS DECEMBER 3

The Honor Guard is having its annual fund-raising banquet on Friday, December 3 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. There will be a silent auction filled with awesome gifts for the holidays as well as a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the event go to the Honor Guard fund which supports unit operations and allows the Honor Guard to give back to grieving families. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Keiffer at keiffekj@michigan.gov or 517-335-1407.



Correction: In the October 29, 2010 edition of F.Y.I. Muskegon Correctional Facility was identified as hosting a "One Day with God" program. Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility actually hosted the event.



EMPLOYEES NOW PAY THREE PERCENT INTO RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST

As you may be aware, the State Employees' Retirement Act was amended by P.A. 185 of 2010 to provide for retirement reform and a retirement incentive.

Beginning with the November 10, 2010 pay date and ending on September 30, 2013, all active State employees who are members of the State Employees Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan or participants in the Defined Contribution Plan are required to contribute three percent of their compensation to the Healthcare Trust Fund.

The contribution is a pre-tax deduction and is calculated as three percent of total compensation that includes regular wages, pay adjustments, special pay and shift premiums, overtime, separation payoffs, and all other wage amounts. The calculation of the three percent contribution does not include expense reimbursements.

The contribution will be processed as a payroll deduction and will appear on the earnings statement as "Healthcare Trust Contribution." It will also be reported for informational purposes in box 14 on form W-2.

For additional information regarding the Retirement Reform and Retirement Incentive, please refer to the Office of Retirement Services' Web site at: www.michigan.gov/orsstatedb.

DON'T LET THE FLU BUG BITE YOU THIS SEASON



The Michigan Civil Service Commission, Employee Benefits Division is coordinating seasonal flu shots for State of Michigan employees. McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice is administering the vaccines.

State health insurance carriers will cover the cost of the seasonal flu vaccine: BCBSM PPO, BCN, Priority Health, HAP, Health Plus of Michigan, PHP of Mid-MI and McLaren Health. The seasonal flu shot (see below) will be provided at no charge to employees if you bring a copy of your state health insurance card to your appointment. There are two exceptions: Employees with Grand Valley Health Plan and Total Health Care HMOs will need to go to their primary physician to receive the seasonal flu vaccine and there may be a co-pay charge.

WHERE to Receive a Flu Vaccine:

- [State Worksite Flu Vaccine Clinics](#) (see Worksite Coordinator for appointment)
- [McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice Community Seasonal Flu Clinics](#)

REMEMBER to Bring to the Flu Vaccine Clinic:

- A copy of your State health insurance card
- A completed [Consent Form](#)



**FIELD REPORT: WHAT'S GOING ON IN FOA****OPERATION NIGHTHAWK**

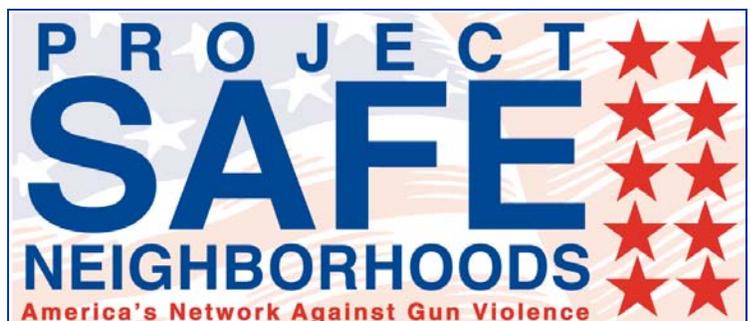
Van Buren County Parole/Probation Office recently conducted Operation Nighthawk, teaming with local law enforcement to conduct unannounced home-checks on 30 offenders throughout the county. During the evening field work, Field Agent Paul Imus and Deputy Adam Dielang completed seven home calls on probationers and parolees. The next night, Field Agent Phil DeYoung and Deputy Matt Conkle completed ten home calls on parolees, while Field Agent Rob Buchanan and Deputy Adam Dielang completed another 13 home calls on parolees and probationers. All three agents were very appreciative of the deputies involved, and felt that the interagency collaboration and teamwork sent a strong and valuable message to those offenders.

**OBSERVATION SKILLS DETER FURTHER ABUSE**

While driving to a home-call on July 6, 2010, Kalamazoo Agent Lisa Martin observed the occupants of another car engaged in a heated argument. The male passenger was screaming, swearing and then punched the window with his fist multiple times. Agent Martin was still following the vehicle when she observed the driver hit the female occupant in the back of her head. Agent Martin called the Portage Police Department and stayed on the phone with the dispatcher while following the vehicle to the Dollar Store parking lot. A few minutes later, police arrived. Agent Martin was subpoenaed to testify; however, the defendant ultimately pled to Domestic Violence.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD (PSN)

Staff throughout the Metro Region attended the Project Safe Neighborhood (Gang) National Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan on September 28, 29 and 30. Deputy Director Rubitschun joined RA Moore and DRA Michael Alexander for the Executive Session. The goal of the conference was to improve the level of knowledge, communication, and collaboration in addressing criminal gang issues that affect communities throughout the nation. The curriculum was based on current policies and proven practices and strategies in the criminal justice field. The conference was developed in accordance with the U.S. Department of Justice Initiative for Safer Communities to deliver comprehensive gang prevention, enforcement, and prison re-entry training for state and local law enforcement and related partner organizations.



