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Welcome to Inside Corrections



As I write these comments, it is a day after the horrific tragedies of the May 20th tornado that tracked through Moore, and two days after the tornados tracked through Shawnee and other parts of our state. Events such as these certainly place other priorities, needs and wants to a different perspective. These events always demonstrate the strength of community, humanity and the volunteerism that rises to the needs of those requiring assistance.

There has been an outpouring of support and offers of assistance from correctional agencies across the nation as our profession is accustomed to helping each other. Our profession is accustomed to responding to emergencies, which is part of our culture of being a public servant. Also as of this writing, we have identified five employees who have lost their homes. We have 75 employees who lived in the Moore zip code areas that the tornado tracked through. A Director's Update has been sent to advise of these updates, but also to notify of a donation process.

The recovery process in these areas will need a sustainable approach for many months to come not only in the rebuilding of homes but also to the stress, anxieties and other human emotions related to such tragedies. That is one reason it is important to be a year around volunteer with originations that provide such needed services. This edition of Inside Corrections focuses on our volunteers who serve the state through assisting us. Volunteers leave a legacy that includes value in doing things they do not have to do and do not get paid for but do it for the furtherance of improving people's lives.

Justin Jones

Justin Jones
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

In Other Words

Director Jones,
On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol, please accept my sincere gratitude for your support following our recent loss.

The death of any Border Patrol Agent is a traumatic event and an extremely emotional experience, felt not only by the members of the law enforcement family, but also by members of the community.

During this difficult time, it is a great comfort to our organization to know that the community will join together to honor a fallen Border Patrol Agent.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Fisher
CHIEF
U.S. BORDER PATROL

Warden Trammell,
Thanks so much to you and your staff for the great tour of the penitentiary. The visit was very insightful as to the issues that face our state's penal system. Thank you for the honesty and openness of your answers to our Leadership OK class questions. Your leadership and dedication to your job and its importance are greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

John

Director Jones,
On behalf of the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office, I would like to thank you for the note of condolence you sent our

agency after the tragic death of Deputy Christopher Schaub. We take comfort in the kind words, prayers and support during this sad and difficult time.

Thousands of mourners attended the memorial service of Deputy Christopher Schaub to pay tribute to a man who truly knew what it meant to protect and serve. His tragic death is a sobering reminder of the dangers of our profession. The men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office will forever honor his ultimate sacrifice.

Again, thank you for taking the time to extend your heartfelt sympathy. Your kind words will be shared with the family of Deputy Schaub. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Al Lamberti
SHERIFF OF BROWARD COUNTY

District Supervisor McCain,
On behalf of Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, I want to thank you for your donation of the two very large boxes of unwrapped toys for the children. I am so touched that your staff collected gifts for our children instead of exchanging names with other staff members this holiday season. Your gifts certainly brightened the holidays for more than 75 children in our Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program. These children, along with their incarcerated mothers, were given the opportunity to exchange a gift and enjoy holiday festivities with each other! Because of you and your staff the life of a child was brightened this holiday season.

Thank you for thinking of the Girl Scouts. Your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law since you received no goods or services in consideration of this gift.

I am proud of the work we do on behalf of the girls in our Council. Girl Scouting relies on the generosity of its friends in the community to bring quality programs to these girls. We appreciate your friendship.

Sincerely,
Roberta Preston
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA

Warden Trammell,
Thanks very much for the tour of OSP for Leadership Oklahoma.

I can honestly say I will never forget it. I can also say it will help me do my job better of informing the public on DOC issues.

I really appreciate you taking the time to do that.

Mike Strain
NEWS EDITOR
TULSA WORLD

Director Jones,
Thank you for your condolence letter and the heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Samuels, Jr.
DIRECTOR
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

Director Jones,
On behalf of all the members of the Virginia State Police, I sincerely thank you for your kind expression of sympathy concerning the recent line-of-duty death of Master Trooper Junius A. Walker. His passing was a tragic loss for the entire law enforcement community. It is comforting to have your prayers and support during this time of grief.

Please accept the heartfelt appreciation of the entire State Police family,

We are truly grateful for your solidarity during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
W. S. Flaherty
SUPERINTENDENT
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

Director Jones,
Your kind and thoughtful words have brought comfort during this difficult time. Thank you for your support and heartfelt condolences in the loss of Sgt. Butch Baker and Detective Elizabeth Butler.

Warm regards,
Kevin Vogel
CHIEF OF POLICE
CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

Executive Communications staff,
I am so grateful that everyone there was in my father's life. It meant so much to him and so much to me.

Thank you,
Daryl Jackson *for my father*
Samuel L. Jackson

Director Jones,
I am writing as DOC liaison for Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church to express gratitude to the staff at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. For many years our ministry has served Holy Communion to prisoners confined at the A&R Unit on Christmas Eve. In 2012, as in the past, we were accommodated respectfully and professionally. We truly appreciate those persons working that unit on that holiday.

We also appreciate and thank Deputy Warden James Reed and his assistant, Brooke Capps who made the ministry possible by executing the necessary memos. To do so was above and beyond their normal duties in that the facility chaplain was away on medical leave.

