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EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED WITH SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE

Thirty-three employees of the Michigan Department of Corrections each recently received the "Symbol of Excellence" coin from Director Dan Heyns for their efforts during the improvement and repurposing of Mound Correctional Facility into the Detroit Detention Center (DDC).



L to R: Regional Business Manager Carol Wilson, RPA Bruce Curtis (presenting a plaque of recognition), Director Dan Heyns and CFA Deputy Director Tom Finco.

A total of 26 regional maintenance employees worked tirelessly to redesign Mound into the Detroit Detention Center. They got the project done in time for the grand opening. Each of the following maintenance employees received a coin: Eames Groenleer, Todd Bruder, Chris Wardowski, Steve Armstrong, Ed Gormley, Mike Pryslak, Leroy Yancey, James Doss, Ed Dell, Jay Hath, Stewart Nash, Robert Baum, Mark Burlingham, Dan Kissinger, Bruce Lindsay, Rod Ridgeway, Earl Cook, Doug Frazier, Jim Weimer, Ken Worthy, Marvin (Bud) Pifer, Craig Bennet, James Gillies, Dave Bigelow, Steve Curtis and Willie Morgan.

Additionally, seven crew leaders from the Special Alternative Incarceration Facility were recognized for their efforts in the repurposing. Sgt. Jamie Krzeminski, Corporals Brian Samon, Glenn Morehouse, Robert Bishop, Thomas Boatright, Robert Kinney and Douglas Orweller transported and supervised prisoner work crews who performed cleanup work at the facility. The crews worked inside the facility and on facility grounds, cleaning, cutting, trimming and painting, to get the Detroit Detention Center ready for the grand opening.



L to R: Cpl. Robert Kinney, Cpl. Doug Orweller, Sgt. Jamie Krzeminski, Cpl. Thomas Boatright and Cpl. Glenn Morehouse. Not pictured: Cpl. Brian Samon and Cpl. Robert Bishop.



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Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA) Regional Prison Administrator Bruce Curtis also presented plaques depicting the coin with a description recognizing their efforts that will hang in the regional maintenance office and at the SAI Facility.

Deputy Director Finco Writes a Letter to Director Heyns Regarding the Detroit Detention Center

Describing a recent visit to the Detroit Detention Center (DDC), CFA Deputy Director Tom Finco wrote,

“On September 24, 2013, I had the pleasure of visiting the Detroit Detention Center (DDC). I had not visited the facility since the first week of August and I must say I was extremely pleased with the staff and the facility. I have been part of the criminal justice community for over 40 years and I have rarely seen a jail or correctional facility cleaner than or as well maintained as the DDC.

“The brush has been cut back from the outer portions of our property and the vines that were growing on the fence separating our property and public property have been removed. The inside of the facility was spotless and everyone associated with DDC appeared to be extremely happy. The officers from the Detroit Police Department were friendly and our staff working at the facility expressed intense pride in the operation.

“Further, I will note that during the month of August, over 300 detainees required medical attention. MDOC health care staff examined each of the detainees, providing necessary treatment

and sending 38 to a local hospital for additional treatment, saving Wayne County thousands of dollars in medical bills. In the past, each of the detainees requiring any medical attention would have been transported via ambulance to a local hospital for treatment.

“While I was at DDC, there was another group of visitors at the facility. I later found out that two of the visitors were from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and were monitors assigned to oversee all city of Detroit lock-ups. An MDOC employee who conducted the tour for the DOJ staff advised me that the monitors were extremely impressed with the facility. They commented on the following: the handling of money, the cleanliness of the facility, the condition of our detainees and the MDOC’s overall process for processing and detention of arrestees. The representatives from the DOJ were also pleased that the MDOC has never held a prisoner at the facility over 72 hours, and they commented on the successful integration of video arraignments, especially the addition of a second video arraignment each day which is due to start October 1, 2013.

“The pride associated with the employees of the DDC is remarkable, and I want to commend them for the excellent job they are doing. It is great to see our staff working hand in hand with the Detroit Police Department and other police departments in Wayne County to accomplish the mission of processing and lodging arrestees in the city of Detroit.”





