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MDOC staff and prisoners raise money, take a stand against childhood cancer

For the last four years, Jason Carr has been raising money and awareness for pediatric brain cancer research in honor of his son, Chad.

A rare form of the disease took Chad Carr's young life in 2015 and the ChadTough Foundation sprung up in his memory, drawing nationwide support to fight the illness.

Every year, the family could feel Chad leading them in different directions and connecting them with different people as they pursued their mission to beat childhood cancer, Carr said.

Last year, they were led to an additional well of support in an unexpected place: G. Robert Cotton Correctional

Facility.

Prisoners there participated in a virtual 5K, raising \$2,000 for the ChadTough Foundation and sparking conversations about the importance of giving.

The event was so successful, prisoners took to the track again this year for the run, and were joined by a special guest — Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack.

After hearing about the 2018 fundraising run at the facility and generosity of prisoners, McCormack pledged that she would participate in the 5K at the facility in 2019.

She kept her word and joined more than 100 prisoners in a run behind the gates of Cotton Correctional Facility, where prisoners again raised \$2,000 for the ChadTough Foundation.

McCormack said the generosity of prisoners had the power to move others to action.

"Anybody can do good at any time," McCormack said. "When we do, it does inspire more."

Inspiration from inside the walls

Of the 70 or so events the ChadTough Foundation was involved in through 2018, the 5K at the prison was by



Pictured: Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack and Jason Carr speak with a prisoner who formerly played football for the University of Michigan.

far the most talked about, Carr said. "I said to my wife, 'I swear it's every other day I'm having a conversation about Cotton,'" Carr said.

People wanted to know how the event at the prison started and why prisoners chose to give.

Ultimately, it motivated others to give back too, said Carr, a former University of Michigan quarterback. "When people hear about what you're doing, you're making people out there say 'What am I doing?'"

Carr told prisoners before they set out to run on the facility's yard in mid-September. "I promise you, today there are people out there in their own communities doing amazing things. A year ago, they weren't doing it, but they were inspired by your story and your willingness to help out and it moved

them to action."

The ChadTough Foundation has raised nearly \$8 million to date to fight pediatric brain cancers, like diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), which claimed Chad's life.

"When you guys are out here running today, I'm certainly going to be thinking about Chad, but I'm also going to be thinking about those people you're running for and honoring," Carr said.

Carr was also stopped by a prisoner who had played football for the University of Michigan. Though he walked with a cane, he looked forward to participating in the event. Christine McCumber-Hemry, a grievance coordinator at the facility who organized the 2018 and 2019 events, said prisoners were excited to give.

"They were ready to donate and ready to run," she said. "Many of them that didn't get signed up in time have asked how they can donate."

James Adrian, a prisoner at the facility, said he believed showing his support for the Carr family and others battling cancer was the least he could do.

"Anything I can do to better the prison and better the community, I'm all for it," he said.

Greater giving

Prisoners at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility aren't the only ones giving back.

Staff at Carson City Correctional Facility held a special ceremony for the grandson of a retired facility resident unit manager, who was also diagnosed with DIPG.

The boy, Peyton, has a love for law enforcement, so staff invited him to the facility for a special event in May where he was named an honorary corrections officer, Emergency Response Team member and Honor Guard member.

Michigan State Industries made him his own corrections officer uniform and the day included cake, balloons and visits from other area law enforcement agencies such as Michigan State Police, Montcalm County Sheriff's Department, and the Carson City police and fire

departments.

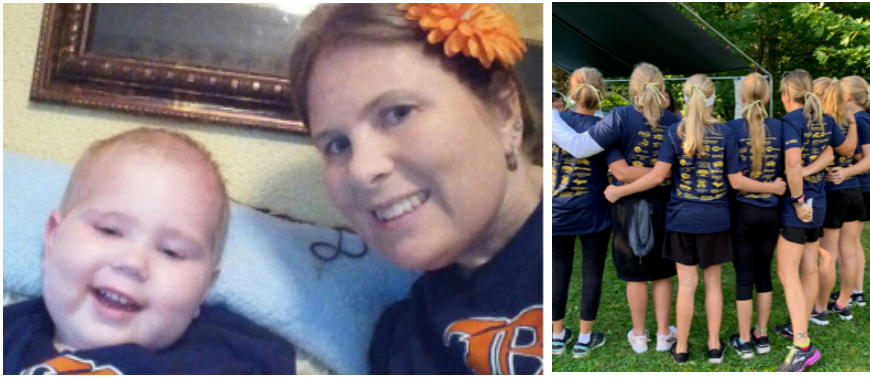
Facility staff continue to raise money for Peyton and his family, said Carson City Administrative Assistant Dana Gonzales. Peyton's grandfather, retired Resident Unit Manager Brian Miller, said the ceremony "meant the world" to Peyton and his family.