Sincerely,
Stan Basler
SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY

Terry Crenshaw,
I felt that the trip to the State Penitentiary was very sobering and a good experience to have. I learned a lot about not only the facility, but criminal justice also. The "Big Mac" was a lot different than I had imagined in my head. I thought we would be walking in front of a lot of inmates yelling at us, but it was pretty quiet. It was also a lot cleaner than I expected. I figured it would be well-kept but it was spotless. The trip would be ideal for a group of kids in a juvenile center, it might make them realize how they need to straighten up and start their lives on the right track. I really enjoyed the trip, and the tour guides were very entertaining!

Kaliann Kincade
SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

Director Jones,
Thank you so much for coming to speak to our Leadership OK class in McAlester. Your candid comments and panel set the stage for our weekend focus on the issues related to our state penal system. The visit to the penitentiary was very thought-provoking.

Thanks again,
John Higginbotham
BANK OF OKLAHOMA

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As vice chairman, Siegfried directs initiatives and committees responsible for the development of NORDAM's Board of Directors, company policies, company by-laws, philanthropy and NORDAM's Office of Corporate Responsibility. He represents NORDAM within aviation industry associations and at city, state and federal government functions.

As chief operating officer, Siegfried is responsible for the performance of NTG, a leader in the production, manufacture and repair of transparency components

for the aviation industry, with two facilities in Tulsa, Okla., and one facility in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Siegfried graduated from the University of Notre Dame and later returned to Tulsa to serve the community in law enforcement as a Tulsa police officer. In 1997, he left the Tulsa Police Department to join NORDAM, but his service in law enforcement continues as a reserve deputy in the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.

Siegfried takes an active role in his community, city and state government, and the aviation industry. He serves as a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, on the board of directors for the General Aviation Manufacturing Association (GAMA), Cascia Hall Preparatory School, Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce, the State Chamber of Oklahoma, Oklahoma's Office of Juvenile Affairs and the board of trustees for Holy Cross College. He is the current president of the Committee of 100 Tulsa, Inc. and is he current chairman of the State Chamber of Oklahoma.

Attorney Gene Haynes is currently a practicing attorney in Claremore, Oklahoma. He began his law career in Norman, Oklahoma in 1980. He moved to Claremore, Oklahoma in 1982 where he continued his practice until 1986 when he was appointed Assistant District Attorney for the Rogers, Mayes and Craig



GENE HAYNES

counties. Haynes was elected District Attorney where he served from 1991 to December 2010. He was appointed to the Oklahoma Board of Corrections in March 2013.

Haynes received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma. He serves as a member of the District Attorney Council and the Board of Education for the Sequoyah Public Schools. Haynes is also an active member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Rogers County Bar Association and the Oklahoma District Attorney's Association. His community activities include serving as the Track Meet Director for the Rogers County Special Olympics and the founding board member and current board President of the Rogers County Drug Abuse Program.

Appointments



Jeff Woody

Jeff Woody was appointed to the position of District Supervisor of Southwest District Community Corrections, effective April 25, 2013. Mr. Woody began his career with the Department of Corrections in March 1988 as a Correctional Officer Cadet at Joseph Harp Correctional Center. In September 1988, he promoted to a probation & parole officer. During his career as a probation & parole officer, he worked in offices in Oklahoma City, Ardmore, Anadarko and the Hobart area. In 2001, he promoted to team supervisor in Southwest District and managed a team of probation and parole officers assigned throughout five counties. In 2008, he promoted to assistant district supervisor in Southwest District. In November 2012, Mr. Woody was promoted to interim district supervisor for Southwest District. Mr. Woody received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1987.



Anthony Rowell

Anthony Rowell was appointed to the position of District Supervisor of Southeast District, effective April 25, 2013. Mr. Rowell began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1994 at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center as a correctional officer. In 1995, he promoted to a probation officer I at District III, Probation and Parole in McAlester. While at probation and parole, he promoted to probation and parole officer II, team supervisor, and assistant district supervisor. On April 1, 2013, he assumed the role of interim district supervisor of Southeast District Community Corrections. Mr. Rowell received his bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from East Central University in 1994.



Gregory Breslin

Gregory Breslin was appointed to the position of Deputy Warden at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center effective April 1, 2013. Mr. Breslin began his career with the Department of Corrections on June 12, 1989, at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center as an intake case manager. He promoted to records officer on October 1, 1990, then to case manager supervisor and then unit manager serving at the Taft Unit. He most recently served as a unit manager and then acting Deputy Warden at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center. Mr. Breslin received his bachelor degree in Law Enforcement and Administration with a minor in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Oklahoma in 1989. He later received a Masters of Science Management from Southern Nazarene University in 2001 and currently teaches Criminal Justice at a local university.



David Wortham

David Wortham was appointed to the position of Deputy Warden at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center. Mr. Wortham began his career with the Department of Corrections at Oklahoma State Penitentiary as a correctional officer I in January 1991. While at OSP, he promoted through the ranks to correctional officer IV. Mr. Wortham also served as correctional counselor and correctional case manager while at OSP. Mr. Wortham transferred to OSR in 2002 and served in the capacity of administrative programs officer and unit manager. Mr. Wortham has recently occupied the position of Faith and Character Community Program Coordinator at the Oklahoma DOC Treatment and Rehabilitation Unit. Mr. Wortham has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Leadership in Public Administration.