DILIGENT EMPLOYEES THWART CONTRABAND INTRODUCTION



Three employees from Pugsley Correctional Facility (MPF) received Meritorious Service Awards for their conduct in March and April 2013. Shaun Meyers, Dana Richards and Michael Pouliot discovered a plot to smuggle marijuana and tobacco into MPF. During a prisoner search, they obtained a phone number that warranted monitoring. While monitoring the phone number, the employees discovered that 164 grams



L to R: Director Dan Heyns, Dana Richards, Michael Pouliot, Shaun Meyers and Warden Shirlee Harry

of marijuana had been hidden on facility grounds. The package was recovered and turned over to the Michigan State Police for processing. Through continued monitoring and investigation, employees determined that a second attempt to introduce contraband was going to occur. Working with Michigan State Police and the Traverse Area Narcotics Team, the employees obtained additional surveillance of the suspected drop-off site resulting in the arrest of three individuals who were attempting to deliver the contraband. The three employees continued working with law enforcement to establish a case against those accused of the criminal offense. Their actions demonstrated a sincere concern for the safety and security of the correctional facility. Without their efforts, dangerous contraband would have entered the facility, potentially endangering the lives of prisoners and staff in the facility.

PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

EMPLOYEE EARNS CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR CHARITY WORK

Todd Hennigan (*pictured with Director Dan Heyns*) of the Alger Correctional Facility (LMF) received a Citizenship Award on August 29 for his volunteer participation at many events with his dogs Banshee and Sae-mus. Hennigan and his dogs support a variety of organizations through these educational opportunities. Over the past several years, he has helped raise funds for organizations such as the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter, the Bay Cliff Health Camp and the U.P. Children's Museum. He and his dogs have also visited various events and festivals in the Marquette area. During the past year, Hennigan visited over 2,200



school children, and he was awarded the Pet Partners Outstanding Volunteer Award. Hennigan has also volunteered at the U.P. 200 sled dog race, assisting in making sure dogs in the race were well cared for. His outstanding dedication and support as well as his passion for animals and his drive to educate others about animal welfare is an example to all. The Department is proud to recognize him with this award.





RETIREMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2013

PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Employee	Facility Location
Alexander, Robin L.	FOA Outstate Region
Barton, Paula R.	Oaks Correctional Facility
Burnett, Steve A.	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Canfield, Michael J.	Newberry Correctional Facility
Cook, Merlin C.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Davis, George H.	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Fales, Lyle B.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Fegan, Michael D.	Baraga Correctional Facility
Ford, Marlene L.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Gough, Stephen L.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Gutierrez, Angelina	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Haglund, Diane L.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Harmon, Sharon K.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Harris, Deborah M.	FOA Metro Region
Hess, David J.	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Hicks, Debra A.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Huddleston, Susan L.	Michigan Reformatory
Hunter, Jeffery L.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
James, Michael K.	Alger Correctional Facility
Janke, Barbara L.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Kauffman, Marcia A.	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
King, Debra G.	FOA Metro Region
Laws, Daniel C.	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Lee, Eva L.	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Leslie, Martha C.	Thumb Correctional Facility
Lightfoot, Christopher J.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Livermore, Robert D.	Alger Maximum Correctional Facility
Manbeck, Cloyd J.	Kinross Correctional Facility
McIntyre, Kenneth K.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Morris, Terry L.	Michigan Reformatory
Mytinger, Lawrance P.	FOA Metro Region
Parling, Craig D.	FOA Metro Region
Patten, Peggy S.	FOA Outstate Region
Reaume, Rosemary E.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Rinkey, Jerry	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Rockey, Dave T.	CFA Transportation - Ionia
Schuh, Raymond E.	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Smedley, Deanna R.	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Smith, Roy R.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Smith, Willie L.	Macomb Correctional Facility
Spence, Ronald L.	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Stoudt, Robert B.	Carson City Correctional Facility
Strieter, Susan J.	Kinross Correctional Facility
Truesdale, Thomas R.	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Wallington, Deborah L.	St Louis Correctional Facility
Weathersby, Beverly R.	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Westhof, Don G.	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Whitford, Kelly E.	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Woods, James L.	Macomb Correctional Facility



**ARU AND FOA STAFF GET SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

The United States Marshal Service invited several members of the Absconder Recovery Unit to their annual week-long tactical training at Camp Grayling Michigan. They also invited Embedded Parole Agents Gene McKinstry and Walt Wysopal along with Paul Walker from the Ordinance Unit.

