PENDLETON, IN-- The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) recently assisted the Indiana Canine Assistance Network (ICAN) Program with their annual Valentine’s Day fundraiser. CIF’s ICAN dogs produced 1000 paintings for the Puppy Love Valentine boxes with assistance from their offender handlers and staff members as well. All proceeds from the sale went directly back to ICAN to assist with program cost.

The Puppy Love boxes contain treats for dogs and for their human companions as well. Also included was a puppy painting and other handmade crafts made by the offenders at the participating ICAN facilities.

Warden Wendy Knight and Deputy Warden Andrew Cole assisted with the fundraiser by delivering the valentines to the Frankton Lapel School Administration as well as Community Hospital in Anderson. Also on board to assist with those deliveries were Sammy and Garbo, two of the facilities ICAN dogs currently in training. Naturally, and unsurprisingly, the dogs were the big hit and were visited by 60 different hospital staff members while delivering the valentines at Community Hospital.

The ICAN Program will celebrate its seventh year at CIF this May; the extremely successful program has proven to be a very enriching and rewarding program with the offender population as well as the facility staff.

Warden Wendy Knight commented “The ICAN program has continued to grow yearly in size since its arrival at CIF. We look forward to another successful year partnering with this outstanding organization by training and providing these wonderful service dogs to the communities.”

ICAN trains and places assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities and provides foundational life skills to inmates through their experience as trainers. **ICAN is the only accredited service dog training program in Indiana.**

By: Matt Worthman
Calling All Volunteers!!!
Please Join us to complete training for the 2019 year
ANNUAL SPRING IN-SERVICE
When: Tuesday March 12th 6-8 PM
Alternate Date: March 28th 5-7 PM
Where: Correctional Industrial Facility
TB testing will be available
If you plan to attend please email me your name at Cfrancum@Idoc.In.gov.

News from the Chapel

Shamgar, is starting a discipleship series with Mercy Unleashed, based out of Fishers, IN.

Mercy Unleashed is a new ministry focused on ministry to Offenders and their families founded by Pastor Bernie Haddad.

The group is furnishing journals that give instruction on inductive Bible Study methods.

This is being well received by the participants in the dorm.

By: Chaplain Hinshaw

Alternatives to Violence, (AVP)

AVP recently started at Correctional Industrial Facility.

AVP is a prison program, helping inmates learn new skills and attitudes that lead to fulfilling and crime-free lives.

It is a program for everybody. Though founded by Quakers based on their belief in an inborn power for peace in everyone, it draws its participants and its trainers from all religious, races and walks of life.

An AVP workshop seeks to assist people in personal growth and change.

By: Chaplain Burgess
CIF’s Creative Writing class, with Debra DesVignes, has been a huge success! The first session of the class will end soon and requests from offenders to participate in the next session are being accepted. Previous participants are allowed to remain in the class if they choose. Offenders participating in the class state that this course has given them an outlet to express their feelings and thoughts in a productive way without fear of criticism by others. They openly write about issues affecting them prior to incarceration, during incarceration, and for most of them, post incarceration. Ms. DesVignes has introduced the participants to members of the community, including fellow author Michael McColley and Chris Lafave from the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis. The library donated 17 copies of Slaughterhouse Five, one of Vonnegut’s most famous works. These books will hopefully be used in the future to start a book club at the Correctional Industrial Facility. The new session is set for the beginning of April.

By: Hope Greathouse

Share the Warmth Coat Drive

During the month of November as a way of showing thanks to the community, the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) had a “Share the Warmth “Coat drive. The generous staff at CIF donated over 100 coats along with hats gloves and scarves. On Monday December 3, 2018; Chaplain Jeff Hinshaw and Community Involvement Coordinator Camay Francum the drives coordinators delivered the collected items to Alternatives Inc. and Dove Harbor both in Madison County. Both facilities were very happy to receive them since charitable items are in such demand this time of year. Because of that, many end up doing without. This is just our way of doing our part and trying to help others in need.
The U.S. Dream Academy is helping our nation's children reach for their dreams. Through academic, social, and values enrichment, we empower those children most at risk of incarceration to believe in themselves and to succeed. Across the nation, there are millions of young people living in high crime and high poverty communities, who fear they may not live to be an adult. For those young people who also have a parent incarcerated, the future may be even more bleak. For these young people an absent parent, family instability, the stigma and shame of parental incarceration converges with poverty, crime and failing public schools to create a dangerous mix of risk factors that significantly increase a child's chances of school failure and future incarceration. Without an intervention this cycle will continue. “We are transforming children into dreamers who envision and realize their potential.”

Through staff donations and PLUS offenders (who handmade the stockings) CIF worked together to make stockings to give to the children in the program. The kids were very happy and appreciative to receive their them and for some of the kids, this was the only Christmas they had.
The flower, birthstone, meaning, and colors for the month of March are: Daffodil & Aquamarine

If you are interested in meeting and ultimately adopting and providing a needed forever home for a FIDO dog please visit the APL website at http://www.inapl.org/prison-programs or contact Maleah Stringer at 765-278-9435, email: maleahstringer@aol.com

It’s been a busy start of the year for FIDO. We currently have 18 FIDO dogs and 1 Saving Max dog. Since January 1st we have adopted out 1 dog (Bug) and returned 2 saving Max dogs to their owners (Emery and Nakita). Sadly, we had to have 1 dog (Jack) euthanized due to cancer. Due to the extreme overcrowding at the shelter we have received 6 FIDO dogs and 1 saving Max dog in since the beginning of the new year. We have room for 2 more and should have those spots filled soon.

