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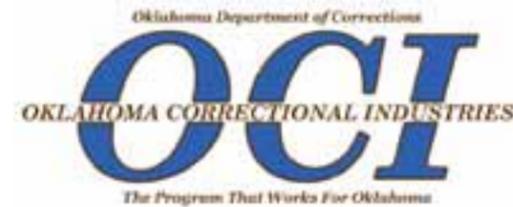
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Welcome to Inside Corrections



The last two months have been extremely exciting and I am eager to share good news with you. As I continue to work with my executive team to define the vision of Corrections, I know you are working tremendously hard to implement the changes to policies and procedures to assist with this process. I am still focusing on three areas of priority now – budget, staffing, and employee engagement - but the recent budget approvals by the governor and the legislature are most exciting for me at this time.

Governor Fallin signed our FY 2014 Supplemental Budget Request on May 14, 2014, for the amount of \$13 million. In addition, the legislature approved utilization of \$4 million from the prison industries 280 Revolving Fund. These funds, \$17 million in total, are being applied towards the deficits for FY 2014 in private prison beds (\$10 million) and county jail backup (\$7 million).

The FY 2015 Budget we requested for \$463,731,068 was also approved with an increase of \$7,720,483 million. This increase is due to the pay raises provided by the approval of SB 2131. This bill was introduced late in this year's general session and provides for salary increases to employees occupying certain job titles. For ODOC, the bill directs an 8% increase for all levels of correctional security positions and a 6.25% increase for thirteen (13) other identified job titles. Approximately 2,500 ODOC staff will receive an increase. The \$7.7 million additional appropriation mentioned before was appropriated to ODOC to implement these pay adjustments effective July 1, 2014.

This is the most extensive pay improvement plan for state employees in eight (8) years. The legislature has indicated this is the first step and that they will continue to review the pay study and provide for future raises as funds are available. While SB 2131 does not capture all of the positions within ODOC that are below market, we remain committed to working closely with the legislature and the governor to communicate the need for further pay raises within our agency.

Finally, ODOC was also approved for \$9.8 million of capital improvement funds that will be available through the OMES, Capital Assets Management division. Although these funds are not actually included in our budget, we can access the funds through OMES for specifically identified capital improvement projects.

I am excited about the future of our agency and I look forward to sharing more good news with you as we move forward. Your suggestions and recommendations are still of interest to me and I look forward to hearing from you on ways to improve our success.

Stay safe!

Robert C. Patton

Robert C. Patton
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

CONGRATULATIONS DIRECTOR PATTON

MESSAGE FROM THE OKLAHOMA SENATE

Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature

TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The Senate, on 04.24.14, has approved and confirmed the appointment of

Robert Patton
Edmond, Oklahoma

as the Director of Corrections, to serve at the pleasure of the State Board of Corrections, succeeding Justin Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Zipp

Secretary, Oklahoma State Senate

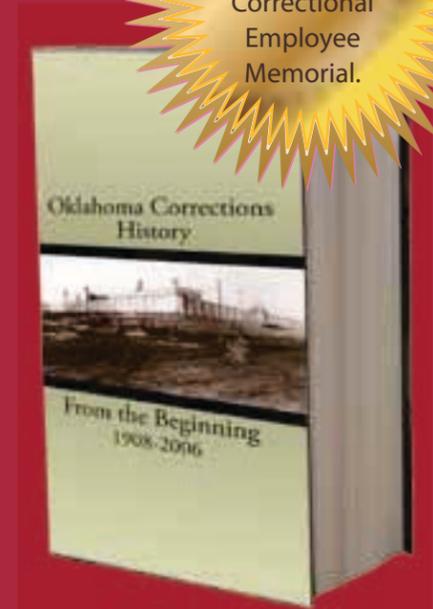
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In Other Words

DOC employees,
Thank you to our co-workers and colleagues that have provided ongoing kind words, thoughts and prayers during a difficult time. Thank you to all the institutions and correctional professionals organizations across the state that sent assistance to the families of Sergeant Sanders and Sergeant Reed.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chrisman, Warden
MACK ALFORD
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MACC employees,
Thank you to the employees of Mack Alford Correctional Center. The money that was donated made a huge difference in our ability to stay alongside Sgt. Reed. Your generosity shows in more than just the money. You guys have shown it in your request for information and just letting me know you are there if I need anything. Again thank you.

MICHELLE REED

Warden Watts,
PC-CARE, Inc. and the Ryan's Run Committee would like to take this time to thank you and your staff for helping us make the 2014 Ryan's Run a success.

You and Deputy Warden Wortham's commitment and involvement in helping organize and host the run is greatly

appreciated. We are unable to place a value on the use of your facilities, and the time donated by your staff and the inmates.

We would like to send a special thank you to Brittnie Hackler, Judy Goddard, and Security Chief Kennedy for the many hours they devoted toward making the run a success, and we greatly appreciate all the work you did on race day.

Your support, along with that of many other loyal donors, allows us to provide services to children and families in Pittsburg County, all with one goal in mind-to break the cycle of child abuse. From all of us at the center, thank you very much.

For the Children,

Cecilia Miers
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PC-CARE, INC.
PITTSBURG COUNTY'S
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Warden Wade,
On behalf of the trustees for the Glendale-Mountain View Cemetery Association, I am writing to thank you for your assistance in providing workers to clean and work in the cemetery. We realize that we could never afford to hire workers to do this job. I was unable to make it out during the time your men were working, but Ron assured me that things are really looking great.

Thanks to you and the men who

provided the labor. I hope that they enjoyed the pizza as we felt it was a small way to show our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Jess Ryburn
TREASURER
GLENDALE MT. VIEW
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Warden Wade,

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the warden, deputy warden, chief of security, Clyde Naylor and the inmate crew for the work done at the Summerfield Cemetery on Friday, April 25.

We were very pleased with the work they did helping us clean up the cemetery.

James Deere & Summerfield
Community Association

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Appointments



DAVID CINCOTTA
General Counsel

David Cincotta was selected as the General Counsel for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law where he graduated with honors. Before law school, Mr. Cincotta earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Oklahoma State University with a major in Business Management. Before coming to work for ODOC, Mr. Cincotta was an Assistant District Attorney in Oklahoma County, and he was assigned to the Civil Division where he represented the county officials and the State of Oklahoma in a variety of cases. Mr. Cincotta is honored by the opportunity to work for and represent the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Marilyn Davidson was selected as an Executive Assistant to the Director of Corrections. She received her B.A. from the University of Central Oklahoma and her M.B.A. from Oklahoma City University. While still in high school, Ms. Davidson began volunteering on political campaigns and developed a passion for the process. Immediately after college she began working on campaigns and was hired as a legislative aide in the Oklahoma State Senate where she worked for both Senator Scott Pruitt and Senator Brian Crain. From there she served as the Government Relations Director for the American Heart Association, where she oversaw the passage of several pieces of legislation both locally and at the federal level. Ms. Davidson's biggest accomplishment in this role was working with the Governor to pass a bill that would remove liability from schools who chose to open their facilities up for community use. It was the first statewide bill of its kind. Most recently, Ms. Davidson worked at Saxum, a public relations and marketing firm, handling their public affairs.



MARILYN DAVIDSON
Executive Assistant

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VOLUNTEERISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY

by Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain & Volunteer Coordinator

Like a lot of things in work and society, volunteerism has changed a great deal over the last 50 years. Life is busier, people are putting off retirement (a time when historically many become more involved in volunteer work) and there are so many more things to do with your free time. In order to best utilize and retain volunteers, volunteer administrators are finding the following principles important:

Understand Your Volunteers

What motivates them? What are their interests or passions? If you can identify what motivates your volunteers you can begin to connect it to needs you might have at your facility. By helping them see how a volunteer opportunity connects with their interest or passion, it helps them think outside the box and begin considering other ways they might be able to make a difference.

Treat Volunteers as Partners

OP-090211, Volunteer Services, states that our agency's desired relationship with volunteers is to be a "positive partnership." In a partnership each side understands the different roles and contributions each partner makes. Volunteers are not staff, they have a different role, different motivation and different level of training. Volunteers

are our partners and as partners we work together to reach our common goals – safe, secure facilities and opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

Recognize Your Volunteers

Volunteer recognition is important to maintaining a volunteer's interest and commitment to service. Most volunteers want to know that the service they are providing is making a difference. By recognizing them – whether it is in the form of an annual banquet, a thank you card or just a pat on the back – we let them know that they are indeed making a difference.