The training consisted of a moving pistol range, a pistol to M-4 Transition range, a Ballistic Shield shoot with Pistol and M-4's, building clearing, Use of Force quick reactionary drills (shoot/no shoot), vehicle takedowns without the use of marked vehicles, man tracking in urban terrain and familiarization with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol helicopter surveillance team. They also received a K-9 familiarization from the Dearborn K-9 unit. All training was conducted by the USMS and funded by HIDTA confiscated and forfeiture funds. There was no cost to the MDOC.

The HIDTA Program, (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) is a federal grant program administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy that provides resources to assist federal, state, local and tribal agencies coordinate activities that address drug trafficking in specially designated areas of the United States. Michigan has 10 counties that meet the national criteria.

The director of Michigan HIDTA, Abraham Azam, is very excited to have the MDOC working with law enforcement. He stated that for so many years law enforcement had a missing link when it came to solving crimes and capturing fugitives. Now that the MDOC has extended their services through the Absconder Recovery Unit, ERT and the new Embedded Agent program, crimes are being solved and fugitives are being captured much quicker since the MDOC has gotten on board with law enforcement.

The MDOC participants received praise from instructors and other agencies for their high degree of motivation, their willingness to learn and for their success on the streets.



L to R: Bo Clarke (ARU), Jeff Grembowski (ARU), Ray Demaertelure (ARU) and Walt Wysopal (Saginaw Parole).

RED WINGS SPONSOR LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT

The Detroit Red Wings and the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund have teamed up for Law Enforcement Night on November 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. There are \$40 and \$55 packages available. Each order will receive a commemorative Red Wings Law Enforcement Night hockey puck. Order tickets online at www.redwings.com/law, or contact Jamie Clark via phone at (313) 394-7138 or email at Jamie.clark@hockeytown.com.





**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Q & A
WITH RN AIMEE DELINE**



**In the
Spotlight**

Employee Spotlight profiles some of our remarkable staff who have done an outstanding job serving the citizens of Michigan. I absolutely recognize that our employees are the greatest asset to this organization and key to the Department's success. I know from my visits across the state and interactions with many of you that this agency is filled with extraordinary people with inspiring stories to tell. I am hopeful that some of you find these employee showcases meaningful and a worthwhile addition to the FYI.

Thank you,
Director Heyns

Employee Spotlight - Aimee DeLine, 41



Current Position: Registered Nurse (RN) at Duane L. Waters Health Center

Started with the MDOC: 2011

College: Associates Degree in Applied Science – Nursing from Jackson Community College

Hometown: Adrian

Family: Married with two daughters and two step-daughters

Interview

Q: *Where did you work before coming to the MDOC?*

RN DeLine: I worked as an RN in the Emergency Department at Allegiance Hospital in Jackson.

Q: *Why did you decide to come to work for the MDOC?*

RN DeLine: I liked working in the ER at Allegiance as there was always something going on there – it was an adrenaline rush every day. But, it was a very clicky environment there, and I was looking for something with a more team-like setting. I would see Corrections Officers coming into Allegiance all the time with prisoners. I would talk to them, and they kept telling me that I should come to work for the MDOC. I really had never thought about working in a prison before. I took a chance and applied and got the job working in the ER at Duane Waters.

Q: *So, how do you like working for the MDOC?*

RN DeLine: I love it. I feel like I am part of a family here. Working for the MDOC is a whole different world than working in a public hospital – but a good world. I work with a lot of good people who like what they do. You hear that custody doesn't get along with medical and vice versa, but I don't see that at all.

Q: *Were your husband and children worried about you going to work in a correctional facility?*

RN DeLine: Yes, my husband wasn't too sure about it at first, but he talked to some of his friends who work at Gus Harrison, and they made him feel better about it. My kids were also a bit worried, but they have gotten to know some of my coworkers and they feel more comfortable about it now. However, my family will probably always be a little nervous for me. We do work in an environment with dangerous offenders; however, at the Allegiance ER, we didn't know who we would see walking in the front door. Here, there are officers all around, and they do a tremendous job. I don't take my safety for granted. I feel safety is first here – it's all about safety.

