



WeeklyViews

Indiana Department of Correction

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Piper Kerman, who provided the basis for the comedy-drama series Orange is the New Black, toured the Indiana Women's Prison this week. She is seen here visiting the PLUS Unit with Family Services Director, Wendi Middleton. After touring the facility and responding to questions from the offenders Ms. Kerman concluded her visit with thank the staff for hosting and concluded by saying "...it was a very enjoyable trip and I'm looking forward to coming back." (Photo left)

This week Sgt. Megan Carter received the Madison County Law Enforcement (LETR) Torch Run Officer of the Year as well as the Area 6 Law Enforcement Torch Run Officer of the Year for the Correctional Industrial facility (CIF). During the 2014 year the facility raised over \$6,000 by participating in events such as the Polar Plunge, Chicken Food Sale, Madison County Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) 5K, and Plane Pull. CIF received a plaque for becoming a Bronze Medal Agency. This year CIF is gearing up for its 4th year as a Special Olympics Indiana Agency led by its resident all-star Sgt. Megan Carter.



As the LETR Coordinator for the facility, Sgt. Carter was asked why she loves Special Olympics and she stated, "It is about being able to make a difference in someone's life, helping to ensure that everyone is able to participate in a sport that they love, and showing support for these exceptional athletes."

It is her dedication to Special Olympics that has helped to raise awareness and funds for 11,000 athletes throughout the state. This is the first time that Madison County has taken all of the Area awards. (Photo right)

Greencastle, IN (February 4, 2015)- The Deputy Commissioner of Operations James Basinger was present at Putnamville Correctional Facility to award Glenna Cheesman, wife of caseworker Robert Cheesman, with one of the CPAFI Fall 2014 Part-Time Scholarships in the amount of \$500!



The Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana is the Indiana Department of Correction's own charity. It provides emergency assistance to IDOC staff, contract staff embedded within IDOC facilities or offices, and their families in times of need. The Fund also provides educational scholarships to staff and family.

The majority of donations to this fund are provided by the Department's staff through payroll deductions and any additional money is raised through SECC (State Employees' Community Campaign) sponsored events such as the annual CPAFI golf outing. Mrs. Cheesman will be graduating with honors from Harrison College in June 2015 receiving a bachelors of applied science in criminal justice. She plans to expand her career in the juvenile court system in Vigo County. Superintendent Stanley Knight and ISF extend their congratulations! (Photo left)

The Indiana State Prison recently held a ceremony to award employees for their contributions to corrections. Approximately 100 staff attended the ceremony in the prison's Chapel. Six staff received seniority awards. Michael Beans, Larry Pietrowski and Thomas Potts were recognized for 20 years of service, and William Buchanan and Sherry Edwards for 25 years of service Dan Bodlovich was recognized for 35 years of Service.



Five staff members received an Extra Mile Award for their outstanding performance to the Indiana State Prison. Staff receiving the Extra-Mile Awards were; Sgt Kirk Zimmerman, Larry McGee, Kevin Davis, Thomas O'Brien, Paul Hegwood and Jennifer Neary-Kluska. (Photo right)