Utilize Technology Whenever Possible

Within the next couple of months our agency will be implementing a new volunteer management software system that will provide many technological advantages such as:

- An online application process which will shorten the time it takes to process applications.
- The capability to send out email blasts to groups of volunteers with important information – such as when a facility goes on lock down and volunteer activities have to be canceled.
- Statewide posting of volunteer needs and opportunities to serve with a search engine so volunteers, or prospective volunteers, will be able to search for opportunities by distance, type of service or facility.
- Greatly enhanced reporting and tracking capabilities so we can better document the positive impact made by volunteers and their programs. ■

2013 AGENCY Volunteer of the Year Mary Painter



Mary Painter
Eddie Warrior Correctional Center

Mary Painter leads a busy, interesting life. She has been a corporate pilot for 30 years. She and her husband, who is also a corporate pilot, fly together as both of them are employed with a private individual. She says, "Flying is my career and my passion. I love flying and wanted to be a pilot since I was a young girl. This particular job allows my husband and I to travel all over the world and see many things that never would have been possible any other way."

In the midst of that busy, interesting life she also makes time to make a difference in the lives of others. Ms. Painter has been a volunteer at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (EWCC) for 10 years. She first began to serve as a volunteer because her church had partnered with a group already going in to the prisons and they were looking for someone that met a certain criteria

to teach classes. She answered the call, she says, due to her past life, "what I have learned and the healing I have received from God gave me the desire to come and give back to incarcerated women the freedom and healing I had received."

Today Ms. Painter serves as the facility's main Volunteer Assistant Chaplain and has earned the respect of the staff and offenders. She is a role model and has the highest regard for the rules, security procedures and requirements of the facility. When working with offenders, she is never partial and always demonstrates respect and compassion.

In 2013, while the facility Chaplain was on medical leave for eight weeks, Ms. Painter coordinated the work of other volunteers to ensure the Chapel programs could continue. During this time she handled offender emergency notifications, participated in staff

meetings and did whatever was necessary.

In 2013, Ms. Painter also taught four 12-week Sexual Abuse Recovery classes, three 12-week Abortion Recovery classes, three Breaking Free classes and when other volunteers were unable to help with Play Day, Ms. Painter did the work of three volunteers to ensure the event was a success.

These are just some Ms. Painter's activities at EWCC. In addition, she has networked outside sources to raise money and donations for the facility. She was able to arrange for a local Christian Bookstore to donate over 300 "Holiday Visiting Bears" so each child who came to EWCC to visit their mother over the Christmas holidays took home a bear. Ms. Painter was also responsible for the donation of 1,800 pairs of socks – two for each offender – to go into Holiday gift bags.

Her abilities as a teacher, organizer and fundraiser are only outweighed by her integrity. She is an outstanding role model. She has touched the lives of thousands of women that have come through EWCC.

We asked Ms. Painter what she enjoys

most about serving as a volunteer and here is what she said,

"The part of my volunteer work with female offenders I love the most is seeing that "aha" or "lightbulb" moment when what has been taught in my classes finally "clicks" in an offender when she realizes "this may be

why I have such faulty thinking and have made bad choices. For the first time they see truth: not the lies they have believed. All the hurt I have experienced makes it worth it when I see that happen in a woman's heart." ■

2013 AGENCY Volunteer Organization of the Year

Grove Church of Christ



Pictured (L-R): Herman Welch, Doug Rainbolt, Karla Lancaster, Val Valdois, Addie Carr, Doris Reece, and Jeanne Siebert.

by Carolyn Welch, Grove Church of Christ

It was a man by the name of Bud Tibbles that first introduced our minister of the Grove Church of Christ, Doug Rainbolt, to the opportunity that existed in the prison system. After attending a class at Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (NOCC) in Vinita we decided it was a great way to serve. It was soon after that class in 2005 our members proceeded through the process to become badged volunteers.

The same group that received volunteer badges in 2005 are faithful to attend, and to recruit new members to participate out of our congregation. The Grove Church of Christ in Grove, Oklahoma congregation has been very encouraging

to the members who participate in the program.

Matthew 25:35-36, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."* This verse indicates why our members wanted to serve at NOCC and when an opening became available, we took the opportunity to get involved.

Our members started teaching "New Life Behavior," a faith based and structured program to help the offenders be better fathers, spouses and people.

"New Life Behavior" is a curriculum developed by NewLife Behavior Ministries and utilized by many churches offering the program in DOC facilities across the state. NewLife Behavior Ministries is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization founded in Dallas, Texas by Dr. H. M. Motsinger in 1984. Buck Griffith has been President of NLB-USA since July 2002. NewLife Behavior Ministries researches, produces, and develops and distributes faith-based curriculum and cognitive behavioral tools to facilitate offender rehabilitation and reconciliation to God, their family and to society. There are 13 NewLife Behavior courses. Among the course

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**Michael Culbreath
Chaplain**

VOLUNTEER SERVICES at Bill Johnson Correctional Center

by Michael Culbreath, Chaplain II

Religious programs in prisons tends to focus on how groups of men or women who share like beliefs can draw from those beliefs to help them manage the stress of incarceration and prepare them to return to society. But, in my experience there is one issue of faith, an issue that underlies all religious beliefs, that goes largely unnoticed and unattended. That issue is grief. The best working definition I have found for grief is: the physical, emotional, social and spiritual response to loss. This definition is purposely simple and inclusive because grief is a universal human experience and each person will experience grief in his/her own way.

At first glance the idea that grief is such a neglected topic may seem very counterintuitive. That impression is likely perpetuated by the fact that every one of us experiences multiple layers of life losses every day. Our senses become dulled to how the grief of loss affects us. It's the "can't see the forest for the trees" effect.

While at the same time, it is an accepted fact that those who are incarcerated experience a disproportionately high occurrence of deep, disturbing, life altering losses. Hence, one of the biggest mysteries of the criminal rehabilitative effort is: in what way(s) are these losses a driving force for criminal behaviors?

The sad, hard truth is that it's impossible to know all of the causes of the self-defeating/self-destructive behavior that drives the criminal justice system. The scope of grief is too large to measure. The impact of grief on humanity is too large to fully comprehend.

To illustrate this point just consider the reoccurring themes of life: promise, loss (and the corresponding grief reaction) and redemption. As well, we could look at the Life Skills Inventory scores for every person in DOC custody. They tell the stories of grief that are found in an unwanted boy or girl, the grief of deprivation in childhood, the grief of unknown or unconnected parents, the

grief of growing up with dysfunctional codependent parent figures, the grief of an unbridled youth, the grief of alcohol and drug addiction, the grief of physical abuse and/or sexual exploitation, the grief of codependent and abusive relationships, the grief of financial insecurity and indulgent poverty (i.e. deprived of essential nutrition and human nurturance but indulged with junk food, cell phones, cable TV, casinos, etc.). Grief is an essential theme. Look at the classic stories of literature, stage and modern media.

Of course, this discussion is never to be construed as condoning the behavior of those who are incarcerated or to minimize the impact on their victims.

As a chaplain I facilitate religious programs and provide one-on-one counseling for offenders in my facility. I draw on every resource possible to influence offenders with spiritual consolation. In my professional career I served for a few years as the Director of Social Services for a not-for-profit hospice agency. As an inpatient psychiatric case manager I organized, implemented and monitored cognitive behavioral interventions. Years of church ministry has included constant contact with those who are broken and grieving. I have also trained as a presenter of a DOC approved cognitive behavioral curriculum. The reason that many prisons around the nation use cognitive behavioral curriculum is that broad longitudinal research has proven that traditional insight therapies and interventions such as grief counseling are ineffective to address the recidivism rate of offenders. Only cognitive behavioral interventions seem

to slow down the revolving door. But, sometimes it seems that the revolving door just gets bigger and spins faster.

The point of this discussion is to keep an immense issue like grief in front of us all. Grief counseling can and does make a difference for those offenders who are ready to receive it.

Here are some examples of how I incorporate grief counseling in my daily work. I intentionally include concepts of grief recovery in every counseling opportunity. I weave into most discussions concepts of grief reactions and the effect on personal life development. In marriage enrichment classes I purposely include discussions on how to cope with the loss of a relationship and the role that conflicting grief reactions played in the death of that relationship. When I teach cognitive behavioral curriculum I complement the fidelity of the material with discussions related to the effect of the multiple life losses experienced because of the faulty thinking, feeling and behavior patterns of the offenders.