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Q: *Do you have a motto or catch phrase you like to use?*

RN DeLine: Yes, always fight like a girl or don't sweat the small stuff.

Q: *Where do those come from?*

RN DeLine: Did Warden Washington tell you my story?

Editor: *No, she did not.*

RN DeLine: In June of 2012, I found out I had two types of breast cancer. I had a double mastectomy in July 2012, and then learned I had lymphoma. I started my chemotherapy treatments on my 40th birthday in August of last year. A few weeks later in September 2012, my 7-year-old daughter Katie was diagnosed with leukemia. She started her chemo treatments the same day she was diagnosed – September 28, 2012.

Q: *How are you and your daughter doing now?*

RN DeLine: I'm doing good now, but I get a little tired at times. I have to go back to the doctor every three months for follow-up testing. Katie is also doing good, but is still receiving chemo treatments. She goes once a month and will be done in December of 2014.

Q: *I can't even begin to imagine what you are going through. What has life been like since June of last year?*

RN DeLine: I had only been working here for seven months when I had to go off on medical. Everyone here has been so supportive. They held numerous fund-raisers for my family, and kept in touch with phone calls, Facebook posts and emails while I was off. It definitely wasn't out of sight out of mind. I feel like this is my family here.

Q: *Did that response from staff surprise you since you had only been working there for seven months?*

RN DeLine: Yes, it did surprise me. But, I felt like I was in the right place at the right time with my career. I went off on July 19, 2012 and came back to work at the end of January 2013. When I came back, I was still receiving radiation treatments so there were days when I wasn't feeling very good. But, everyone here was absolutely great.

They would tell me to take a break and they would help me if they could tell I needed a rest. My coworkers were great and HR here has been great.

Q: *You had just learned you had cancer and then found out your 7-year-old daughter had cancer. What went through your mind?*

RN DeLine: This may sound weird, but I was thankful that I was diagnosed first so I could help my daughter through it. I think it really helped her to not be so scared because it was something mommy was going through too. She had to miss most of 2nd grade last year because of her illness, but she's in third grade now and doing well.

Q: *You came back to work while you were still undergoing radiation treatments and your daughter was fighting cancer. Did you think about not coming back?*

RN DeLine: No. Throughout my treatment and Katie's diagnosis, my coworkers have been so supportive. The thought of not coming back never occurred to me. When I came back, I was bald and the prisoners knew what had happened. The prisoners who had cancer had tons of questions for me. I felt like I could really help them out and help them get through it. I would tell them to keep fighting as long as you can. I think my illness made me a better patient advocate. If you've never had cancer, you don't understand how much pain you can have, but I experienced that personally. There were some days that were very painful.

Q: *How have the incredibly intense, life-changing events of the past year impacted you?*

RN DeLine: It has made me slow down and appreciate everything in life. I don't get so worked up about stuff now. If it is not life threatening, I don't worry about it. Life is life, and you never know when it is going to throw you a curve ball – or three. If you have kids, make sure you go home and hug them – a lot!

Q: *Do you want any of this personal information in the FYI Employee Spotlight?*

RN DeLine: Sure, you can share it with FYI readers.

Q: *Who is your hero?*

RN DeLine: My daughter Katie. The stuff she has

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**INGHAM COUNTY PAROLE OFFICE HOLDS
“RESOURCE DAY” TO ASSIST OFFENDERS**

Under the direction of Supervisors Gregory Straub and Douglas Clark, the Ingham Parole Office has implemented a bi-weekly Offender Resource Day where local agencies meet at the parole office to connect parolees with available services in the greater Lansing area. Representatives have been present from the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), Community Mental Health, Ingham Health Plan, Justice in Mental Health Organization, Greater Lansing African American Health Institute, Friend of the Court, the Office of Financial Empowerment and the Lansing School District.

