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Weekly Views

A special thanks is being given to both staff and inmates at Plainfield Correctional Facility. In an effort to increase recycling efforts, the facility has recycled over 1 million pounds of materials in 2013. This could not have been done without everyone's participation. Under the direction of Mrs. Tracey Ridge and direct line supervisor Officer Jeffery Bullington, the Department of Labor Offender Program has been instrumental in the recycling efforts. Also, offenders harvested 419 pounds of vegetables under the direction of Sergeant Bobby Paige for donation to Sheltering Wings in Danville,. Since July, Plainfield has donated over 7313 pounds of food to local charities in Hendricks County.

The PLUS unit at Pendleton Juvenile collected and donated over 100 pounds of pasta to Second Helpings, Inc located in Indianapolis. They feed 3,500 meals a day helping those in need. PLUS counselor Tyler Mason and a PLUS student delivered the donation to Second Helpings, Inc Director of Program Nora Spitznogel. The organization accepts donated perishable and overstocked food to prepare nutritious meals for thousands of hungry children and adults every day, and distributes them free of charge through local social service agencies in the Greater Indianapolis area. Second Helpings also trains unemployed and underemployed adults for careers in the culinary industry.



Superintendent Stanley Knight and staff at Putnamville extend their congratulations to Gary Goss, a 22-year veteran, on his promotion to Correctional Lieutenant.

CBS News 48 Hours Correspondent Richard Schlesinger, along with Producer Shoshanah Wolfson, visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to interview offender Charles Boney connection with the ongoing murder trial of David Camm in Boone County.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility has donated \$300 in conjunction with the Department's fundraising efforts to support the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Donations of \$100 each were made by the facility's PLUS Program, the offender American Legion Organization, and the facility's Community Involvement Fund.

A big thank you to all who bid on lunch with a member of Exec Staff. Through your amazing generosity, this FUNdraiser drew in over \$950 for the SECC campaign!

Family members and youngsters had tons of fun at Wabash Valley, taking part in the annual Inside Out Dads Fall Festival. Children spent quality bonding time with their dads, taking part in games, sharing good food, doing crafts, and then going home with a treat bag! (photo right) In addition, 250 quilts from WVCF are now warming homeless veterans. The much needed items were distributed by Purposeful Living Units Serve Caseworker Josh Collins during a recent "Veterans Stand Down" gathering in Indianapolis, sponsored by the Homeless Veterans Assistance Foundation.



Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility Offenders are working in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity recycling program. The offenders are empty and recycle damaged cans donated by the local Coca Cola Company. The proceeds last year generated over \$40,000 to help several families in obtaining their goal to become homeowners. Superintendent Griffin hopes to continue this partnership for years to come.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility was pleased to provide a tour of the facility to State Representative Terry Goodin. He was particularly impressed with their suicide prevention efforts and dedication to serving children and providing a safe and nurturing environment.

Under the direction of Oakland City University Horticulture Instructor Brenda Gullett, offenders harvested over 1000 pumpkins at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Gullett, Asst. Superintendent Mike Rains, and various staff delivered 800 of the pumpkins to the Putnam County Food Pantry, to students at 4 local, elementary schools and to individuals at Putnam County Comprehensive Services, an organization that assists persons with disabilities. (photo below)

Westville Correctional Facility honored its volunteers at the annual Volunteer Luncheon. The delightful afternoon was made possible through teamwork from various departments: greeters and hosts were offenders from WCC SL 1 Unit, lunch was served by the Culinary Arts program, and decorations were hand crafted by the Therapeutic Community. Guests speakers Assistant Superintendent Pazera represented the facility and UTM Sharon Hawk spoke on behalf of the Re-Entry team and thanked the special volunteers who teach programming classes to the offenders.



The Correctional Industrial Facility would like to congratulate Officer Megan McClain and Sgt. Michael Clark for their recent completion of CISM academy. They are proud to be part of the most utilized ERO Team. Officer McClain is in her 4th year on the team and Sgt. Clark is entering his 2nd year. Great job Megan and Michael!