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Programs donate to annual eighth-grade trip

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Carlisle eighth-graders' annual end-of-the-year trip just got a financial boost, thanks to a donation from the neighboring state correctional facility.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's Inside Out Dads program donated \$1,500 toward the trip, while the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) gave three hand-made quilts to be raffled at school sporting events.

"This is a very big boost," Principal Ryan Clark said. "What the prison has given us will take care of a large percentage of what we are needing."

The 30 soon-to-be freshmen from Carlisle Elementary/Junior High School will take the trip that rewards them for the time and effort they've put in.



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The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's Inside Out Dads program donated \$1,500 toward a Carlisle Junior High School field trip, while the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) gave three hand-made quilts to be raffled at school sporting events. Above, Carlisle Elementary/Junior High School Principal Ryan Clark, right, accepts the donation from Inside Out Dads Coordinator Josh Collins Wednesday.

"It's a school thank-you to all of the students," Clark said.

Some parents of eighth graders have sold food at school basketball and volleyball games, as well as hosting raffles to raise money for the trip.

Even with fund-raising efforts, students generally have to come up with more than \$100 each to make the trip a reality.

Clark said a parent contacted the prison about possibly donating.

"The prison took a small favor and ran with it," he said. "What they did for us was above and beyond what we could hope for. Our school appreciates what they have done immensely."

The principal said eighth graders vote on where to take the trip, but that a destination has not been chosen.

Washington, D.C. has been a destination in the past.

"If we need a new motor that ought to be taken to the council," member Deb Ayers said.

Meanwhile, Brandi Floyd, of the city's sewer operator Floyd-Hunter Environmental, said the city cleared a sewer line in Holmes Drive Subdivision, an area where the firm agreed to fix a lift station, but not maintain the lines.

The job was requested by a homeowner in the area.

"We agreed to take over the lift station but we didn't agree to take care of the lines," she said. "In the future if they do have problems, we could be a good neighbor and just go out there and do it. It's up to you."

Works board members said the matter will be forwarded to the city council.

The city has plans to replace lift stations at Holmes Drive and Sullivan Heights within a month.



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— Golda Meir,
Israeli prime minister
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