I encourage you to: educate yourself about the nature of grief (I recommend the research of Dr. William Worden, he is a well known writer on the topic but still has unique and practical insight); include issues of grief in your conversations with offenders (it may be that they don't care what you know until they know you care); consider teaching a class on rising above life's losses (I will gladly share what I use); remind yourself often that life change is a process (grace is amazing and it takes a lifetime to absorb the grace that brings healing from the grief of loss). ■

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES at Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP)

by Wade Scott, Chaplain



Wade Scott
Chaplain

As the chaplain of OSP I also serve in the capacity of volunteer coordinator. The majority of the men and women serving as volunteers at OSP work under different circumstances than if they volunteered at a medium or minimum security facility. They must go cell to cell to minister to the offenders, due to OSP being a maximum security facility which houses Death Row and is

on 24 hour a day lock down.

By providing religious services, volunteers help address the needs related to offender religious rights. They also provide opportunities for offenders to connect or reconnect with the spiritual aspects of their life. This can be the first step toward a transformed life and becoming a successful, productive citizen after incarceration. ■

WHY BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

RELIGIOUS SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Refers to activities that have a primary focus on religious worship or education.

FAITH-BASED PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Refers to activities that have a primary focus of addressing the offenders needs from a faith prospective.

Both of these efforts are extremely important.

Some might ask *"why become a volunteer"* and *"what are the personal rewards for being a volunteer?"*

Make A Difference In The Community

Volunteers can assist in readying incarcerated individuals to return to the community and become productive citizens.

Personal Satisfaction

Become a positive influence in the life of another and experience the reward of giving back!

Training And Experience

Gain direct training and experience working with a diverse offender population. Reference letters, certificates and/or other forms of recognition can be provided to document experience, service, training and duties.

Volunteering in the incarceration field can have many positive and personal rewards.

Feel A Sense Of Purpose

New Experiences And Opportunities

Helping Someone Who Needs Help

Opportunity To Practice Or Sharpen Skills, And To Obtain Noteworthy Experience

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

at Howard McLeod Correctional Center (HMCC)

by Thomas Chappelle, Chaplain



Thomas Chappelle
Chaplain

“Chap,” “Chappy,” “Chaplain” are a few of the numerous expressions used to get my attention after six years of working as Chaplain for the Department of Corrections (DOC) at HMCC. Over those few years I have seen both staff and offender come and go. My question to myself is: Did I make a difference in their lives, and am I making a difference in those who presently make up HMCC right now? Only God really knows. Yet, I do make an effort to make a positive impact.

Positive impact for me is to do my part in this world of corrections where I have been assigned. What does my part consist of? I aim to make this yard a safer place. I do that by making sure offenders get to practice their religion. Does it mean I have to agree with them? No, it means I have to ensure that they have as much opportunity as DOC policy allows offenders to practice their religion. How does that make a safer yard? Religion is one of those areas that people are passionate about. For the offender it is often one of the only areas they

have some say in. When that area is restricted or is eliminated it creates stress in the offender and stressed out offenders cause problems.

Second, I am responsible for volunteer activity on the yard. It can be in any area but primarily in religious services. This allows community involvement in DOC and increases the number of hours offenders are occupied with something other than their imaginations and idle time.

Third, I counsel with offenders and staff to provide spiritual presence in difficult situations. Life throws many things at us. From loss of loved ones to personal issues that no one sees coming. Often the chapel is a prayer closet or place of solitude for the hurting; a place of spiritual refreshment for the stressed; place of calm for the anxious; and at times a place for blowing off steam for the frustrated.

My hat goes off for the HMCC employees who have sacrificed much for the sake of the safety of the great state of Oklahoma. I greatly appreciate all employees at HMCC because everyone seeks to work together even though working with offenders is not easy. HMCC is a great place to be a co-employee doing a tough job with people who go the extra mile to do things right. I hope for their lives to be blessed in the days ahead. ■

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC)

by Jay Drawbridge, Chaplain



Jay Drawbridge
Chaplain

The words Volunteer Services and Religious Services often are seen as going together. Truthfully, volunteers with the Department of Corrections are responsible for conducting many of the religious services but they do so much more. At JCCC, we have 83 volunteers that hold religious services on a regular monthly basis, but we also have seven that come in and conduct “AA” meetings as well as two that help me (Jay Drawbridge, Chaplain II & Volunteer Coordinator for JCCC) as Chapel Assistants. The volunteers at JCCC offer more than just religious messages; they provide donations of religious material, they support the Bridge Project with craft supplies, they give of their time to help keep the chapel open and supervised when the Chaplain is away from the facility. Some of our volunteers

are also willing to help released offenders with transportation upon their release. We have a few volunteers that have established or worked with aftercare programs outside of the department. These volunteers help offenders with housing, jobs, transportation and strong accountability guidelines. Their reentry work is always done with awareness of and a willingness to work within the policies of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Volunteers are able to help in many areas of a facility; such as facilitating programs, clerical work, and supervision of offenders during certain activities. I am tasked with identifying needs for a volunteer, recruitment, training (I am also the Northwestern Regional Volunteer Services Trainer for the Department), scheduling and supervision of our volunteers. All staff at JCCC understand the value of the volunteers and we want to constantly expand our utilization of this asset. As Chaplain, I am currently speaking to a number of outside organizations about teaming up with us to provide more volunteers to fill the needs we have. My goal for the future of our Volunteer Services is to find and

place a larger number of volunteers in areas other than just the Chapel Program.

In the area of Religious Services, we are doing very well (in my opinion). Our Religious Program on the medium yard has a Chapel building with one classroom, a larger room that has seating for 80 and houses our Religious Library, and my office. We also utilize an auditorium that is located in the education building that seats 230 and has an upper room that is used for classroom space. With no Chapel building on the minimum yard, we share the visiting room area with other departments.

The religious library on the medium yard has approximately 3,500 books of religious nature, 1,200 teaching, character building and family skills videos and 1,200 audio recordings of religious teachings. We have 6 TV’s with video players and headphone devises for the utilization of the videos. The library on the minimum yard has approximately 200 books, 30 teaching videos and 2 TV’s with video players.

We have 25 lockers being used for storage of religious material for the different offender faith groups on the

yard. We provide not only volunteer lead classes, services and programs for the different faith groups, but also regular scheduled times for offender led classes. While having very good “AA” and “NA” meetings, there were a number of offenders desiring to have a faith-based substance abuse meeting. A program called “Addicts at the Cross” was found and the author contacted. The author donated materials to start the program and we have 30 offenders participating at this time. Just a few of the religious

activities being held at JCCC are: Native American Sweats, Catholic services, Praise Nights, Pagan Circle times, Buddhist Meditation times, Islamic Jumah’, VBC and Addicts at the Cross.

The Chapel’s regular monthly calendar for the medium yard has 404 religious activities listed and the minimum yard’s calendar has 135 religious activities listed. There are also numerous special religious events that take place during the year.

Overall we keep our volunteers busy providing a large number of religious activities for the offenders to attend and have their religious needs met. So much more could be done with a larger building and more classroom space but, surely everyone reading this article is now saying “couldn’t we all.” We, at JCCC, do what we can do with what we have, but I am always looking to improve and expand the Volunteer and Religious Services. ■

LAWTON COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER (LCCC) VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2014

On Friday, April 11, 2014 LCCC hosted a volunteer appreciation event.

Special guests in attendance were Associate Director Edward Evans and Administrator of Community Corrections/Work Centers James Rudek. Assistant District Supervisor Angela Hearrell, with the assistance of Mr. Evans, presented certificates of appreciation to volunteers from LCCC and the Walters Community Work Center.

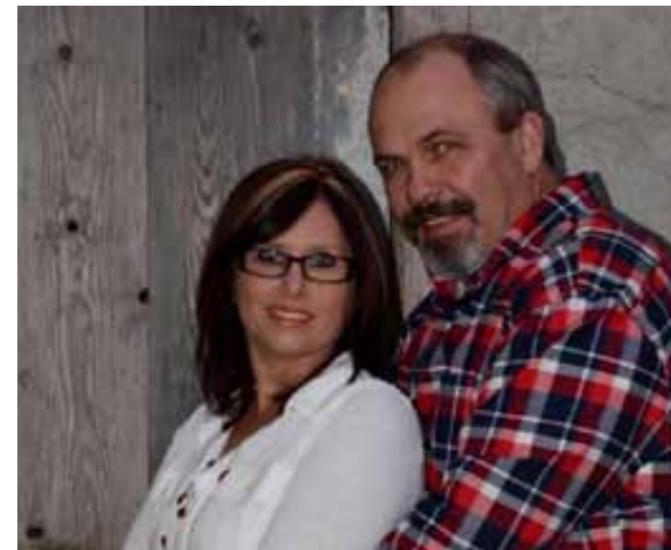
Immediately following the certificate presentation volunteers and facility staff gathered for a cake and punch reception.