Lonnie Lawson

Lonnie Lawson was appointed to the position of Deputy Warden at William Key Correctional Center. Mr. Lawson has 16 years experience with Oklahoma Department of Corrections. He began his career in 1997, initially working as a correctional officer at William S. Key Correctional Center. Mr. Lawson promoted to correctional counselor, case manager I/II/III, and unit manager. Mr. Lawson has a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Sports Science, with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Appointments

James Reed was appointed the position of Assistant District Supervisor at Southwest District Community Corrections, effective May 2, 2013. Mr. Reed began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections on November 3, 1998, as a Correctional Officer Cadet at the Lexington Assessment Reception Center. In August 2000, he was promoted to the position of Probation and Parole Officer with District VI Probation and Parole in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Reed later transferred to the Norman Probation & Parole Office and served as Senior Probation and Parole Officer until being promoted to Team Supervisor in August 2004. On April 18, 2011, he was promoted to Deputy Warden at the Dick Conner Correctional Center in Hominy, Oklahoma. Mr. Reed later transferred to the Lexington Assessment Reception Center on August 8, 2012, as the Deputy Warden. Mr. Reed received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Sociology-Criminology from the University of Oklahoma in 2000.

Camille Porter was appointed to the position of Assistant District Supervisor at the Jeffery M. McCoy Central District. Ms. Porter obtained her Bachelor of Science
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degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in 2002. She began her career as a probation and parole officer with Tulsa County District Community Corrections in the same year. In May 2007, she transferred to Internal Affairs to accept a position as an investigator, and was promoted in March

2008 to an Internal Affairs supervisor. In April 2012, Ms. Porter was detailed to the position of Assistant District Supervisor with the Southwest District Community Corrections, and was confirmed to this position on July 5, 2012. Ms. Porter then transferred to the Jeffery M. McCoy Central District in March 2013.

Blaine Nelson was appointed to Chief of Security II at Howard McLeod Correctional Center effective March 15, 2013. Mr. Nelson began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in December 1995 at Mack Alford Correctional Center (MACC) as a correctional officer. While employed at

MACC, he promoted through the ranks as sergeant, lieutenant and captain and served as acting Chief of Security. Mr. Nelson was a member of the CERT team and held the position as CERT commander. Mr. Nelson received an associate degree in Criminal Justice at Eastern Oklahoma State College in 1999.

What a Difference a Partner Makes

Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain & Volunteer Coordinator

Have you ever thought how important a partner can be? Whether it is in sports, business or marriage, partnerships in life are crucial. Our policy (OP-090211, Volunteer Services) describes the positive partnership we are committed to with our volunteers. This partnership is a vital to our success.

Most successful partnerships share some common traits, such as

- Shared goals that are clearly defined
- An understanding of each other's strengths, challenges and differences.
- Clear communication
- Mutual respect and appreciation
- Recognition and celebration of accomplishments

These traits are lived out as partners work together. Let's take a brief look at how these traits apply to the partnership between the agency and our volunteers.



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Shared Goals That Are Clearly Defined

This one is really easy. We have shared goals of safety, security and rehabilitation. Our volunteer training emphasizes the importance of safety and security. Volunteers understand that safety and security must be maintained in order for anything positive to take place. One of our stated values as an agency is Rehabilitation. Our volunteers serve our population with that value as their passion. They desire to see lives changed, to see those who have done wrong learn to do what is right. Because we care about rehabilitation we find common ground with our volunteers.

Understanding Each Other's Strengths, Challenges and Differences

In any partnership it is important to understand one central truth – we are different. And that is a good thing. Most volunteers do not have the same training or skill level as staff. The vast majority are not at the facility more than once a week and many only come once a month. Our expectations need to be based on their level of training, their strengths and their abilities.

So what are some of these strengths? Of course it varies from one volunteer or volunteer group to another, but in many you will find a great desire to make a difference in someone else's life. One way we have been successful in utilizing that strength is by helping volunteers see new ways they can make a difference. We can help them see beyond their current level

or type of involvement to understand how they could touch an entire family by teaching a parenting class or help an offender learn to change his or her behavior by becoming a facilitator for Thinking for a Change.

Clear Communication

Communication is one of the most important parts of building this partnership with volunteers. As officers and staff we are accustomed to giving and taking direction. We understand a lot of the dynamics behind the scenes, which helps us accept the direction. Many of our volunteers do not have that understanding. The first time I called a volunteer program leader to tell them our facility was locked down and their meeting was canceled that night, the first response I received was, "why?" By taking the time to explain (as much as I could) what was going on, it helped the volunteer understand the need for what we were doing.

Mutual Respect and Appreciation

In sports, team chemistry is an important part of winning the game. We have all seen enormously talented teams that do not reach their potential because of problems in the clubhouse. Treating your partner with respect and appreciation is a key to success. While not staff, volunteers are part of the team. Whether it is at

central control, on the yard or in their meeting rooms, when we treat them with respect we encourage the work they are doing, which benefits all of us.

Recognition and Celebration of Accomplishment

Last year our volunteers contributed over 110,000 hours of service to the agency, with a value of more than \$1.9 million. More volunteers are being trained to offer programs that we need, like Thinking for a Change and marriage/family relationship skill building programs such as PREP (the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) or Within My Reach. As offenders graduate from these programs, not only do they have new skills to help them live successfully but they have additional positive reinforcement in the form of earned credits. If you talk with our volunteers you will find all kinds of success stories, anecdotal but meaningful accounts of lives that have been touched through their service.