"It was very emotional seeing my colleagues showing up to support



Pictured: Staff at Carson City Correctional Facility gather outside to honor the grandson of a retired employee who was diagnosed with DIPG, a rare form of brain cancer. Staff made the boy an honorary corrections officer and Michigan State Industries made him his own uniform.





Pictured Left: Tanya Etelamaki with her son, Brody. Right: Runners before the Brody Strong 5K

Peyton,” Miller said. “I was not surprised though, as correctional staff are always there for one another.” The memory of another young boy motivated more than 160 people in the Upper Peninsula to participate in an inaugural 5K for the Brody Strong Foundation, which supports pediatric brain cancer research.

The foundation was created in honor of Ontonagon County Parole and Probation Agent Tanya Etelamaki’s son, Brody, who passed away in 2014 from a fast-growing form of brain cancer called glioblastoma. The 5K raised \$12,000 and the foundation has raised and donated more than \$40,000 to pediatric brain cancer research.

Etelamaki has said she hopes raising awareness and money to support pediatric cancer research will improve survival rates for children diagnosed with the disease.

Check out these stories on the ChadTough 5K at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

[Prisoners raise \\$2,000 again in 5K for ChadTough Foundation — MLive](#)

[Prisoners raise \\$2,000 for ChadTough Foundation — WILX TV](#)

[Jackson inmates raise funds for pediatric cancer research — WLNS TV](#)

How to Give

For more information on the ChadTough Foundation and how to donate, [click here](#).

For more information on the Brody Strong Foundation, [click here](#).

Donations can be made out to the Brody Strong Foundation and mailed to:

21953 Creamery Road
Chassell, MI 49916

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Check out these other great episodes of the Field Days Podcast

- [The podcast team hands the mic over to correctional facility administrative assistants who share what it means to them to work for the MDOC.](#)
- [Listen in to hear more about the COMS project and upgrades being made to food service applications.](#)
- [On this episode, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack talks about the criminal justice commission, redemption and her plans to run the ChadTough 5K with prisoners.](#)



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From the Director's Desk: No state government shutdown expected

Dear Colleagues:

With just a couple of days left before the start of the new fiscal year, the Legislature has now presented the Governor with all the budgets. Therefore, planning and preparation for a potential state government shutdown can now stop.



The notice of temporary layoff provided last week is rescinded. There will be no temporary layoffs beginning at 12:01 AM on October 1 as a result of a government

shutdown. You should report for work at your regularly scheduled time.

This has been an extremely challenging budget cycle. The Governor and the State Budget Office staff will be working around the clock this weekend to finish getting all the budgets ready. The Governor will be exercising the powers that she can to get our budget into the best possible shape with what has been presented.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during what has been a very uncertain process. I know this did not make the important work that you do any easier.

I appreciate everything that you do for the department and for the people of Michigan. It is a privilege to serve with you.

State of Michigan earns honors for digital government experience

The state of Michigan was recognized as a top five state for creating and delivering citizen-centric services across digital platforms by the Center for Digital Government in their annual rankings announced last week. Michigan placed fourth in the nation for overall government experience, making it the third straight year the state has finished in the top five. The awards recognize achievements and best practices of government entities who best improve and deliver digital citizen services. Efforts to continually improve the citizen experience, including a replacement of the state's dated website content management system, expanding digital accessibility and the move towards a more consistent look across all state agencies, were reasons for Michigan's high ranking.

[Click here to learn more about the award.](#)



State Employees Charitable Campaign continues through Oct. 11

There's still time to donate to your favorite charities through the State Employees Charitable Campaign, which is open through Oct. 11.

The campaign provides State of Michigan employees with the most efficient and consistent pathway possible for charitable giving — payroll deduction.

Employees can contribute to more than 1,000 charities which support the communities in which they live and work.

The Michigan Department of Corrections raised \$80,308 through payroll deduction donations during the 2018 campaign.