Pictured right: (top left) Associate Director Ed Evans (right) awards volunteer Hailey Murray a certificate of appreciation for outstanding service; (top right) Assistant District Supervisor Angela Hearrell welcomes all attendees to the Volunteer Appreciation Award Ceremony; and (bottom) the hard working recipients of the Southwest District Volunteer Award.



GIVING BACK: *Serving Where He Once Served Time*

by Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator



Dixie Pebworth (right) with his wife, Ann.

Dixie Pebworth now spends time serving as a volunteer in the same prison where he spent four and a half years of incarceration. He is one of many ex-offenders whose lives were changed while incarcerated and are now committed to seeing others have the same opportunity they had.

Dixie got involved in drugs at an early age. After an initial conviction and release in 1983 he was arrested again in 1987 and convicted on drug and weapons charges that, running consecutively, left him with a total sentence of 80 years in prison. In the Oklahoma County Jail, Dixie was thinking of suicide and death. His freedom was lost, he had lost his family, he was filled with darkness and had no hope. Then Dixie says, “A Baptist preacher came storming through the door and the first words out of his mouth were – I’ve come here to tell you that God Loves You!” For the first time in his life, he listened to what the man had to say about the love of God. His heart was ready to receive and on October 12, 1987 he gave his life to Christ. He began reading his bible every day.

He was processed at Lexington Assessment & Reception Center then sent to Dick Conner Correctional Center. While at DCCC he attended church seven nights a week. Dixie

says that in attending these services, led by volunteers from a variety of different Christian groups, he realized that he needed to change his life. He got his GED, completed two years of business college, took bible school courses and learned horticulture. God was working in his life and others began to notice. His wife, who had left him for 15 months, reluctantly came to visit one day, mainly to bring their children to see their dad. She found a man that was no longer angry, bitter or controlling. The change was so dramatic that she came back to visit again and again and again, and every week for the next three years. Their marriage and their family were restored.

Facility staff began to notice as well. As Dixie put it, “At that time DCCC was a place where if a guy was doing the right thing and had a positive attitude, he stood out.” First the facility put him on a work crew with responsibilities outside the fence and later he was moved to the minimum unit.

At the same time some amazing things were happening in his court case. A ruling by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals overturned one of his convictions. As a result, on January 24, 1994, he discharged his sentence. Dixie admits reentry was not easy but he made some smart decisions early on. First, he chose not to go back to Oklahoma City but to get a fresh start in Tulsa – away from the people and the environment that were a part of his old lifestyle. Although he came out of prison with his GED and college, getting a job was tough until he met the owner of a company at Tulsa International Airport. The owner was so impressed with Dixie’s story and his character that he gave him a job – even bypassing some security protocols to make it happen. Dixie says that the most challenging part of reentry was the social aspect. Finding a church that would accept him as an ex-offender, connecting with people that were willing to look beyond his past and plugging into a place where he and his family could find the support and encouragement they needed took a while.

Mentors, or spiritual fathers as Dixie calls them, have played

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THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY PROGRAM

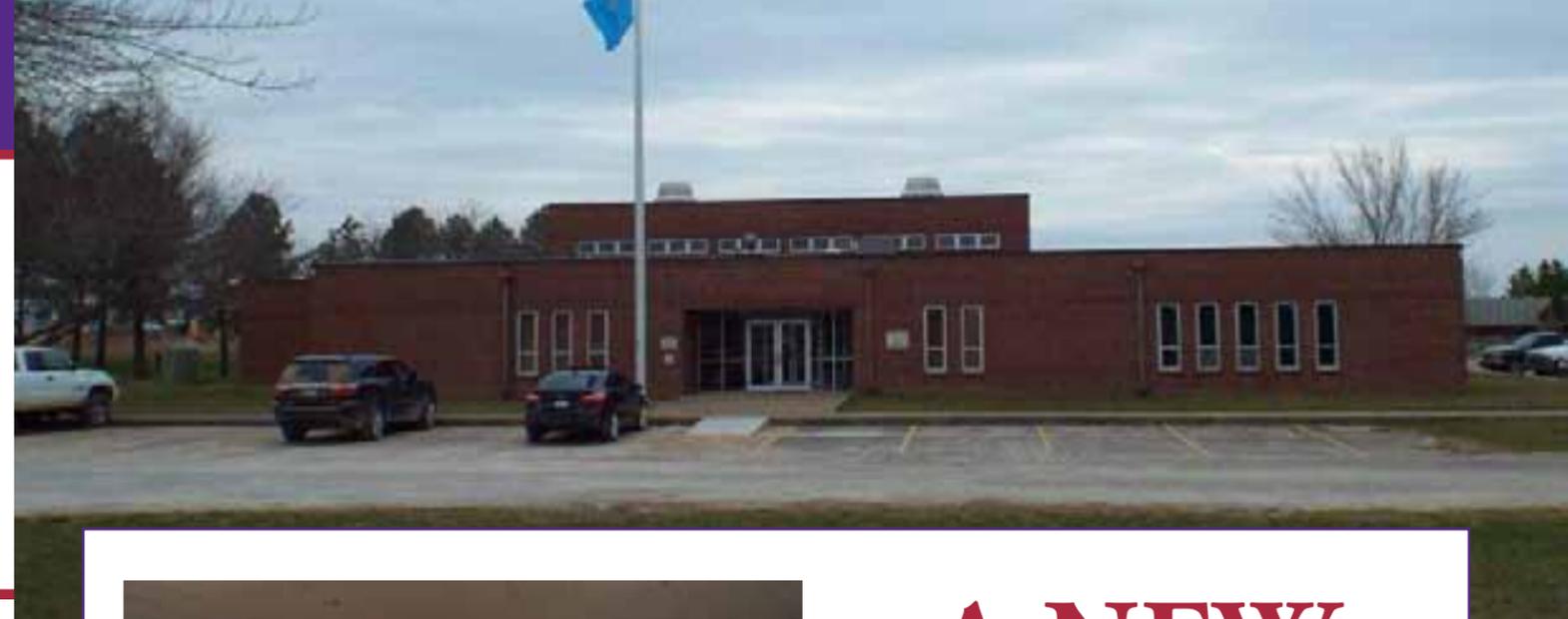
Helping Oklahoma Offenders

The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM) has served Oklahomans in need through education, character development, social services, work readiness training, and job placement since 1987. In 2013, TEEM identified a target population based on need and ability to effectively fill a niche, and tailored its services to better serve and equip the majority of its clients – individuals impacted by incarceration. Because Oklahoma consistently ranks among the highest in the nation in male and female incarceration rates, TEEM is poised to make a lasting impact in the lives of many of the individuals who re-enter society each year.

WHAT TEEM DOES:

Upon release, many individuals lack the basic resources, education and training to reintegrate successfully, find employment and prevent recidivism. It's My Community Initiative (IMCI) and its lead partner, TEEM, along with 23 additional community partners, are working together to implement a successful re-entry service through Work Ready Oklahoma (WRO). This multifaceted program combines job readiness, vocational training, educational opportunities, a wide range of workforce development
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Pictured top right: Offender Jose Villanueva (right) receives his OSHA 30 certification card at his new job WW Steel from Aaron Cosar, OSHA instructor. Pictured below (L-R) Offenders Liquency Young and Daniel Brian Piette work at Buy for Less.



A NEW LOOK: *Idabel Community Work Center*



Renovation of Idabel Armory

Renovation of the old Idabel Armory, donated by the City of Idabel, began in mid-2012 and reached the point that allowed the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to move in on November 20, 2013. Currently, 92 offenders are housed at this facility, 7 of which are work release, with the capability of going up to 105 offenders. Most of the renovations were completed with offender labor. Idabel Probation and Parole share the near 17,000 square foot building located at the southern entrance of facility employing 5, led by Team Supervisor Vonda Burrell.