This level of dedication and these accomplishments by our volunteers are all worthy of recognition and celebration. National Volunteer Week is a great time to do just that – to let our volunteers know we recognize their contributions and celebrate their success which is essential to our success as an agency. ■

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2012 AGENCY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Dr. John Otto

DR. JOHN OTTO, the veterinarian who made Friends for Folks his mission in life for the last 16 years. It was not easy for John to work with offenders. His father was an acting director for the FBI and John started with a bias against offenders.

But Dr. John's love for dogs made him give the program a try. He examined and treated prison dogs, conducted classes for the offenders in first-aid for dogs, and fought to get the program reinstated when it got canceled due to shifts in prison personnel.

Over time Dr. John earned the love and respect of the offender trainers at Lexington Prison, who surprised him with a dog they'd trained just for him after Dr. John had one of his own dogs killed by a car. One offender even made him a stained-glass cross.

Dr. John also became best friends with an offender trainer named Marvin Perry, who had trained a service dog named Star to hunt down escaped offenders. One dark winter night after an exhaustive police infra-red helicopter search had failed to find an elderly woman suffering from Alzheimer's, who had wandered away from her nursing home, Star was brought out from the prison to try and find her before she died from hypothermia. Star ultimately saved the life of that woman. John got Star into the Pet Hall of Fame, then fought for and got Marvin released from prison – something Marvin never thought would happen. Dr. John worked with Marvin on projects including a proposed shelter for the pets of the homeless, until Marvin died from Lou Gehrig's disease this past July.

But Marvin still lives on in the kennels and classroom he led the other offenders in building at Lexington Prison from

donated used bricks, so that the entire training facility at Lexington cost taxpayers nothing.

Producer – Dr. John Otto

Dr. Otto graduated from OSU-CVM with a degree in Veterinary Medicine in 1990. In 1991 Dr. Otto became the Advisor and Volunteer Veterinarian at Norman Animal Shelter where he continues to volunteer today. During the Oklahoma City May 3rd, 1999 tornados, Dr. Otto worked at the OKC animal shelter setting up a triage system for 131 dogs and cats that were succumbing to a variety of illnesses. Within two days, 110 dogs and 21 cats were placed in foster homes and on the road to recovery. For this work, Dr. Otto received the American Red Cross Hero Award. In 1996, Dr. Otto became the volunteer veterinarian for the Friends for Folks at Lexington Assessment and Reception Correctional Facility. He helped pass a 3 million dollar bond in City of Norman to build a new Norman Animal Shelter. He is the volunteer Veterinarian overseeing Norman Veterans Center Eden program-pet therapy for veterans, which helps disabled veterans with rehabilitation. Dr. Otto continues to be a driving force in the promotion of animal rescue and offender rehabilitation. ■

2012 VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR



Redeeming the Family

Redeeming the Family was recognized at the Oklahoma Board of Corrections Meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013, as the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Presented by Leo Brown, Director of Volunteer Services: "Our Volunteer Organization of the Year is Redeeming the Family which provides the Oklahoma Messages Project to our agency. The Messages Project is a nationally recognized program that addresses the needs of incarcerated parents and their children. This program provides offenders with the opportunity to record positive messages to their child on a DVD. The messages allow offenders to

reassure their children that their mom or dad are OK, that they love them and gives them the opportunity to share with them some hopes or dreams for the future. As part of the Messages DVD they also read a book to their child. The book is then sent to the child along with the DVD. The child receives a message from their parent they can watch again and again and a story book they can read together.

In 2012 Redeeming the Family provided the Oklahoma Messages Project at Lexington CC, Jess Dunn CC, Davis CF, and twice at John Lilley CC, James Crabtree CC, Mable Bassett CC, Eddie Warrior CC, Cimarron CF and Hillside CCC – 15 events at nine different facilities. Last year 580

offenders participated in the program and 1,362 children received DVD Messages with books. Since the Oklahoma Messages Project began in May 2011 it has reached over 2,536 children.

Today we have with us Cheri Fuller, the founder and Executive Director of Redeeming the Family, Barry Davis, Board Chairman, Redeeming the Family; Sheron Davis, Redeeming the Family Vice President and Holmes Fuller, Videographer for Redeeming the Family-Oklahoma Messages Project. These are examples of the kind of contributions our volunteers make to our agency and our state." ■

VOLUNTEER AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

By Jan Cannaday, Warden's Secretary

The facility chaplain coordinates a full schedule of religious activities conducted by outside volunteer groups from more than 28 different churches/organizations, including New Life Behavior and Alcoholics Anonymous. Currently, NOCC has 225 active volunteers donating approximately 350 hours of their time each month. The Grove Church of Christ was nominated volunteer of the year for their New Life Behavior program. Twelve offenders experienced Christian baptism in 2012.

Religious services for the general population offenders are conducted primarily in the Chapel. The Islamic community has Jumah and Taleem services weekly, and celebrated the Ramadan this year from July 20 through August 18. The Wiccan/Pagan also meets weekly in

the chapel conference area and for special occasions they hold seasonal celebrations at the pagan circle located just west of the chapel. The Native American sweats are held at least once a month at the sweat lodge unless there is a fire ban or inclement weather at which time they are allowed to meet in the chapel for a drum circle.