For more information on participating charities and making a donation, visit misecc.org.





More than 200 new corrections officers join MDOC ranks

More than 200 new corrections officers joined the Michigan Department of Corrections in September and recruits training in Lansing were joined by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer who thanked them for their service during their graduation ceremony. MDOC Director Heidi Washington and class namesake,

Denise Allsberry, also addressed recruits during graduation ceremonies.

Recruits will now complete eight weeks of on-the-job training at their assigned facilities.

Graduating recruits also earned awards for personal conduct and academic achievement.

Award winners included:

Upper Peninsula Academy

Jack Budd Award — Officer Erica Hershman, Chippewa Correctional Facility

Josephine McCallum Award — Officer Craig Rau, Chippewa Correctional Facility

Academic Achievement Award — Officer Joseph Lindsey, Kinross Correctional Facility

Lower Peninsula Academy

Jack Budd Award — Officer Ethan Partridge, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility

Josephine McCallum Award — Officer Michelle Siler-Michael, Lakeland Correctional Facility

Academic Achievement Award — Officer Heather Bradley, Saginaw Correctional Facility

Officer joins MDOC to make a positive impact, change lives

For Michelle Siler-Michael, working as a corrections officer offers an opportunity to change lives.



Officer Michelle Siler-Michael

Siler-Michael first considered a career in corrections 20 years ago, but took advantage of the chance to join the department this year.

“The reason I’m in corrections

is I look at prisoners as people who might have fallen through the cracks and didn’t get a chance,” said Siler-Michael, who completed the Denise Allsberry Recruit Training Academy with honors as a Josephine McCallum award winner for personal conduct. “If I can lead by example and they can look up to me, then maybe that will make a difference in their life when they get out.”

Siler-Michael, who also has 11 children and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, said her role as a foster parent showed her the importance of helping others who had challenging beginnings in life. That will translate well in her job with the department, she said.

She is looking forward to joining the team at Lakeland Correctional Facility and said the camaraderie between officers has been amazing.

“It’s like a big family,” she said.

Siler-Michael said she hopes her career will offer many opportunities to make a difference in a positive way.

“If I could change just one person’s life, then to me, that’s what I was meant to do,” she said.



Litigation Manager Kristen D. Simmons appointed to 54A District Court

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed GMDOC Litigation Manager Kristen D. Simmons to the 54A District Court in Ingham County.

“Kristen has built a reputation as a successful legal professional, and she



will be a great addition to the court,” Whitmer said. “Her diverse experience within the legal system gives her a well-rounded perspective that will ensure

fairness across the board.”

Simmons formerly served as an assistant attorney general concerned with civil litigation, employment, and election law, and as an assistant city attorney for the city of Lansing where she served as FOIA coordinator and legal advisor for the Lansing Police and the Police Board of Commissioners. Prior to her public service, she was an attorney with Gary Legal Advisors and a discovery attorney for Strategic Legal Solutions in Novi. She has also taught legal classes as an adjunct faculty member at Lansing Community College.

She earned her Juris Doctor degree from the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School and Bachelor of Arts from Hampton University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated volunteer organization; and the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. In 2017, the Ingham County Bar Association named her as one of their Top 5 Under 35.

Oakland County field agent named Miss Michigan USA

Chanel Johnson didn't expect to walk away from her first-ever pageant competition as a winner.

But that's exactly what happened on Sept. 21 when Johnson, an Oakland County probation agent, was crowned Miss Michigan USA.



Johnson, who represented the city of Southfield in the competition, said she has been following organizations like Miss Michigan for years and thought it would be fun to join this year's pageant. After being named among the top 15 finalists in the competition that took place in Port Huron, Johnson said she was satisfied.

“I thought, most people don't even place and I was happy,” said Johnson, who

added she was honored to compete alongside former Miss America contestants and other talented women from across the state.

Then she was named to the top 5. Then it was just her and one other contestant.

When her name was called as 2020's Miss Michigan USA, Johnson said she was in disbelief.

“My parents fell to the floor,” Johnson said. “It was a really cool moment.”

Johnson said she was surprised by the win and feels honored. “I made so many friends and met so many nice young women,” said Johnson, who will now prepare to compete in the Miss USA pageant in April.