Saving Max is a program ran through the Animal Protection League (APL) where owners will temporarily surrender their dog (or cat) to APL when they are unable to care for them for a short period of time. Some examples are: Military deployment, loss of current housing, financial difficulties, domestic situations ect..

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The Month of March

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This month's volunteer spotlight is “Nate McCashland”

Westminster/Truth Seekers Nate McCashland is our quarterly volunteer spotlight.

Nate is not new to the state, he worked at the New Castle State Development Center for several years. However, his calling to serve came from working at the Morning Star Bread Basket; a place where folks in need that were hungry could come to eat. He served there for 10 years starting with only seven people. Eventually, there were more and more people coming and soon the number increased to 100 plus folks the Bread Basket was serving.

Eventually, Nate was in search of something new, something bigger. He needed a break and was looking for something else. Somewhere he could be of greater need.

When Nate was asked, “why do you choose to serve at a prison?” he replied, “well, honestly I was apprehensive at first; but I had a church friend already serving here who asked if I would be interested... the ministry was already established here and after all these are just guys, they have hopes and I find it very rewarding to be a part of that:”

Although, Nate has only been with us for 2 years he is an inspiration to others around him. Nate’s need to help others and the facilities need for volunteers make him and all volunteers a crucial part of the IDOC mission and philosophy.

On behalf of CIF; “Nate McCashland” thank you for your dedication and continued service!

Upcoming Event for APL

The Animal Protection League (APL) is holding its 9th annual Bowlathon fundraiser on Saturday April 6th, 2019 at Championship Lanes in Anderson. It is from 5pm to 8pm with registration starting at 4pm. The Animal Protection League is the organization where we at CIF receive all our FIDO dogs and 9 Lives cats. The cost is $20.00 per individual. This includes 3 games of bowling (up to 8pm) and shoe rental. Teams are for up to 6 people. Curtis Duncan will reserve the lanes and set up the teams for anyone wanting to participate from CIF. If you wish to participate, please contact Mr. Duncan at cduncan@idoc.in.gov with your team (if you already have one) and shoe size (if you need shoes) and I will do the rest. The $20 is due before Friday April 5th.

By: Curtis Duncan

Animal Protection League Inc.,
9th Annual Bowling Fundraiser!
@ Championship Lanes!

Saturday, April 6th from 5-8pm
Tickets: $20 each
Register team of 6 or an Individual
Register Online www.inapl.org
Check-In at 4:00pm
50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction
Mardi Gras Bead Contest
10% of Cafe Sales Donated to APL

The Animal Protection League Inc.
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**Upcoming Events:**

- 4th Hebrew Israelite Training
- 5th Mercy Unleashed and Grace of Hope begin Services
- 6th Ash Wednesday, Creative Writing
- 12th Annual Volunteer Training Spring Session
- 14th Big easy Food Truck
- 16th Kairos Training
- 17th St. Patrick’s Day, Colonial Hills Training
- 20th Creative Writing
- 28th & 29th Facility Biometric Screening

**Miscellaneous Information**

**Don’t Forget Training**

All volunteers must complete annual training, applications and Tb tests. This year’s Spring training will be held Tuesday March 12th from 6-8PM in the front meeting room of the facility. (ODR)

There will be a nurse doing TB testing for all volunteers that need to be updated and want to use them on site.

If you plan to attend please email me your name at Cfrancum@ldoc.in.gov.

**More dates:**

4-6-2019 APL’s 9th Annual Bowl-a-thon at Championship lanes in Anderson
Volunteer Fact Corner

Annual Requirements
Volunteers must re-certify annually
Volunteers must receive Tuberculosis (TB) testing annually.
(TB) test results must be provided to this correctional facility.

Operational Procedures
Appropriate dress guidelines can be found at http://www.in.gov/idoc/2864.htm
(See page 10 of Volunteer Handbook)
All items entering this facility are subject to be searched.
Each correctional facility has unique rules that may not be applicable at all facilities.
Chaplains are available to address religious concerns.
Visitation of an offender is not permitted while acting in the volunteer capacity.
Be respectful and cooperative with Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) staff.
SECURITY COMES FIRST

Donations
Donations must be listed on a “Donation Form” and be accompanied by a gate release form.
Processing and approval of gate release forms require 48 hours.
A gate release form is required each time you wish to bring items into this facility.
Failure to comply with the above listed instructions would be considered trafficking.

IDOC facilities are always in need of donations.
Listed below are the donation needs for this facility.
Please contact the Community Involvement Coordinator for detailed information.
Donation needs can also be found on our website under the Volunteer tab.

- Books - educational, recreational, faith-based, etc.
- Release Clothing - pants, shirts, coats, shoes and accessories
- Crafting Materials - fabric, thread, yarn and etc. for sewing, knitting, and crocheting
- Woodworking Supplies - used to build items for donations
- Plain 2 pocket Folders
- Composition notebooks (no metal pieces)
- Felt
- Yarn
- Pillow stuffing
- Glue
- Glitter

We need Buddhist, Catholic and MSTA volunteers!
Contact Camay Francum for details.