The facility averages approximately 60 offenders for Prisoner Public Works Program (PPWP) work crews. Entities such as Beavers Bend State Park, City of Idabel, Oklahoma State University, City of Broken Bow, Department of Transportation, and McCurtain County Solid Waste participate in the PPWP. **In Fiscal Year 2013, the community cost savings was \$83,404.90.**

Currently, the new work center employs 10 staff members.

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Correctional Officers Recognition

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
State Capitol • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



On May 7, 2014, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections 2013 Officers of the Year were recognized at the State Capitol. Pictured above are: (L-R) 2013 *Agency & Community Corrections Probation and Parole Officer of the Year* Tamika L. Ross-Tulsa County District Community Corrections; 2013 *Agency & Community Corrections Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year* Butch Davis-Hobart Community Work Center/Southwest District Community Corrections; Director Robert Patton-Oklahoma Department of Corrections; 2013 *Field Operations Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year* Dixie L. McDonald-William S. Key Correctional Center; 2013 *Agency & Field Operations Correctional Officer of the Year* Angelica Padilla-Oklahoma State Reformatory; and 2013 *Community Corrections Correctional Officer of the Year* Lila J. Pettyjohn-Enid Community Corrections Center/Northwest District Community Corrections.

2013
AGENCY
 & Community
 Corrections
 Probation and Parole
 Officer of the Year
Tamika L. Ross



Tamika L. Ross
 Probation and Parole Officer III
 Tulsa County District Community Corrections
 Community Corrections Division

Officer Ross returned to the Department of Corrections in October 2012, after a short stint in the private sector. Since her return she has been actively involved in not only client supervision but different aspects of our district/agency. She has been an active member of the Equal Employment Opportunity, and served as the fundraising coordinator for the United Way State Charitable Campaign and lead her team to raise in excess of \$800. Along with supervising her current caseload of parole offenders, she also has remained active as a volunteer with many community service projects. She is currently involved in a Department of Justice reentry program known as Fresh Start. She has helped organize the project with a representative of the US Attorney's Office. This program is targeted at offenders releasing to the Tulsa area after release from prison. Offenders will be provided with information on services and resources that are available to them such as housing, medical, financial and counseling services. Tamika has also been a consistent member of the Special Olympics Torch Runners at TCDCC and even continued her participation in the run while she was in the private sector.

Officer Ross is not only a dedicated officer who does her job well with focus on the offender as well as the safety of the community; she is also someone that gets involved in her community to make a difference. As is demonstrated by her volunteer activities, Tamika is not one to sit by and let someone else get things done.

2013
AGENCY
 & Field Operations
 Correctional Officer
 of the Year
Angelica Padilla



Angelica Padilla
 Correctional Security Officer IV
 Oklahoma State Reformatory
 Field Operations Division

Sgt. Padilla demonstrates the highest level of professionalism. Her work ethics demonstrate her dedication to her career. She has excellent knowledge of facility operation, policy, and procedures providing guidance for officers and staff members.

Sgt. Padilla provides her peers with the best example of leadership and work ethics. She is a prime role model emphasizing professionalism. She has taken on added responsibility by assisting in training new officers ensuring that they receive the best training she can provide.

Sgt. Padilla has chosen to lead officers and develop better officers to assist in improving the department. Her communication and hands on approach has directly led to a more positive atmosphere by improving morale. Her training techniques and ability to communicate has given her a gift of being able to relate and develop new staff members into professional officers.



Lila J. Pettyjohn
Enid Community Corrections Center
Northwest District Community Corrections

*In recognition of
outstanding service
and significant
accomplishments.*

**STANDING
PROUD**



Alfred V. Trotter
Jim E. Hamilton CC



Roy Max Smith
John Lilley CC



Troy C. Covey
Joseph Harp CC



Michael D. Whomble
Lexington A&R Center



Arthur L. Harris
Mack Alford CC



Gail A. Lindbloom
Northeast Oklahoma CC



Roger L. Stark
Bill Johnson CC



Bradley E. Rogers
Dick Conner CC



Samuel L. Spradling
Eddie Warrior CC



Bobby R. Cochran
Howard McLeod CC



Robert J. Barnes
Classification & Populaion
Central Transpotation Unit



Cleve A. Moore
Jackie Brannon CC



Vernon B. Snethen
James Crabtree CC



Gary Foreman
Jess Dunn CC

MISSION:
*To protect
the public,
the employees,
and the
offenders.*



Robert J. Ross
Oklahoma State Penitentiary



Siobhan M. Alexandersen
William Key CC



Matthew D. Lane
Oklahoma County CC/RS



Kevin T. Lawlor
Southeast District



Brian G. Lord
Southwest District

2013
AGENCY
 & Community Corrections
 Correctional Officer
 Supervisor of the Year

Butch Davis



Butch Davis
 Correctional Security Manager I
 Hobart Community Work Center
 Southwest District Community Corrections
 Community Corrections Division

Lt. Butch Davis is an asset to the Department of Corrections due to his professionalism, knowledge and ingenuity. He is always eager to learn and willing to instruct any new training sessions that needs to be presented to his fellow employees. He recently volunteered his time to install the new camera system at the Hobart Community Work Center, due to a shortage in maintenance personnel at the Southwest District. He was also responsible for drawing up the new camera system and designing the layout to allow better security coverage at the facility. He understands the importance of sanitation and security and is able to pass his knowledge onto his subordinates. Lt. Davis on many occasions has gone above and beyond his regular work duties, by responding to several facility emergencies and making suggestions that have enhanced the relationship between the facility and the community leaders.

2013 Field Operations
 Correctional Officer
 Supervisor of the Year



Dixie L. McDonald
 William S. Key Correctional Center
 Field Operations Division



Kelly M. Schrock
 Bill Johnson CC



Christopher L. Rector
 Classification & Populaion
 Central Transpotation Unit



Aaron N. Peruskie
 Dick Conner CC



Cynthia E. Bowers
 Eddie Warrior CC



Vanessa A. Witherspoon
 Eddie Warrior CC



Teresa L. Guest
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 Jess Dunn CC



Jamie N. Means
 Jim E. Hamilton CC



Leon B. Neal
 John Lilley CC



Jerry W. Thompson
 Joseph Harp CC



Romon M. Jones
 Lexington A&R
 Center



Ricky A. Rice
Mabel Bassett CC



Sooncheol Yoon
Mack Alford CC



Michael D. Buchanan
Northeast Oklahoma CC



Chris D. Etchison
Oklahoma State
Penitentiary



Johnny Pantoja
Oklahoma State
Reformatory



William P. Allen
Kate Barnard CCC



Anthony A. Tansimore
Northwest District CC



Jerry W. Haynes
Oklahoma County CC/RS



Jeffrey D. Dollar
Oklahoma County CC/RS



Mark Hernandez
Registered Nurse
Joseph Harp Correctional Center
Health Services Division

2013
AGENCY
& Central Region
Nurse of the Year

Mark Hernandez

Mark Hernandez began his 16 year career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in October 1997 as an Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Joseph Harp Correctional Center. He returned to school and has been a licensed Registered Nurse (RN) since 2011.

Mr. Hernandez is assigned to the Mental Health Unit and provides specialized psychiatric care and treatments to offenders with mental health diagnoses.

*Thank you
for your
outstanding
service to
corrections &
commitment
to this most
honorable
profession.*

**REGIONAL
& AGENCY
NURSES OF
THE YEAR
FOR HEALTH
SERVICES
DIVISION**



Pictured above(L-R): RN Amanda Myers - EWCC, Northeast Region Nurse of the Year, RN Mark Hernandez - JHCC, Central Region and Agency Nurse of the Year, LPN Tammy Harland - WSKCC, Western Region Nurse of the Year, and RN Heather Knight - MACC Southeast Region Nurse of the Year.



2013
AGENCY
 Teacher of the Year
Deborah Owens

Deborah Owens,
Correctional Teacher I
College Coordinator
John Lilley Correctional Center

Deborah Owens has been in the field of education since 1978. Her career began at Boley State School for Boys, then Boley Public Schools, and presently John Lilley Correctional Center. Her career in the public school system includes teaching grades 7-12, school counselor, and teaching Pre-Literacy/Adult Basic Education. She has approximately 18 years with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and is currently a member of the Correctional Education Association and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. Currently, she teaches Literacy and is the coordinator of the college program at John Lilley Correctional Center.