The competition is about more than ball gowns, and contestants also must successfully address questions on national and global issues. Johnson said her final question in the Miss Michigan pageant centered on freedom of speech. Johnson said she will use her position as Miss Michigan as a platform for talking to students about positive choices and long-term goals. As a probation agent, she said that's something she knows is important, as her career is focused on guiding others to a better future.

“I enjoy helping people,” Johnson said. “I love my job and I learn something new every day.”

You can watch Johnson's reaction to her win [here](#).

COMS Food Service Module Launches October 1

On October 1, COMS will replace NetMenu as the system used for managing MDOC's Food Service Operations. COMS has been in use at Lakeland Correctional Facility since August 6 and employees are reporting that the system is working well. The COMS Project team continues to collect user feedback from those already using COMS and this feedback will be used to improve the October 1 implementation. Currently, food service staff are completing COMS training and Change Champions are attending readiness calls designed to ensure that all users are getting the information they need to adopt the new system and processes.

Benefits of Food Service

Anticipated benefits of the Food Service module implementation for staff are:

- Elimination of the need to log-in to multiple systems
- Less duplication of data entry
- Improved tracking of dietician orders for offenders by integrating Food Service and Healthcare functionality (coming in Winter 2020)
- Improved nutritional analysis of recipes and menus
- Cost savings from improved accuracy of meal projections

In the future, COMS will tie together various modules to bring more data to more people.

Here are some implementation dates:

COMS Implementation Schedule	
Module	Timeline
Food Service	October 1, 2019
Healthcare	Winter 2019/2020
Trust	Late Spring 2020
Meal Tracking	Summer 2020
Field Operations/Parole Board	Late Summer 2020
CFA Case Management – Group A	2021
CFA Case Management – Group B	2022

Other COMS News

Thank you for your participation in the first COMS Project survey. As a reminder, results are anonymous and confidential. Feedback received through the survey will be used to refine communications and outreach to the Department. Keeping staff informed of the COMS Project's status and upcoming developments is vital to the project's success and the surveys are pivotal in measuring whether everyone is getting the information they need to adapt to the coming changes. All employees can expect to receive frequent project updates via email, such as this Corrections Connections newsletter, local facility newsletters, and the Field Days Podcast. For MDOC employees with more limited access to email during their workday, the project team will also share information through posters, flyers, screen savers, and TV monitors. In case readers have not yet seen it, the COMS Project launched a [website](#) where project information can be found, such as a list of Change Champions, Readiness Call presentations, and an archive of published communication materials. Be sure to bookmark this site for future reference.

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Taking Aim

MDOC takes 2nd place overall at Michigan Police Pistol Shoot

The Michigan Department of Corrections was again a top competitor at the Michigan Police Pistol Shoot.

The department ranked second overall in the 82nd annual competition.

The MDOC took third place in 2018 and second place in 2017.

Deanne Bodnar was the top female shooter at the competition and MDOC Team 1, which included Chris Ward, Deanne Bodnar, Brian Majerczyk, Matthew Robertson, Jim Loxton and Jeremy Heinze, was the top corrections team.

The department sponsored three shooting teams at the competition. Three other teams from MDOC facilities across the state, as well as individual shooters from the department,

also chose to compete.

In addition, the department sent four competitors to the National Police Shooting Championship in Mississippi that took place Sept. 22-25. Competitors included Al Makela, Gene Sebaly, Jacob Poindexter, and Aaron Patrick.

Employees across the state and across department administrations could try out for a spot on one of the MDOC-sponsored teams.

This year, the department had the largest group of competitors to date to attempt to qualify for a spot on one of the department-sponsored teams.

The Sept. 12 competition was held at the R.V. Gray Outdoor Pistol Range in Jackson.

Shooters arrived early in the morning to compete in the day-long, Camp Perry-style shooting event.

Participants were allowed to use their own handguns or service handguns to fire at a target 25 yards away, with three courses of fire.

[Click here to see more photos from the competition.](#)



Correctional Facilities Administration keeps Director's Cup in annual golf competition

The Correctional Facilities Administration maintained its hold on the Director's Cup in an annual golf competition against the Field Operations Administration. It was the fifth year of the competition and the score had previously been tied, 2-2 between the administrations.

This year's competition was held at College Fields in East Lansing.

For more photos from the event, [click here.](#)



Support MDOC teams in 2019 Plane Pull fundraiser for Special Olympics

Michigan Department of Corrections staff will support Special Olympics athletes through a fundraiser that showcases their strength.