Tri-State Ministries hosted what has become an annual three-day revival October 24-26, which featured ex-offenders approved by DOC as volunteers. Westside Holiness Church held its annual three-day revival November 14-16. Both services were well attended. The Antioch Baptist Church of Tulsa held a Pre-Christmas Dinner on November 4. Almost all religious groups held Christmas programs that included pre-packaged

Christmas cookies and candies for offenders. Ray of Hope Ministry donated a variety of greeting (approximately 2,500) cards, offenders are allowed five cards each month for sending home to family and friends.

Victim's Impact

The Victim's Impact Program is designed to teach offenders the rights of victims. One goal is to share the effects of crime from the victim's perspective. Topics include Property Crime, Assault, Robbery, Hate and Bias, Gang Crime, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Neglect, Domestic Violence, Drunk and Impaired Driving, Homicide, and Making Amends. This course facilitated by volunteers meets 2.5 hours weekly for thirteen weeks. In 2012, there were 128 offenders that earned certificates of completion.

New Life Behavior

This program is designed to reconcile the offender to God, family, and society; help offenders prepare themselves to return to society; and to assist individuals in becoming more effective and productive in their personal life. It is available to the general population. NOCC has a total of 18 instructors with an average attendance of 30-40 offenders

meeting every week. This is a 12-step program similar to the AA program.

Celebrate Recovery (Christian based)

As a Christ Centered program, it has 12 steps similar to the AA program. The goal is to assist offenders as they endeavor to allow God to help them through recovering from their hurt, destructive habits, and hang-ups. Twelve offenders graduated in 2012.

Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous

With the assistance of a new volunteer instructor, this 12-step program was re-instated in July of 2012.

Living Longer and Living Stronger

This 6 week program is designed to help people with chronic health conditions face everyday challenges. It provides hundreds of proven tips, helpful suggestions, and concrete strategies to deal with chronic illness, to manage emotions and to live a productive life. The program also offers information on managing medications and making treatment decisions. ■

Touched by Volunteers

A Changed Life - Aaron Cosar

An interview by Agency Chaplain Leo Brown

The first time Aaron Cosar met a DOC volunteer he threw his urine at him. That man, Benny Boeck, along with many other volunteers, would change his life.

Aaron Cosar was raised in a Christian home by godly parents. Problem was, not all of the family shared the same values. At age 9, he started drinking with his uncle, who lived nearby and with whom Aaron spent a lot of time. By the time he was 16, he had started using drugs, and at 17 he could out drink most of the people he knew. The drinking and drugs led to 22 arrests before he was 20 years old.

Then one night in 1986, he met a guy in a bar and while trying to steal a gun, he committed murder. Waiting in the county jail to begin a life sentence that would later be commuted to 65 years, a prison minister came to his cell. Benny Boeck, a DOC volunteer, was ministering in the jail. After wiping the urine off his face, Benny came back to see Aaron again, and again and again. Aaron though, was not listening.

Two years later, after being transferred to Joseph Harp Correctional Center, Aaron saw Benny Boeck again. This time Benny Boeck was regularly bringing in his prison ministry team to the Joseph Harp Correctional Center Chapel. When Benny heard that Aaron was on the yard, he remembered him from the county jail and invited him to the services. When he did not come he invited him again, and again and again. Aaron finally began coming to the services and slowly his heart started to change. He continued his old ways until one day in 1991. Aaron says it was as if God was saying to him, "The choice you make today is the one you die with." He knew it was time to make the right choice. A scripture passage from Philippians came to mind, "... work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12b-13)

At that point, Aaron began to do just that. He took Evangelism Explosion with DOC volunteers Allen and Paula Hill and Prison Fellowship seminars with



AARON COSAR

Age: 47

Incarcerated: September 2, 1986

Discharged: November 19, 2010

Edna and Lloyd Keith. He connected with volunteers that would begin to mentor him – that are still mentoring him today. Ron Grant, who would later become a Chaplain at JHCC, was the first and then Jesse Bufford. These men have walked with Aaron through the changes that needed to take place in his

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MARY PAINTER VOLUNTEER

by Shawna Robinson, Secretary III



Mary Painter has been a DOC volunteer for 13 years. Mary was a witness to the fulfillment of a goal that the Oklahoma Corrections Chapel fund had, to build its first Chapel on the grounds of EWCC. Mary served on the Oklahoma Correctional Chapel fund board as the secretary and the treasurer. The ultimate goal of the Oklahoma Correctional Chapel fund is to build a chapel on all of the facilities grounds in the State of Oklahoma.

Mary was approached to expand her horizons by teaching a class for sexually

abused women which was expanded to include a post-abortion class. The class was introduced to the facility offenders by Mend Crisis Pregnancy Center. Mary was sought out because she herself was sexually abused and was post-abortive. Mary says she was shocked when she heard the following statistic, "87% of incarcerated women have been the victim of sexual abuse in their life." Her classes have approximately 12-18 women per class and there is a waiting list of less than 100. Due to the nature of the information disclosed in the class, confidentiality statements are signed by all offenders participating with a zero tolerance policy. The classes are 12 weeks and include extensive work in the workbook provided. Mary says, "She instructed these classes in the beginning because it was a challenge, but witnessing the changes in the women is so rewarding and fulfilling. The most fulfilling and rewarding part is witnessing the freedom the women exhibit after they receive healing from their trauma." Mary believes sexual abuse, especially as a child, has a direct correlation to future self-defeating thoughts and actions. Mary expressed she wished she could go onto

the dorms and visit with the offenders who are too afraid to sign up for her classes, but desperately need them. Mary was encouraged by Chaplain McCollum to expand her horizons once again and become a volunteer Chaplain. As a volunteer Chaplain Mary leads Bible Studies, works in the card shop, and wherever needed.

