



Indiana State Prison
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MEDIA RELEASE – Offenders Donate to the Community

Michigan City, Indiana- (July 13, 2015) –Indiana State Prison Superintendent Ron Neal announced with great pleasure the donation to “The Sojourner Truth House” located in Gary, IN. The donation consisted of a check for \$500.00. Offenders responsible for raising the funds and giving the donation are in the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) at the Indiana State Prison.



Sr. Peg Spindler, Sojourner Truth House



Sr. Peg Spindler, Sojourner Truth House and M.D. Williams, ISP Program Director/PLUS Coordinator

The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) was established at the Indiana State Prison in June 2006, with 110 active participants. The PLUS Program is a faith and character-based Re-Entry initiative. This program provides an opportunity for offenders to explore and choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior through an emphasis on spiritual, moral character development, life-skills training, and intentional preparation for living as law-abiding citizens who contribute to the well being of their community. The emphases commitment of the PLUS Program is to engage the men in projects that give back to the larger community.

“The Sojourner Truth House offers day-shelter services for women from a nearby homeless shelter, and women and children staying in area shelters or residing with family or friends, who must leave those premises for the day. The Sojourner Truth House, armed with an eye to the mind, body and spirit of each client, provides various support groups, counseling, individualized goal setting, budgeting, health screenings, assistance in obtaining birth certificates and IDs, transportation, legal assistance, meals, laundry facilities, clothing, furniture, household items, food pantry services, computer training, referrals and assistance with job searches, medical care, housing and utilities.

Sojourner Truth House is also a community resource for women who have made a commitment to independent living, but still need assistance with food, clothing, health care and counseling support.

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