On Oct. 6, employees on teams of up to 15 people will face the challenge of pulling a plane across the runway at Willow Run Airport. Funds raised by each team will support Special Olympics Michigan.

[Click here for more information or to donate.](#)

MDOC releases new Recycling Manual, announces enhanced recycling initiatives

The Michigan Department of Corrections has released a new Recycling Manual that details enhanced recycling initiatives to help reduce waste across the department.

As part of the efforts to make Michigan a better and safer place to live, the department has made it a priority to improve recycling practices and ensure

we are a responsible steward of our environment. In 2018, Director Heidi Washington created an EPIC team to explore ways the department could shrink waste and improve

recycling practices. The team examined current practices, identified opportunities for improvement and developed the Recycling Manual, which will serve as a guide for recycling at worksites statewide.

The manual provides instructions on developing a recycling program and methods for recycling commonly discarded materials, such as paper, cardboard, plastic, metal and batteries.

The manual will be expanded as new recycling streams and methods are identified.

The manual can be found on the department's Inside Michigan site [here](#), or on the MDOC website [here](#).

The department is already leading other state departments in efforts to make operations more environmentally friendly.

In August, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced plans to make St. Louis Correctional Facility the state's first green prison. The department released a request for proposals for solar panels and energy performance improvements at the facility.

Questions about the department's recycling initiatives, or ideas for improvements, can be sent to MDOC-Recycle@michigan.gov.

MDOC RECYCLING MANUAL



Emergency Response Team visits officer's hospitalized aunt to lift her spirits

Emergency Response Team members took a break from training to lift the spirits of a colleague's aunt who was hospitalized after a fall.

The team was transitioning to another training site and stopped by Sparrow Carson Hospital to say hello to Carson City Correctional Facility Officer and ERT member Chad Cunningham's Aunt Patty.

Cunningham's Aunt Patty has Down Syndrome and dementia. She was always active in Special Olympics when she was younger. She would compete in the snowshoe race, shotput and running events, among others.



She was always proud of the ribbons and medals she earned over the years and loved the teamwork building Special Olympics showed her.

While the team visited, she proudly told them about her medals and ribbons at home.

Cunningham said his aunt's hospital stay has not dampened her spirit and the determination she showed while competing in Special Olympics continues to shine through.

He said he is proud to be a member of ERT and grateful his colleagues took the time to visit his aunt.

The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



In July, Sgt. Rochelle Gallimore was working overtime on third shift when she responded to a fire activation alarm in one of the housing units at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. As she approached the unit, she could smell burning, so she ordered the unit to be evacuated. Once inside, an alarm panel prompted her to investigate the mechanical room in the basement of the unit.

With the assistance of Officer Kenneth Letts, she located the room and opened the doors to discover smoke and flames coming from a blower motor. She immediately retrieved a fire extinguisher and

put out the flames.

Her quick thinking prevented a potentially catastrophic situation and earned her the department's Meritorious Service Award.

In June, Corrections Officers Danitra Callington, Lisa Meyers and Nakya Thompson responded to an emergency at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility where a prisoner had covered her door with a mattress. Officer Callington ordered the prisoner to remove the mattress and when she did, officers noticed the prisoner had pulled a bulletin board away from the wall. The prisoner began putting pieces of the bulletin board in her mouth, which caused her to choke.

The officers entered the cell and Officer Callington performed abdominal thrusts on the prisoner until she was able to dislodge the pieces of bulletin board, allowing the prisoner to breathe again. Officer Meyers and Officer Thompson removed the mattress and bulletin board pieces from the room, and the prisoner was then taken to be seen by healthcare staff for further evaluation.

Officer Callington's, Meyers' and Thompson's outstanding commitment to helping others in need earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.



Pictured: Corrections Officer Danitra Callington



Pictured: Corrections Officers Tracy Scott, Lesley Parrish and Amber Truitt

In June, a prisoner observation aide at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility informed Corrections Officer Amber Truitt that a prisoner had started seizing in her cell. Officer Truitt responded and requested assistance from her partner, Corrections Officer Tracy Scott and Sgt. Richard Smith.

Sgt. Smith instructed Officers Truitt and Scott and Corrections Officer Lesley Parrish to place the prisoner in a wheelchair and escort her to healthcare.