Mary Painter has been married for 22 years. She and her husband are both corporate pilots. The Painters reside in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and are members of Bethany Baptist Church. They have one son who lives in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mary takes the most pride in another title as Grandma to 2 girls and a boy. Mary and her husband travel as often as possible to Mississippi to see their son and his family. Mary enjoys traveling with friends, and co-leading the Women's Bible Study at Bethany Baptist Church. The congregation at Bethany Baptist Church has been very faithful in their support for prison ministry with both prayers and donations to the Chapel. Chaplain McCollum says "I am so blessed to have such an awesome group of volunteers." ■

JACK HALL VOLUNTEER

By Jeff Flournoy, Chaplain



MACC has a number of quality volunteers that give their time and energy to come into the facility. These volunteers come on a regular basis in order to minister to the religious needs of the offender population. One such volunteer is Mr. Jack Hall from Bonham, Texas. "Jack," as he prefers to be called, recently turned 86 years old. He drives four times per month round trip from Bonham, Texas to MACC to minister to offenders. This is approximately 164 miles round trip. He spends about four hours driving to and from depending on traffic.

He visits the facility on Wednesday and Thursdays. On Wednesdays, he assists in the programs area until after 4:00 p.m. He assists the chaplain with some of his duties to include: answering the phone, answering offender questions in regards to religious needs, helps monitor offenders while in the programs area, and serves as a liaison for offender family members when emergency situations occur. On Wednesday evening, he conducts his monthly Bible Study for offenders before returning home to Bonham. On Thursdays, he spends most of the day on the Medium yard ministering; he enjoys spending time with the offenders just to fellowship and encourage them.

Jack has been involved with prisoners since the end of World War II. He was part of an Army detail that guarded Nazi SS troops awaiting trial for war crimes. Though not a Christian at the time, he saw the need for someone to minister to prisoners. After coming back to Texas after the war in 1958, Jack became a Christian and began ministering in three county jails. Two in Durant, Oklahoma and one in Bonham, Texas which he continues to this day.

Jack has been coming to MACC since 1986. He began shortly before Warden Mack Alford passed away. His commitment to the facility only slowed down for the past couple of months while he has dealt with health issues. Despite these issues, Jack continues to be as dependable as a new morning.

Offenders love Jack. He relates to them and encourages and challenges them to change their lives for the better through a relationship with Jesus Christ. He always carries a small brown Gideon Bible in his shirt pocket every ready to share with an offender a word of hope and encouragement. Numerous ex-offenders have kept up with Jack over the years. Occasionally, an ex-offender will call the Programs area on Thursdays to talk to Jack knowing he will be at his job in the volunteer's office.

I have enjoyed getting to know Jack and am blessed as a Chaplain to have the opportunity to work with him and to listen to his wisdom accumulated over years of working with offenders. Yes, MACC is truly blessed to have Mr. Jack Hall as one of its finest volunteers. ■

CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER

by Thomas Chappelle, Chaplain II, HMCC

HMCC has approximately 100 active volunteers with another 25 plus occasional volunteers serving at the facility. Volunteers are a crucial part of HMCC's efforts to keep our focus on safety for the public, staff, and offender. In the correctional system, employees and volunteers realize that offenders with idle time, creates a less safe environment. Volunteer involvement is one of the proactive efforts to fill this idle time with positive influences and role models.

HMCC volunteers provide positive role models for offenders who have very few good role models on the outside. Volunteers demonstrate to offenders that there are still people who care, even when most family members have forgotten or rejected them. Volunteers engage the offenders in healthy and appropriate social interaction, as well as, educational and spiritual instruction and emotional support. Volunteers also provide life skill type programs such as Alcoholic Anonymous and Anger Management.

Volunteer groups assist in reentry programs, outside housing locations, connection with outside religious houses of worship that are ex-offender friendly. Volunteers provide counseling, compassion, and encouragement; helping offenders deal with the stress of incarceration. All volunteers assist in keeping offender behavior problems, that naturally flow in the incarcerated world, to more manageable levels. Volunteers also act as extra eyes and ears for monitoring offender moods, attitudes, and concerns to help HMCC better track the needs, trouble spots, and areas of concerns.

During the five years of being the chaplain at HMCC, the volunteers have impressed me with their willingness to keep coming to an isolated part of Oklahoma to freely give of their personal time, talents, finances, expertise, and energies in an often unappreciative environment. One of the volunteer ministries, guided by Ms. Mary Hess, provided an entire

Christmas dinner for the offenders and staff. The menu consisted of barbeque ribs, brisket, shrimp, ham, green beans, potato salad, corn, coconut cream pies, various cobblers, cookies, and drinks. Various other volunteer groups have given music equipment, books, pamphlets, audio visual equipment, greeting cards, prayer rugs, anointing oils, recreational equipment, religious holiday meals, clothing for discharging offenders, and much more.