Between July 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010, PSN attempted 51 home calls without Detroit Police Department assistance and 180 home calls with Detroit Police Department resulting in 48 parolee contacts and 126 collateral contacts, and only 15 supervision violations. There are currently 229 PSN cases under FOA supervision.



OFFICER'S OBSERVATIONS EARN COMMENDATION



Officer Jamie Burch of Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility recently observed a prisoner running around the track of the big yard. The prisoner drew attention on this particular day due to how his arms were positioned while running. Burch thought it looked as though the prisoner was training to run as if he was in belly chains or a black box, which indicated a potential escape risk. Burch forwarded his observations to the facility inspector. A thorough investigation began immediately. Information was uncovered within the facility which strongly suggested the prisoner was rehearsing to escape while out on a writ to court.

The Detroit Police Department executed a search warrant on a residence and a four-page letter written to an accomplice from the prisoner was found. The letter very clearly spelled out what the prisoner's escape plans were and what his accomplice needed to do before and after the escape in order to make his plan a success. The prisoner's plan was to fake having heart problems and then once transported to a local hospital, he would escape when the van doors opened.



From Left: Officer Burch and Warden Ken McKee.

Burch's alertness and action in following up on his intuition were the primary reasons that led to foiling the prisoner's escape plot. Burch's actions prevented what could have been a very serious threat to Michigan's citizens. He is to be commended for his actions.

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MACOMB CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WALKS FOR THE CURE

On Saturday October 9, 2010, Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF) employees and their family members walked in the 5-mile "Strides Against Breast Cancer (A World With More Birthdays) Walk" in Belle Isle Park in Detroit. Additionally, a luncheon was held at the facility on October 6, 2010, and raised \$830 for the walk. The walkers proudly displayed the slogan "5 Miles - Yes We Can!" on the back of their shirts. MRF employees have participated in two walks (May and October) each year for the past three years to raise money for the cure.





OCTOBER 2010 RETIREMENTS



Acree-Morgan, Shirley J.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Anderson, Mary L.....	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Andring, Edward S.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Baldwin, Todd J.....	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Belonga, Georgia L.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Black, William R.....	Mound Correctional Facility
Blair, Darrel H.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Brown, William E.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Calliger, Deborah L.	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Climie, Todd A.....	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Cloud, Karen.....	Macomb Correctional Facility
Conner, James A.....	Field Operations - Outstate Region
Crane, Claudia M.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Crawford, Donald.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Drenth, Daniel.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Eckerly, Debra.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Elvetici, John S.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Emmons, Terrance W.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Eskilsen, Stephen M.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Feehan, William S.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Finkbeiner, Sherry S.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Fisher, Toni D.....	Richard A. Handlon Correctional facility
Haase, Daniel.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Haines, Richard B.	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Harrington, Steven E.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Hawkins, Daniel L.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Hayes, Dennie R.	Alger Correctional Facility
Higgins, Harvey E.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Highfill, John C.	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Hix, Todd R.....	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Holmes, Gwendolyn P.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
Hose, Priscilla A.	Florence Crane Correctional Facility
Hubble-Price, Deborah A.	Alger Correctional Facility
Hughes, Patrick A.....	Field Operations - Metro Region
Hurst, Janet M.	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Jackson, Denotra T.	Ryan Correctional Facility
Jackson-Hornes, Michele D.	Field Operations – Metro Region
Johnson, Jim J.....	Woodland Center Correctional Facility

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Johnson, Zenaida V.	Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Kirkby, David D.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Lacy, Steven W.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Lake, Beverly C.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Landers, Arthur A.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Lebombard, Arthur F.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Lee, Patricia A.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Leskow, Brenda.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Mangold, John F.....	Thumb Correctional Facility
McFarlan, Kathleen	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Montgomery, Debra.....	CFA Southern Region - Ionia
Nummer, Terri A.	Michigan Reformatory
Ogle, Dean	Marquette Branch Prison
Pingatore, Edward P.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Prater, Robert L.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Proffitt, Billy W.	Parnall Correctional Facility
Rall, John A.	Oaks Correctional Facility
Reed, Randal.....	Ionia Maximum Correctional Facility
Rhodes-Reeves, Patricia A.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Richter, Sharon J.....	Charles Egeler Correctional Facility
Roberts, Thomas A.	Ernest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Sarasin, William J.	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Savoie, Anthony E.....	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Schumaker, Mark D.....	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Smith-Gladney, Naomi R.....	Mound Correctional Facility
Stokke, Marian.....	Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Stoner, Randal L.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Stuparek, Michael J.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Taylor-Williams, Nancy E.	Central Office
Thiele, Thomas D.	Oaks Correctional Facility
Troub, Richard C.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Turner, Jewel.....	Michigan State Industries
Wattles, Rex A.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Weimer, Robert J.....	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Wilkerson, Henry	Parnall Correctional Facility
Williams, Forest J.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Williams, Levi.....	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

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