This resource day has served to benefit the Lansing parole population by providing direct access to local services and much needed resources. Efforts have recently been made to extend this Collaborative Case Management resource model to the 1,200 offenders under probation supervision in Ingham County. This re-

source day serves as an example of collaboration between internal and external organizations, aimed at advocacy for offenders by removing barriers to success while promoting offender self-sufficiency.



Back Row L to R: Eldon Liggon, Dana Viges, Rubie Zuchowski and Ingham Parole Supervisor Douglas Clark.
Front Row L to R: Janice Malkowicc, Shauna Dunnings, Amber Paxton, Velma Kyser and Ingham Parole Supervisor Gregory Straub.

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to go through every day - she is a little superhero. But both of my girls are spectacular. My 17-year-old daughter and my husband have helped out tremendously throughout this whole thing.

Q: *What do you think you will be doing five years from now?*

RN DeLine: I will have my Bachelor’s Degree and hopefully I will be starting on my Masters. I don’t really have an interest in going into management right now. I really like helping people.

Q: *Final thoughts?*

RN DeLine: I feel honored to be considered for this Spotlight piece. I want to thank everybody for their help, support and prayers.

Editor’s Note: *If you would like to connect with Aimee or assist her or her family in any way, please visit her Facebook page at this link:*

<https://www.facebook.com/MommyAndMeFightingLikeGirls>



Aimee with her daughter Katie.

MARQUETTE TEAM WINS “WARDENS CUP” TROPHY

Marquette Branch Prison held their First Annual Warden’s Cup Pistol Shoot on September 4, 2013. Participants included staff from Alger Correctional Facility (LMF), Baraga Correctional Facility (AMF), Marquette Branch Prison (MBP), Ojibway Correctional Facility (OCF) and outside law enforcement agencies.

The course of fire required shooters to hit three staggered pigeons before moving to their paper target. This had to be accomplished in 30 seconds with 20 rounds and mandatory magazine change, from 10 yards. This particular course of fire was designed to test the shooter’s quickness out of the holster, their ability to quickly acquire new targets, and test their ability to accurately engage a target in a stressful environment (thanks to approximately 100 observers).

The event was a great success with approximately 120 shooters participating. The shoot concluded with a great barbeque picnic at the facility and an awards ceremony following. MBP Warden Robert Napel said, “You can’t put a price tag on the team building, networking, and camaraderie that the event provided.”

Regional Emergency Response Team (ERT) Commander Al Makela stated, “The event was an invaluable opportunity for the teams to not only get together for a training day, but also to

simply meet one another and build relationships which is so important as we move forward with the Regional ERT concept.”

The event also manifested a new friendly rivalry between the Regions ERT teams with the “Top Gun” Warden’s Cup ERT traveling trophy. The first annual traveling trophy was awarded to Marquette Branch Prison’s ERT Team #1 consisting of Sgt. Sebaly, A/Captain Al Makela and Officer Richard Uren with a score of 339 out of 400. The Pistol Shoot also awarded First, Second and Third Place trophies to team and individual winners.

The First Place team trophy was won by the Michigan State Police 8th District Headquarters from Marquette with a score of 360 out of 400. The Second place team trophy was won by the MBP’s ERT with a score of 339 and Third place trophy was awarded to the Marquette City Police Department with a score of 331.

The top shooter in the individual class went to Sgt. Gene Sebaly of Marquette Branch Prison with a score of 196 out of 200. Second place went to Mr. Labadie, Luce County Sheriff’s Department, with a score of 192 and Third place was awarded to Mike Wassie of Marquette City Police Department with a score of 187.

Below: Participants in the pistol shoot fire at targets hoping for a perfect score.





HARVEST GATHERING RUNS THROUGH OCTOBER 25!

The Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign started Monday, October 14 and runs through October 25 and you can help make the difference by donating.

For the past 23 years, State of Michigan employees have helped hungry families by contributing money and non-perishable foods to the annual Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign. As major partners with the Food Bank Council of Michigan, state employees have provided food and funds to help feed hungry families in our own communities. Food donated in Michigan stays in Michigan, and the food bank network does their best to make sure food is distributed locally to the area where it was donated from. MDOC employees have consistently stepped up and generously provided close to ten percent of the total Harvest Gathering donations made by state employees each year.