Healthcare staff determined the prisoner was experiencing stroke-like symptoms and she was transported to a local hospital for additional care and evaluation.

The integrity and professional conduct Officers Truitt, Scott, Parrish and Sgt. Smith displayed during the incident earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.

The Extra Mile continued...



In August 2018, Corrections Officer Jason Andres found a prisoner unresponsive in his cell at St. Louis Correctional Facility. Officer Andres called for assistance and Corrections Officer Michael Stempek responded. Officers Andres and Stempek and others picked up the prisoner and brought him out into the gallery area.

Officer Stempek immediately started CPR and called for an AED. Sgt. Cody Turnwald also responded and called Central Michigan Correctional Facility for a nurse. Sgt. Turnwald administered one dose of NARCAN, and CPR was started again.

CPR was continued for several more minutes until the prisoner began to breathe again.

The outstanding conduct of Officers Andres and Stempek and Sgt. Turnwald earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.



Newberry Correctional Facility Corrections Officer Robert Marsh received a Warden's Coin and Good Government Coin for his professionalism during a critical incident at the facility. Marsh consistently serves as a positive role model for both staff and prisoners.



Recruits in the Denise Allsberry Officer Training Academy had the opportunity to take part in a contraband search at Carson City Correctional Facility.

Corrections Officer Aladdin Saeed, who was still an officer recruit at the time, received a Warden's Coin from Carson City Warden Randee Rewerts for locating three contraband items during the search.

Staff help students in need start the school year with new supplies

Employees across the department helped students in need statewide get the school year off to a good start with new supplies for the classroom.

Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center employees donated an array of items to Townsend Elementary School in Vandercook Lake, which has a large population of students in need.

Baraga Correctional Facility employees also donated more than \$500 in snacks and supplies to area students.

The Lahser District Probation Office held a fundraiser that raised \$606 to buy 48 backpacks and school supplies for students at the Detroit Service Learning Academy.



MDOC employees participate in run for Special Olympics

MDOC staff participated in running events throughout the state to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan.

Employees in Jackson participated in a torch run, renamed the Jen Meade Memorial run, in honor of a volunteer who supported Special Olympics for more than 20 years.

Employees on a statewide team also helped raise \$60,000 for Special Olympics running the Law Enforcement Torch Run Central Route, a 750-mile relay across Michigan.

Pictured Top: Lorelai Royalty of JCF presented Warden Noah Nagy with a certificate of appreciation for the facility's support of the torch run. Below: Staff participate in the Jackson run.



Corrections Quiz

Name this correctional facility that launched a farmers market on prison grounds in 2019.

Send your answer to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov. The first person to answer correctly will receive a congratulatory shout out and the answer and winner will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

August Quiz Recap

Name this program that pairs retired racing greyhounds with prisoners, who prepare them for a new home.

Bonus: Name the facility that operates this program.

Answer: The Greyhound Inmate Experience at Lakeland Correctional Facility

Congratulations to **Kayla Bemiss**, of the St. Clair Circuit Court Probation Office, for being the first to answer the August Corrections Quiz. Great job!

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SNAPSHOTS

A look at life around the MDOC



Director Heidi Washington and Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison Kyle Kaminski stopped by Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center to join employees enjoying a staff appreciation picnic.



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and her team visited Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility and used the opportunity to visit its new farmer's market.



Metropolitan Territory field offices donated \$725 to support the Downtown Boxing Gym's Books Before Boxing program.



MaKenna May and Madison Parker, student assistants with the Procurement, Monitoring and Compliance Division, delivered 30 binders, an assortment of supplies and containers of Gatorade to Wexford Montessori School in Lansing, where students were in need of the items.

Corrections in the News

Between 2007 and 2017, 34 states reduced crime and incarceration in tandem — Brennan Center for Justice

Michigan Matters: DTE and state team up on inmate training program — CBS Detroit

Michigan prisoners given chance to learn job skills in first-of-its kind program — WDIV TV

Inmates perform Shakespeare at Muskegon prison — WZZM 13

Mid-Michigan pups getting a leg up on finding 'forever' home with help of inmates — WNEM TV 5

Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility launches first-ever farmers market — Michigan Farm News

Talk Back: It's time for a Major announcement — Adrian Daily Telegram

Spread the word about some of the great things happening at the MDOC and share these stories with friends, family and coworkers.