Ms. Owens received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Langston University and her Master's degree in Education from Northeastern State University. She is always willing to help with any task or project through facilitating, directing, and leading when needed. She loves working with people that are serious about education, you might say "her passion." She currently serves on the city council as Commissioner of Health and Sanitation for the Town of Boley (Trustee) and is a member of Antioch Baptist Church. Throughout her career she has worked with youth and adults in church as well as in the community. She has two adult children and four grandchildren.

A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils.

- Ever Garrison



Renee Watkins

The Department of Corrections family bid a bittersweet farewell to one of its beloved members on March 14, 2014, as Deputy Director Renee Watkins embarked on a new chapter of her life with a retirement luncheon.

Renee began her DOC career in August 1986 at Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC). While holding various positions during her tenure at JHCC, she completed a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology at the University of Oklahoma. During the ensuing years, she received several promotions throughout the department, ultimately resulting in an appointment as Deputy Warden II at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in 1999.

Pictured right: (top left) Kent Peck, Pat Sorrels, and Veril Shields; (top right) Leda Reese and Stephanie Ormand, (bottom left) Ed Evans-Associate Director, ODOC; (bottom right) Back row: Michael Crabtree, Rodney Redman, Emma Watts, Mike Mullins, Kameron Harvanek, William Monday, and Rick Price. Front row: Janice Melton, Lavonna Bartling, Renee Watkins, Michael Wade, Denae Edwards, and Kent Peck.

FAREWELL TO RENEE WATKINS

In November of 1999 Renee was recruited by Corrections Corporation of America as the Deputy Warden at the Cimarron Correctional Facility in Cushing, Oklahoma and subsequently as the Warden of the Whiteville Correctional Facility in Whiteville, Tennessee, a 1,500 bed male medium security facility. Following that assignment, she made a return home to Oklahoma at the Cimarron Facility in Cushing Oklahoma, to be near family and friends.

In April of 2007, Renee elected to return to public service in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to the position of Administrator of Private Prisons and Jails. In November of 2011, she was promoted to Deputy Director of Institutions – Division II, where she

was responsible for oversight of the eight male minimum security prisons, Agri-Services, Food Service, and the Canine program.

Renee is a member of and has served as state representative for Southern States Correctional Association. She is a past president of the Oklahoma Correctional Association, has twice served as president of the United States Deputy Wardens Association, and is an ACA accreditation auditor.

Renee's list of accomplishments does not begin to detail her sparkling personality, her ready smile, and her optimism. She has been a sterling ambassador for the department and an exemplary role model for employees both new and tenured to the department. She will be sorely missed; we wish her all the best!



THIN BLUE LINE 5K RUN/WALK

On April 12, 2014 the Oklahoma Chapter of the COPS organization hosted the Thin Blue Line 5k run in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The run/walk began at 9:00 a.m. with warm, sunny weather...a vast improvement on last year's weather! The Oklahoma Department of Corrections was well represented with 21 people on Team McCoy; honoring Probation and Parole Officer Jeff McCoy who was killed in the line of duty May 18, 2012.

All of the proceeds from runners/walkers goes to Oklahoma families that lost their officers this year to help pay their way to Washington D.C. in May, where their loved ones will be enshrined in the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Team McCoy would like to thank all the staff from the Jeffery M. McCoy Central District Office, Medical staff from Dick Conner Correctional Center, family and friends for joining us to not only remember Jeff, but to also assist the six other families that lost their officer in the line of duty last year.



Pictured above right (standing row, L-R): Renee Lanier, Steven Lanier, Caitlin Owen, Robert Sershon, Jeri Lillard, Carrie Croy, Meredith Edge, Heather Hicks, Tony McCoy, Ashlee McCullough, Vickie Kersey-Clay, Yvonne Kersey, Genese McCoy, Terri Harriet, and Hannah. (sitting row, L-R): Kendra McCurley, Jackson McCurley, Megan McCoy, Allie McCoy, Jennifer Elledge, and Jody Jones.

Pictured above left (L-R): Kendra and Jackson McCurley, Buffy and Eskimo Joe, Megan and Allie McCoy.

Pictured right (L-R): Carrie Croy, Caitlin Owen, Meredith Edge, Heather Hicks, and Renee Lanier.



Jeffery M. McCoy

OFFICER JEFFERY M. MCCOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On May 18, 2012, Officer Jeffery M. McCoy was shot and killed in the line of duty while making a routine home visit in Midwest City. To honor Jeff's memory and to give back to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections the family and friends of Jeff have created the Officer Jeffery M. McCoy Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility is limited to current OK DOC employees, their children, step-children, grandchildren or step-grandchildren. **The application is available at http://www.ok.gov/doc/Jeffery_McCoy_Memorial_Scholarship.html.** Please fill out the application completely and mail it to the address listed. Applications must be received no later than July 11, 2014.

The second Friday of each September we will be hosting the Jeff McCoy Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from that tournament goes to sponsor the scholarship fund. So save the date, September 12th and be watching for information on the Jeff McCoy Memorial Golf Tournament.

Guardian Angel "Dog" Program (GAP) Graduation Ceremony April 18, 2014 • Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC)



Dr. John Otto, Jr.
Volunteer Veterinarian



Rickey Moham
Warden-MBCC



Offender trainers with the first graduating class of dogs at GAP program.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

May 1, 2014
Administration Building • Oklahoma City



Left to right: Frazier Henke-member, BOC, Michael W. Roach-Vice Chair, BOC, Kevin J. Gross-Chair, BOC, Robert Patton-Director, ODOC, Steve Burrage-Secretary, BOC and Gene Haynes-member, BOC (not pictured).



Sgt. Angelica Padilla-OSR is recognized as the Agency Officer of the Year.



Nurses of the Year



Teachers of the Year



MEMORIAL DAY
May 26, 2014
**IN REMEMBRANCE OF
THOSE WHO SERVED**

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titles are:

- A Sense of Self (13 Lessons)
- A Sense of Family (13 Lessons)
- Parenting Matters (13 Lessons)
- True Freedom (13 Lessons)
- Christian Marriage Skills (13 Lessons)
- Attitudes and Behaviors (13 Lessons)
- Christians Against Substance Abuse (13 Lessons)
- Prisoners of Christ (13 Lessons)
- Managing My Anger (13 Lessons)

Although the program is faith based, its emphasis on character draws offenders from various walks of life and teaches them to utilize biblical concepts to improve the way they think, feel and

behave.

Each class begins with prayer and singing, followed by a short devotional and then the “New Life Behavior” lesson. At the end of class we pass out the lesson for the next week so that they will be prepared when they come to class the next week. “Prayer Requests” are passed out for each offender and are filled out on a voluntary basis. The offender can indicate what they would like for us to pray for if they choose. The requests are taken to our congregation, and various members answer the request, and they are returned to the men the next week. Class is closed by forming a large circle around the room and singing “Amazing Grace” and closed with prayer.

In order to provide this program, in addition to the time the volunteers spend each week at the facility, they spend many hours at home grading course work, preparing lessons and printing certificates of completion for the courses, classes and studies.

Each offender attending the 13 lesson program receives a certificate of completion. Many offenders have reported how their lives have been transformed by the New Life Behavior program.

Our members view this as a very rewarding opportunity to be a part of seeing these men trying to change their lives. ■

JAMES CRABTREE CORRECTIONAL CENTER(JCCC) VETERANS CLUB



On March 20, 2014, Major General (retired) and State Secretary of Military and Veteran Affairs Rita Aragon (third from right) visited with offender veterans of the JCCC Veterans Club in Helena, Oklahoma.

FAREWELL TO MIKE OAKLEY



Mike Oakley

Mike Oakley has been in private practice, a municipal prosecutor and worked with an independent oil company. He has been with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections since April of 1989. Mike started with the department as Mediation/Court Services coordinator and was also administrator of classification prior to his transfer to the Legal Division in 1996 as Assistant General Counsel. In January, 2007, Mike was promoted to the agency's General Counsel.

During his time as Assistant General Counsel, Mike worked in employment law, particularly as the law applies to public sector employees. As General Counsel, he counsels with the Attorney General's office in both inmate and employee litigation, and where offenders claim their constitutional rights have been violated, including claims where offenders claim a specific religious diet.

He is a member of the Dispute Resolution Advisory Board for the Oklahoma Administrative Office of the Courts and the Oklahoma and American Bar Associations.

