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## The Indiana Department of Correction Makes Generous Donation to Disabled American Veterans

Indianapolis, IN (June 17, 2009)—With the Memorial Day holiday fresh in memory, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) employees decided to organize a donation drive and give back to those who have served our country. An overwhelmingly generous combination of clothing and other items totaling almost 1,200 pounds resulted from the call, and for many IDOC employees, helping out veterans hit close to home.



Chief Communications Officer Doug Garrison and Chief of Staff Dan Ronay stand by offender-made quilts donated by Wabash Valley Correctional Facility.

Many of those who work for the IDOC come from military backgrounds, and a significant number of staff continue to serve in the military alongside their IDOC duties. Indeed, as many as 100 employees have been deployed to military operations at one time. With this strong military connection, helping out the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is a logical step for the IDOC, and because of the drive's success, the IDOC plans to hold it annually.



Left, Phillip Marlow, manager of the DAV Thrift Store, begins to sort some of the large clothing donation provided by Central Office.

Today, the IDOC sent donations from IDOC Central Office, Plainfield Correctional Facility, Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility, Westville Correctional Facility, and Wabash Valley Correctional facility to the DAV Thrift Store located on Madison Avenue in Indianapolis. The clothing and other items will be sold by the

store to raise money for the Disabled American Veterans charity. Indianapolis television affiliate WISH-TV covered the event.

“Our Agency’s staff continuously steps up to help out the community in various ways, and the success of this donation drive for the DAV further demonstrates how much both staff and offenders desire to give back,” commented IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

The DAV thrift store, located at 2740 Madison Avenue in Indianapolis, accepts many clothing, furniture, and other household items to sell in order to raise money for the DAV. For more information on making a donation, contact the store’s manager Phillip Marlow at (317) 787-6677.

About the Indiana Department of Correction:

The Department employs over 7,400 employees and houses 29,000 adults and juveniles in 28 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and community re-entry centers. The Department’s website can be found at <http://www.in.gov/idoc>.

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