Seen on Facebook...



Michigan Department of Corrections

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Last Wednesday, staff from KCF and MBP took part in the 9/11 Remembrance Day at Comerica Park. We were incredibly proud to be represented by Jeff Fossitt, Bruce Johnson and Michael Fuerer. Also pictured: retired Fire Chief for Farmington Hills, Denny Hughes.



To see more, like the MDOC on [Facebook](#)

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July New Hires

Abdullah, Ali
 Adams, Bridgett
 Al-aridhi, Hawraa
 Alexander, Janae
 Ali, Alnafaay
 Allen, Megan
 Amessee, Dylan
 Arbic, Mathew
 Ashford, Dakota
 Back, Damion
 Baez, Jesus
 Bambach, Paige
 Barrett, Reina
 Barrett, Robn
 Bartlett, Ruth
 Beck, Craig
 Bedford, Hannah
 Belleau, Brandon
 Bellows, Leo
 Betts, Toya
 Bibbs, Corvon
 Bice, Cole
 Birdsley, Austin
 Bitterman, Corina
 Blauwkamp, Dennis
 Boakye, Felix
 Bonnee, Jacob
 Bovear, Cindy
 Bowen, Joshua
 Boyle, Kevin
 Bradley, Heather
 Brooks, Craig
 Brooks, Julian
 Burgess, Adam
 Butkovich, Max
 Campbell, Sherman
 Carian, Sapphire
 Carless, Chance
 Carpenter, Zachary
 Carrillo, Carlos
 Carroll, Elijah
 Casey, Jacob
 Choge, Emmy
 Cook, Cameron
 Corker, Joshua
 Correia, Shelton
 Cox, Duane
 Crawford, Sarah
 Cummings, Antoine
 Cunningham, Wade
 Cupps, Seldon
 Curtis, Matthew
 Dameron, Jason
 Davis, Caleb
 Debeau, Hunter
 Deforest, Katheryn
 Devries, Timothy
 Dickman, James
 Drake, Cynthia
 Edel, Austin

Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
 Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
 Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
 General Office Assistant, Records Administration
 Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
 Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Registered nurse, Ionia Correctional Facility
 Trades instructor, Parnall Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
 Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
 Storekeeper, Carson City Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
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 Registered nurse, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
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 Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Cook, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
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 Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
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 Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
 School teacher, St. Louis Correctional Facility
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Edmister, Zachary
Effrick, Canton
Ehrke, Joshua
Elegalam, Luke
Elkins, Trevor
Euseary, Velve
Evangelista, Caterina
Faust, Kristopher
Fears, Bretton
Fiddes, Alexandra
Florian, Robert
Fossler, Jacob
Franco, Benjamin
Freling, Shannon
French, Kadin
Frost, James
Gamez, Sara
Garcia, Kyle
Garrison, Noah
Garvie, Nicholas
Geistel, Danielle
Gilson, Breanna
Gorman, Katelyn
Green, Jerry
Green, Joshua
Grindle, Dion
Groce, Luman
Gundrum, Cody
Hancock, Michael
Harrison, Cody
Hawkins, Teeshalee
Hensley, Michael
Hershman, Erica
Higelmire, Dustin
Hodges, Matthew
Hollis, Troyan
Howard, Trashone
Hulst, Ronald
Ibarra, Joseluis
Jackson, Janae
James, Amy
James, Angele
Johnson, Alex
Johnson, Carolyn
Jones, Carl
Jones, Tad
Jorissen, Daniel
Kennedy, Kaylee
Kent, Brandon
Klowetter, Scott
Krugler, Matthew
Lampe, Alexis
Langer, Stefanie
Larson, Christopher
Larson, Shawn
Latour, Autumn
Leland, Sabrina
Lemus, Bradley
Leo, Shane
Lindsay, Joseph