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a vital role in his life both while incarcerated and even more so since he has been out of prison. One of them especially encouraged Dixie to become more involved in ministry and to pursue his vision for a sober living transitional housing program in Tulsa to help those coming out of prison. In 1997 he was ordained as a minister and began going back into prison

Dixie is the founder and pastor of God's Shining Light, a church with an average attendance of 500 where those coming out of prison, struggling with addictions or just looking for a real relationship with God all feel welcome. He is also the Director of Operations for Wings of Freedom, a sober living complex with 100 apartments, roughly half of which are filled with people transitioning out of prison. Freedom Ranch, Inc., the 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that encompasses Wings of Freedom, also operates 5 businesses that employ ex-offenders. Dixie serves as the CEO of Freedom Ranch.

With all of those responsibilities, Dixie still makes it a priority to minister inside prisons, leading a group of volunteers from his church every month to Eddie Warrior Correctional Center and twice a month back to Dick Conner Correctional Center. He's also part of a group of successful ex-offenders that provide tent revivals each year to several other facilities such as James Crabtree Correctional Center, Oklahoma State Reformatory, Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center, John Lilley Correctional Center and Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

Dixie's life was changed while incarcerated and that is why he goes back into the prisons today. Dixie says his desire, when he goes into the prisons, is to bring hope, not only to those incarcerated but to staff and volunteers as well. He wants all those that work or serve in the prisons to know that what they do can make a difference in someone's life – because that is what happened to him. He still remembers those that made a difference in his life, from the Chief of Security, Charlie Arnold to the canteen worker, Mr. Bulluck, to Mr. Scharnhorst, the principal of the education department at DCCC.

Looking back, Dixie sees miracle after miracle as his life was transformed and he believes that God used many, many different people to make those miracles happen. Today, he hopes to be part of the miracle of transformation in someone else's life. ■

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support, case management, individual and group mentoring, and supportive services to create a seamless transition for adults in Oklahoma Department of Corrections Work Release program.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Mentoring

The mission of the mentor component is to establish and maintain quality relationships between participants and volunteer mentors in the community in order to promote stability, support, friendship, encouragement, and ultimately, success in both the workplace and personal life.

Job Placement

TEEM staff will assist in professional re-

sume and cover letter writing, completion of job applications, general searching for employment, interview techniques, professional dress and corporate hiring practices.

Case Management

Case managers will assist with addressing issues such as housing, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, clothing, transportation, child support, legal assistance, food supports, and other resources so participants can focus on successfully meeting education, training and employment objectives. The ultimate goal is for participants to achieve financial independence and stability, and self-sufficiency.

The program has had 19 participants

from Clara Waters Community Corrections Center who completed their substance abuse program in conjunction with their TEEM classes in the first half of March 2014. When these men discharge or become halfway house eligible, TEEM can begin the process of helping them find housing, employment, and other reentry services.

Additionally, they have provided resources, education, training, and supportive services to 61 participants from the Carver Center.

Twenty-one participants have been enrolled in the Work Ready Oklahoma Program and 17 participants have found employment. ■

JACKIE BRANNON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Raises Money for the Good Samaritan Outreach (GSO) Homeless Shelter for Men

by Brittnie Hackler, Warden's Assistant



Pictured (L-R): JBCC Warden Emma Watts, GSO Executive Director Stephen Bailey, JBCC Unit Manager Jim Wilson, GSO Treasurer Bill Derichsweiler, and JBCC Deputy Warden David Wortham.

Emma Watts, warden at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center, David Wortham, Deputy Warden, and Jim Wilson, Unit Manager, presented a check for \$402 to Stephen Bailey, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Outreach Homeless Shelter for Men. The money was raised by the offenders who were given the opportunity to purchase pizza from Little Caesars by adding \$2.55 donation per pizza to be given to a local charity.

The center offers men shelter, food, as well as offering help with finding a job. They also have a chapel on grounds that offer religious services as well as bible studies. They give these men all the necessities they need to reach their potential and to reenter into society as successful citizens.