The Michigan Harvest Gathering is an annual state-wide campaign that raises food and funds for Michigan's emergency food response. There are many contributing factors to why some Mich-

igan- ders are in need of our help. Some folks in our communities have temporarily lost their job and don't have the resources to shop for their week's groceries. Many are elderly residents who have exhausted their fixed incomes on medications. There are chil-

dren in Michigan who receive their only nutritious meals from free lunch at school. Unfortunately, hundreds of Michigan residents are turned away weekly from receiving supplemental groceries or a hot meal because there simply isn't enough.

**Every \$1
helps provide
5 meals**

PRISONERS SUPPORT LOCAL SHELTER WITH ARTWORK

Three prisoners from Newberry Correctional Facility (NCF) volunteered their talent to paint a number of pictures which were donated to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter (EBA Shelter) in support of the shelter's annual Fall Festival/Craft Fair Fund-Raiser.

The EBA Shelter coordinates shelter dog training with Alger Correctional Facility where a chosen group of prisoners have been training dogs since May 2012. The EBA Shelter provided the canvases for the paintings and the NCF Prisoner Benefit Fund provided the paints. The three prisoners worked several weeks on the projects, which will be sold at the Fall Festival/Craft Fair.





REENTRY ROUNDTABLE

Reentry Roundtable is a continuing column that provides news, facts, and program successes within the prisoner reentry program.

A Prisoner Reentry (PR) parolee (we will call her Ms. "C" for this story) discharged from parole on December 18, 2012. I met Ms. "C" in 1984 at the Huron Valley Women's Prison, where I was assigned as the officer of the closed custody unit that she was being housed in.

Later on in 1985, I was assigned as the MSI officer where Ms. "C" worked making license tabs for the Secretary of State. Ms. "C" has always had good work ethics and proved to be a leader. While incarcerated, she obtained an Associates Degree from Montcalm Community College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Spring Arbor University. She was also a mentor and a chairperson for the Warden's Forum.

Ms. "C" had been an accomplice to the murder of a 39-year-old male that occurred on September 21, 1975 in White Lake Township, MI, and was sentenced on May 7, 1976 to a term of life imprisonment for the crime of first degree murder. She was granted a commutation on October 2, 2008.

Ms. "C" entered the PR program on October 14, 2008 after being incarcerated for 32 years. She was placed on a four-year parole term and paroled to the Wayne County area where she was supervised by Parole Agent Morant. Upon paroling to Wayne County, a PR Job developer named Julie Kennedy Carpenter took an interest and placed Ms. "C" in the PR funded transitional employment program at the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency where she received excellent progress reports. It was through this agency where Ms. "C" was afforded transitional employment. On May 18, 2009, Ms. "C" was granted permission to attend a public hearing for another lifer, due to her work as a Minister with Prison Ministries at Northridge Church. Ms. "C" reported that her par-

ticipation in the hearing was for moral support and to provide information if needed about the prisoner and her involvement in Prison Ministry at Northridge Church.

On June 1, 2009, Ms. "C" started volunteering at AAA Pregnancy Resource Center under the direction of the Executive Director, Ms. Peggy Roberts. Ms. Roberts states, "I was so impressed with Ms. "C" and her work ethics that when a position became available I offered it to her." On September 29, 2009, Ms. "C" was hired as a full-time employee and she is currently employed as their book keeper. Ms. Roberts reports that Ms. "C" was not confident that she could do this job because she was not comfortable working on the computer. However, after careful consideration she accepted the position and has been gainfully employed since September of 2009. Ms. Roberts said this about Ms. "C", "She is a hard working individual and her heart is for the benefit of the center. She makes sure that the money is spent wisely and not just spent."



Ms. Roberts also states, "Ms. "C" has been through a lot in her life, but she continues to be a wonderful representative of what hope looks like. She always works hard and never gives up. She is a strong Christian woman who believes that her faith is what has sustained her during difficult times."

Ms. "C" states that her motto is: "If I can do it, anyone can do it." She successfully discharged from parole on December 18, 2012.

It is a privilege and an honor to submit this report on behalf of Ms. "C" as she is a Reentry success story.

Written and submitted by Mary F. Phillips-Smith.

Prisoner Reentry