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Lindsey, Sabrina
 Logan, Mark
 Lownsbery, Emily
 Lundy, Davon
 Malmborg, Ashlyn
 Martin, Rachelle
 Massung, Nathaniel
 Mathis, Cornell
 May, Garry
 Mbata, Uchenna
 Mccarrick, Nicholas
 Mccranie, Felicia
 Mckenna, Keegan
 Merkel, Jorden
 Mersmann, Izac
 Miller, Mason
 Mills, Kevin
 Mitchell, Iesha
 Molina, Carlos
 Montemayor, Jaime
 Moore, Sherri
 Morang, Ross
 Morris, Kahlil
 Mortensen, Dane
 Mory, Wesley
 Mount, Brandon
 Muck, Brendan
 Nalley, Charles
 Nash, Kevin
 Nelson, Travis
 O'Conner, Michael
 Ortiz, Hector
 Pantoja, Stacey
 Parmer, Kevin
 Partridge, Ethan
 Pate, Amanda
 Patrick, Quajae
 Pawa, Theophilus
 Perkins, John
 Perry, James
 Phillips, Demetrius
 Phillips, Nathan
 Pierce, Dorothy
 Prisk, Aaron
 Pritchard, Amber
 Pruitt, Shaquille
 Ramiller, Daniel
 Ramirez, Jake
 Rankin, Ronnie
 Rau, Craig
 Reilly, Sean
 Reyes, Steven
 Rhyndress, David
 Robinson, Cassie
 Robinson, Sean
 Rogers, Brandi
 Rosales, Sandra
 Rosenberry, Zachary
 Saeed, Aladdin
 Sanborn, Nicole

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Sargent, Aaliyah
Savage, Clinton
Savage, Jene
Schoen, Sandra
Schrovenwever, Robert
Scott, Kevin
Sharrow, Steven
Shaw, Amanda
Shaw, Matthew
Shawver, Keith
Shel, Hazm
Siler-Michael, Michelle
Simmons, Connella
Simmons II, Dana
Skaryd, Jason
Slusser, Bruce
Slusser, Damien
Smith, Cody
Smith, Westley
Spears, Bobby
Stark, Korina
Stewart, Oshar
Stiverson, Cooper
Sundell, Jordan
Thayer, Hunter
Tingley, Angela
Titus, Aaron
Tobias, Amanda
Toensing, Tyler
Townsend, Recca
Trolz, Corey
Tuma, Julius
Turner, Brandon
Valdez, Roy
Van Hoven, Elijah
Vermillion, Jake
Walton, Chandler
Wanamaker, Paige
Weidmann, Chris
Wemple, Nicholas
Wheeler, Payton
Whitley, Tyler
Whitman, Warren
Wight, Justin
Williams, Audrey
Williams, Elton
Williams, Larry
Wilson, Jamie
Woiteshek, Zackary
Workman, Kaurie
Wurmlinger, Nicholas
Zaleski, Alex
Zaleski, Garrett
Zavala, Amanda
Zomerfeld, Steven

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Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility

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Anderson, John	Field Agent, FOA
Baker, Adrian	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Barrett, Joseph	Warden, Cooper Street Correctional Facility/SAI
Bennett, Greta	Licensed Practical Nurse, Parnall Correctional Facility
Biddinger, Jeffery	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Bierstetel, Daniel	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Butler, Dana	Psychologist, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Campos-Nieto, Cathy	Secretary, FOA Metro
Crapser, Penny	Pharmacy Assistant, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Dotson, Forrest	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Detroit Reentry Center
Esterline, Erwin	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Eyke, Paul	Community Health Services Manager, Marquette Branch Prison
Gabin, Mary	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Gajewski, Tammy	Prison Counselor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Garcia, Antonio	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Golembiewski, James	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Hankinson, Vern	Corrections Program Coordinator, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Hazen, Bert	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Holmes, Mitchell	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Howery, Pamela	Departmental Technician, Corrections Central Office
Hunter, Kenny	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Irish, Arthur	Corrections Transportation Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Jones, Derle	Corrections Officer, Detroit Reentry Center
Kissane, Christopher	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Labatzky, Susan	General Office Assistant, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Marine, Debrah	Registered Nurse Manager, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Masker, Randall	General Office Assistant, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Murphy, Jaime	Corrections Officer, Thumb Correctional Facility
Nichols, Thomas	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Oesch, David	Field Supervisor, FOA
Page, John	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Payne, John	Resident Unit Manager, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Pell, Doug	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Pierce, John	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Redlon, Peter	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Shaulis, Kevin	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Slama, Steven	Corrections Officer, Thumb Correctional Facility
Smith, Shirley	Word Processing Assistant, FOA
Smith, Steve	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility
Vert, Alex	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Whitford, Farin	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Whitmer, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Newberry Correctional Facility
Young-Johnson, Leatrice	Secretary Supervisor, FOA