Just a few more statistics about the monetary value of HMCC volunteers are as follows. In an average month ,volunteers hold 40 services/meetings donating approximately 165 hours of in house ministry. Added to this investment of time on behalf of HMCC is driving 4500 miles, which takes 82 hours of driving time at an average of 55 MPH, then it takes preparation time estimated to equal 120 hours (3 hours per service) totaling 367 hours. At \$14.00 an hour equals \$5138.00 in labor hours. Add that with the government rate of .555 cents per mile which equals \$2,497.50 and we find that HMCC volunteers are providing \$7,635.50 of service in just one month, which is \$91,626.00 annually. Also, volunteers provide donations over the course of the year, which is greatly appreciated.

It is time to give a standing ovation and say "Thank You Volunteers!" ■

REVEREND STAN BASLER



Reverend Stan Basler recently retired after 17 years as the director of the Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has served as a DOC volunteer for more over 20 years. We asked him to write an article reflecting on his time as a volunteer with the Department of Corrections.

I began as a DOC volunteer at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in 1990. The training consisted of listening to a two hour audio tape produced by the facility chaplain. Last May, to continue my status, I took the 7 hour training, now the standard throughout the agency. I was told in 1990 my EWCC badge was good systemwide. It wasn't, but my current badge is. Much has changed.

Perhaps the most important change was permitting volunteer programs working with prisoners to be involved in reentry work. I always believed that persons from the faith community would be the most likely to provide a supportive and accountable social framework for released persons and the

inside connection was essential to transition.

We are an alternative to naturally occurring criminal associations. Our partnership has been strengthened by volunteers being trained to facilitate both credit-based programs and others geared to pro-social thinking and living. By so doing volunteers not only address needs but also validate agency programmatic decisions.

Formal collaborative relationships between agency and faith community representatives have contributed to significant progress and understanding. I think of the Interfaith Advisory Council founded in 1994 and its successor organizations: The Correctional Advisory Council on Religious Rights and The Correctional Advisory Committee on Volunteers and Programs. The Reentry Policy Council was birthed as a joint venture of DOC and other government agencies and groups of volunteers. Director Ron Ward convinced Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Department of Human Services that their caseloads overlapped and it was time to remove silos.

A few of my "precious memories" include dedicated staff at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center who have annually, with compassionate professionalism, allowed our ministry to serve Communion to inmates on Christmas Eve. The 1994 Kairos weekend at Oklahoma State Penitentiary began on a drizzly Thursday afternoon with unseen inmates in "F" cell house shouting as we entered, "The wicked shall overcome the righteous!" On sunny Sunday morning, they shouted, "Good morning Kairos. Who's the church? We are the church!" I led a covenant discipleship group at EWCC where women made covenants to engage in faith disciplines and to live out their faith, all in specific ways in an atmosphere of support and accountability. A true Wesleyan Methodist paradigm. Then there are the Kairos closings where prisoners, volunteers and facility staff, including wardens on occasion, circled up, held hands and sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place." *(continued on page 32)*



JCCC CHAPEL

by Tami Grogan and Chaplain Jay Drawbridge

The focus of the JCCC Chapel Program is to meet the religious needs of the offenders and offer programs and services that give offenders the best opportunity for change. Currently, 21 religious groups are represented on the medium yard and eight religious groups on the minimum yard. Approximately 325 of the 800 offenders on the medium yard participate in chapel activities each month while an average of 40 of the 200 minimum

security offenders participate. The Chapel Program is coordinated by the Chaplain with programs, services, and events conducted by 85 dedicated volunteers and offender facilitators. The JCCC Chapel schedule includes the following: PREP 7.0, Walk the Line, Evangelism Explosion, VBI (Victory Bible Institute), the Bible Marking Program, the Torah Club, Defeating Anger through Faith, Chaplain's

Moment of Truth class, Music class, a Genesis One chapter, and Kairos. Numerous other praise team and choir practices, religious study groups, support groups, Native American Sweats, Pagan observances, and Native American drum practices have designated meeting times. All medium security services are held in a 250 seat auditorium, 80 seat chapel religious services room, and a 15 seat chapel classroom. All minimum security services are held in the MSU visiting room and a program room on the housing unit. The JCCC Chapel Library allows offenders to utilize properly authorized video and audio teaching material from religious groups all over the United States. We also

have several hundred religious books that can be checked out by offenders. JCCC has an excellent, active Chapel Program that would not exist without our dedicated and loyal volunteers. We are ever thankful for their service. We are always looking for more volunteers, more donations, more materials, more classrooms, and a new chapel building allowing us the opportunity to reach more offenders before they are released and become our neighbors and coworkers. Our Chaplain often reminds us: "What you invest in a person's life today will determine what they invest in your community tomorrow." ■



Renaming of Community Corrections Center and Multi-Purpose Meeting Room

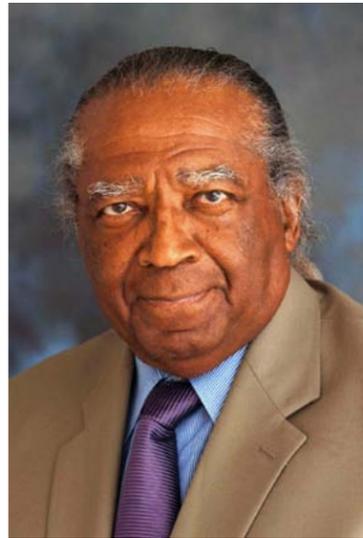
The Oklahoma Department of Corrections officially renamed the Hillside Community Corrections Center to the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center, after one of Oklahoma's most celebrated leaders and social reformers, at the April 25, 2013 Board of Corrections meeting. Following the renaming of the facility, the Board approved the naming of the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center Multi-Purpose Room to the Ted R. Logan Meeting Center, in recognition of Oklahoma's first African American warden.