May/June - Anniversaries

May/June - Anniversaries

39 Years		27 Years		John Meadows	Agri Svcs/JCCC	Rhonda Carrico	Trtmt/Rehab Svcs	Paul Craddock	JLCC	Deborah Black	Comm Corr	Stephanie Howard	LARC	Angela Smith	OCI Manufact
Neville Massie	Director's Ofc			Kathryn Hamilton	EWCC	Amy Madison	JCCC	Cynthia Wilson	Medical/LARC	Hal Frei	JCCC			Steven Edwards	JDCC
Verna Alberty	Medical/NOCC	William Weldon, Jr.	JHCC	Kelly West	JDCC	Derek Bassett	NOCC	Bruce Meyer	Med Adm/BJCC	Steve Lockwood	Education/OSP	14 Years		William Forehand	JHCC
36 Years		Malaya Brooks	Education/MACC	Leonard Howard Jr.	MACC	Michelle Green-Gilbert	Med Adm/JLCC	Edwin Adkins	N.E. Dist CC	Chad Morgan	OSP	Matthew Carter	N.W. Dist CC	Allen Littlesun	Fac Class/MBCC
Lois Williams	MBCC	Steven Babek	Agri Svcs/OSR	22 Years		Jeffrey Vaughan	Agri Svcs/JBCC	Paula Williams	JBCC	Lance Cullen	Union City CCC	Natalie Gibson	Class/Programs	Christie Brown	MBCC
Charles Murray	Medical/Admin	Esther Bates	NOCC	Darrell Cloud	Education/DCCC	Kerry Chase	MACC	Phyllis Baker	EWCC	Cory Ketch	MBCC	Gaylen Marshall	EWCC	Christina Birney	MBCC
James Arnett	Inst Division III	Rick Ryel	OCI Mfg/JCCC	Carlene Barahona	JCCC	Linda Cooper	JLCC	Shetina Bunn	Central Dist CC	Mark Franklin	Education/JBCC	Kiedrian Fennell	BJCC	Dennis Griffith II	MBCC
35 Years		Ronald Allen	HMCC	Cherry Bankston	DCCC	Roy Henry	MACC	Vicky Kyzer	JDCC	Brenda Rowton	JEHCC	Ronald Glidewell	Union City CCC	Donna Jameson	MBCC
Lea Tidwell	N.E. Dist CC	Sidney Purcell	BJCC	21 Years		Samuel McGinty	MACC	Curtis Brown, Jr.	JHCC	Daniel Presley	JEHCC	Chad Dennis	OSR	Nanci Battles	OSP
Jim White, Jr.	Agri Svcs/JBCC	Alan Pounds	JHCC	Debbie Barby	BJCC	Patricia Grimes	EWCC	Anissa Roberts	Agri Svcs/JCCC	Gary McGee	EWCC	Scott Crowley	Agri Svcs/JCCC	Rebecca Smith	Comm Corr
34 Years		Laurie Beckelheimer	MBCC	Michael Barby	BJCC	Chad Sampson	Central Dist CC	Glynda Underwood	MBCC	Monika Benton	JEHCC	Terry Smith	JHCC	Vanessa Rodgers	MBCC
Cindy Leonard	Personnel	Craig Wallace	Mangum CWC	Sandy Hadley	N.E. Dist CC	Dale Smith	JBCC	Dennis Hendrix	OSR	Tommy Lowe	JEHCC	13 Years		Velia Alm	MBCC
33 Years		Rodney Bailey	Agri Svcs/JDCC	Denema Merrell	MBCC	Geary Smith	Agri Svcs/JBCC	Curtis McPheeters	OSR	Waverly Merriweather	Walters CWC	Katherine Conrad	Programs	Brenda Barker	JDCC
Randall Bray	OCI Mfg/JHCC	Bill Lynch	OCI Mfg/JHCC	Jodi Dodson	Med Adm/MBCC	Glenford Barker	Frederick CWC	Erick Morris	BJCC	Brian Joyce II	S.E. Dist CC	Julie Brown	Medical/LARC	Brandi Chamberlain	N.E. Dist CC
Donna Valadez	Comm Sent	Granvel Tomlin	DCCC	David Kincaid	JEHCC	Jennifer Elledge	Central Dist CC	Sherrie Buckler	Union City CCC	Chad Strode	OSP	Kelly Brown	JHCC	Veryl Hance II	JBCC
Sharon Smith	Personnel	Joe Boone, Jr.	Agri Svcs/LARC	Edward Bell	JDCC	Marilyn Martin	S.E. Dist CC	Shane Batey	Transport/JLCC	Christophe Etchison	OSP	Charlotte Johnson	OCI Manufact	Joe Edwards	JBCC
32 Years		Lydia McBride	Kate Barnard CCC	Sally Wiggins	MACC	Mark Grantham	DCCC	Allen Semeski	JBCC	Jerry James	OSP	Barbie Rounsaville	JHCC	Susan Monk	MBCC
25 Years		Patricia England	Okla City CCC	Debra Aldridge	HMCC	Rusty Laub	OSP	Leonard Brojakowski	JBCC	Leslie Post	OSP	Charles Hood	OSR	Tonya Carlin	Facility Class
20 Years				David Ramsey	Training	James Wilson	JBCC	Randy Martin	JBCC	Robert Apala	JBCC	Shonda Madden	LARC	Doris Vance	JLCC
18 Years						Leland Fiedler	NOCC	AI Kelly	Lawton CCC	15 Years		Angela York	Central Dist CC	Marcus Nicely	OSP
Brenda Bryant	Private Prisons	Sharla McDaniel	N.E. Dist CC	17 Years		Judy Nelson-Shipley	Sent Admin	Tracy Roberson	JHCC	Tim Williams	Ok Corr Career Dev Ctr	Steven Tucker	JHCC		
Dan Grogan	JCCC	Mary Nelson	NOCC	Melvin Simpson	JLCC	Daniel Fulk	JDCC	Joseph Hendrex	JDCC	Daniel Beats	N.E. Dist CC	Stephanie Burk	Internal Affairs		
Margaret Johnson	S.E. Dist CC	Karen Goodson	OSR	Cecilia Grant	Kate Barnard CCC	David Louthan	BJCC	Erik Thomas	OSP	Martınca Witherspoon	EWCC	Angel Bonilla	S.W. Dist CC	10 Years	
Connie Kays	NOCC	Gregory Breslin	EWCC	Sharon Magby	Central Dist CC	Denise Grijalva	Kate Barnard CCC	Jeanna Howell	Comm Sent	Eric Mofield	MACC	Charles Fields	Lawton CCC	Jennifer Thompson	JEHCC
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31 Years		Eugenia Sherron	JDCC	Charles Groves	Inst Division II	Rickey Hunt	OCI Mfg/MACC	16 Years		Charles Kirkpatrick	JEHCC	Kristi Wingo	Field/Bus Svc Hub 1	Elizabeth Casey	WKCC
Tamara Hill	Med Adm/LARC	Howard Martin	Enid CCC	Thomas Kopidlansky	OSP	Beverly Johnston	Facility Class	Charles Dunnam	JCCC	Carl Cecil	Ment Hlth/MBCC	Shelley Hanson	Union City CCC	Ramona Louis	Carter County CWC
Jo Gwinn	JCCC	John Roper III	Facility Class	Judy Brinkley	Medical/Admin	Lynda Sykes	JLCC	Craig Range	Education/OSR	Timothy Moody	OSP	12 Years		Michael Harrison II	S.E. Dist CC
Thomas Butler	OSP	Ronald Roskam	Programs	Darla Whisenant	NOCC	Sidney Carnes	Tulsa Co Dis CC	Geary Schrader	LARC	Tommy Patterson	OSP	May Hull	Medical/Admin	Rebecca Wapaha	EWCC
30 Years		Terri Mayo	Field Operations	Daphne Kline	OSP	Phyllis Adams	Medical/Admin	Rocky Duke	JLCC	David Spears	OSP	Moises Santiago	S.W. Dist CC	Judi Cardenas	OSP
Mitzi Maddox	NW Dist CWC Support	Warren Ross	Altus CWC	Donna Rodgers	OSP			Richard Orr	JLCC	Misty Stacey	OSP	Elsie Jones	OSR	Isaiah Gibson	OSP
Andrew Houston	Facility Class	Maribel Trinidad	Central Dist CC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	17 Years		Jerry Sizemore	N.E. Dist CC	Franklin Pack	MBCC	Gregory Stockton	JDCC	John Tissington	OSP
Rita Landers	Field/Bus Svc Hub 2	Kelli Hall	Personnel	Bertie Wilson	MACC	Lea Roe	WKCC	Michael McKiddy	N.W. Dist CC	Tony Hawkins	Agri Svcs/JBCC	Betty Williams	Medical/JLCC	Tracy Willis	Earl Davis CWC
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Alisa Pinkerton	DCCC	Kevin Stanley	JLCC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Mickey Scott	MACC	Jeffrey Dunkin	Legal	Stanley Graumann	OSR	Damon Wilbur	Training	Malka Rogers	JDCC
28 Years		Paul Blankenship	LARC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Michael Steelman	JEHCC	James Whala	OSP	Laura Reece	Medical/NOCC	Hershal Jones	JHCC	Sandra Nazar	Personnel
Bruce White	Ment Hlth/OSP	Connie Garrison	BJCC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Lance Yandell	JEHCC	Jimmy Burleson	MACC	Laura Reece	Medical/NOCC	Sharon Taylor	Kate Barnard CCC	Ramona Allen	OSP
23 Years		Donna Hayles	Field/Bus Svc Hub	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Mark Hernandez	Medical/JHCC	Jeremiah Jones	Facility Class	Mark Hawkins	BJCC	11 Years		Ronald Bedford	MACC
19 Years		Douglas Canant	S.E. Dist CC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Melanie Ratcliff	Medical/HMCC	Jeremiah Jones	Facility Class	Tama Summers	Field/Bus Svc Hub 1	Christina Coatney	Tulsa Co Dis CC		
17 Years		Howard Brittingham	OSP	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Darell Guess	DCCC	Catherine Benjamin	LARC	Ricky Rice	MBCC				
15 Years		James Farris	LARC	Joseph Whitlow	OSP	Patrice Dyer	N.W. Dist CC	Tommy Lewis	OCI Manufact	Rhonda McIninch	HMCC				



MACK ALFORD CORRECTIONAL CENTER

In the early 1930s (no specific dates have been located), the Mack Alford Correctional Center was used as a sub-prison of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma. Inmates assigned were “trustys” and worked the farm and cattle. The sub-penitentiary was established for four basic reasons by Governor Murray: To separate first term convicts from the seasoned convicts, to construct a tubercular ward for segregation, to provide work for the new convicts, and to raise food and lower the cost of penal institutions. At some point in the 1930s, the inmates were returned to the main institution and this facility became a federal, state, and local Venereal Disease Hospital. Early in the 1940s, the facility was used as a German Prisoner of War Camp. The fate of the previous venereal disease patients and POWs is not clear, with the exception of those POWs who chose to return home at the end of the war. During the late 1940s, the State Penitentiary again used the facility as a sub-prison. In 1948, the inmates were returned to the main prison and this facility then became the Stringtown Training School for White Boys. In August of 1956, the facility again became an Honor Farm of the main institution and in 1959, the Vocational Rehabilitation Schools were added and the institution became known as the Vocational Training School, a sub-unit of the main institution. In 1968, the institution erected the current fence and towers and became a medium and minimum security sub-unit. In July, 1973, the unit was separated from the main institution and in November, 1977, the name was changed to Stringtown Correctional Center and the security level was made medium. The center’s name was officially changed to the Mack Alford Correctional Center, on March 27, 1986, in honor of Warden Mack Alford, a 30 year veteran of corrections who died on March 10, 1986.



Mack Alford was appointed warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center in September, 1973. His career in corrections started in 1955 as an officer at the Boys Training School in Stringtown, Oklahoma. After several promotions, he moved to Helena, Oklahoma, to work at the Helena Boys Training School and from there to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Mack Alford served as warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center until his death in March, 1986.

MACK ALFORD CORRECTIONAL CENTER STATISTICS

Opened: August 1956
 Location: Stringtown
 Security: Medium
 Capacity: 805
 Gender: Male

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Men's Health Network

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- 3/5 of SIDS victims are boys.
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- Men have fewer infection-fighting T-cells and are thought to have weaker immune systems than women.
- By the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one. (NYT Magazine 3-16-03)



CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2-6 Pardon and Parole Board Mtg
Kate Barnard CCC
- 5 Board of Corrections Mtg
Mack Alford CC
- 21 Summer Begins

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 7-11 Pardon and Parole Board Mtg
Kate Barnard CCC
- 10 Board of Corrections Mtg
Cimarron Correctional Facility

AUGUST

- 18-22 Pardon and Parole Board Mtg
Kate Barnard CCC
- Board of Corrections Mtg
(no meeting scheduled)

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