Kate Barnard

Catherine Ann "Kate" Barnard was the first woman to be elected as a state official in Oklahoma, and the United States in 1907. She served as the first Oklahoma Commissioner of Charities and Corrections for two four-year terms. Barnard was a key player in the enactment of the compulsory education laws, state support of poor widows dependent on their children's earnings, and statutes implementing the constitutional ban

on child labor. She was responsible for causing 30 statutory laws to be passed by the Oklahoma Legislature, a record that still remains today, to create the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections. Some have said that her most important action may have been when she uncovered the abusive treatment of Oklahoma prisoners who were being held in Kansas prisons under contract, which included forced labor in coal mines and torture. Her work and the pressure she put on Oklahoma's first Governor, Charles N. Haskell, resulted in the return of the prisoners to Oklahoma and the construction of the Oklahoma state penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma.



Ted Logan

Ted Logan started his history in corrections and criminal justice during his military service in the Army, at the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in January 1972, as a Correctional Treatment Officer at the Oklahoma City Community Treatment Center. After holding several positions at that facility, he was named Superintendent of the Women's Treatment Center in December 1975. When the Women's Treatment Center was renamed the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in 1977, Ted Logan was appointed Warden, making him the first African American warden in Oklahoma. In May 1984, he was appointed Superintendent of the Lawton Community Corrections Center. He retired from the Department of Corrections in December 1987. He later worked as a criminal justice instructor and department head at Rose State College until he retired. In 2003, Ted Logan was appointed to the Oklahoma Board of Corrections where he served until June 2012.

**Board of Corrections Meeting
April 25, 2013**



Oklahoma Board of Corrections (L-R) Steve Burrage, member, Gene Haynes, member, T. Hastings Siegfried, member, Earnest D. Ware, vice-chair, and Linda K. Neal, chair.



(L-R): Sgt. James A. Kroth, 2012 Correctional Officer of the Year, and Tina Hicks, Chief, Administrative Services.



(L-R): Lt. James A. Nall, 2012 Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year, and Tina Hicks, Chief, Administrative Services.

**Board of Corrections Meeting
April 25, 2013**



Pictured (above left): Eric Franklin, Deputy Director, Employee Development and Offender Services, (above middle) Ted Logan (center) with family and friends, (above right) Beverly Young, former Oklahoma Board of Corrections member, (bottom left) Greg Williams, Administrator, Private Prison and Jail Administration, and (bottom right) Joyce Jackson, Administrator, Executive Communications.



Sharon Harrison, District Supervisor Female Offender Community Corrections and Residential Services



Laura J. Pitman, Ph.D., Deputy Director Division I - Institutions



(L-R): Ted Logan, former board member and retired DOC employee receives a citation from Senator Constance Johnson.



Sheila Harbert Chief Community Development Officer Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma



Anthony Rowell, District Supervisor Southeast District Community Corrections



(L-R): Jeff Woody, District Supervisor, Southwest District Community Corrections, and Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, Community Corrections.



11th Annual COPS Run/Walk for the Thin Blue Line

by Genese McCoy

On Saturday, April 13th in Stillwater, Oklahoma it started out cold, rainy and windy. It was the 11th Annual COPS Run/Walk for the Thin Blue Line: An event that honored all the officers that had given their lives in the line of duty in Oklahoma, and this was the first year for Jeff McCoy to be in that group being honored.

As we went through registration, we were greeted by more and more Department of Corrections (DOC) staff, friends and family members. At 8:55 a.m., we started to line up and the rain stopped; 9:00 a.m. the starter gun fired and the runners and walkers were off; 9:10 a.m. the clouds started to part and the sun peaked out. That was when I heard Jeff's voice in my head, "Okay, no excuses - now go!" Jeff never liked excuses, he

believed in explanations, but not excuses. As we ran/walked, we were cheered on by groups of girls holding handmade posters and other participants, including some family and friends that stayed to watch the kids and have their own fun run. Then the sun came out and truly began to shine.

Megan (Jeff's wife) crossed the finish line completing her first ever 5K, running the

entire way; Jeff would have been so very proud of her. Our son Tony, who ran the 5K, came back to walk me in the last ½ mile; as did our son-in-law Scott to walk in our daughter Kelli. At the finish line cheering loudly was our family, friends, supporters we didn't even know and of course our DOC family.

We gathered for a group photo (above) but a few folks had slipped away. Thanks to all of you that participated and helped with the event. Present was Jeff's family, several family friends and our DOC

family; including staff from the Jeffery M. McCoy Central District, MBCC, DCCC, Community Corrections and Medical.

We know the bad weather may have kept a few folks away, but a former Director once told me that a true measure of a person could be told by those that showed up for them when the weather was bad and it was a difficult situation. Jeff's measure was large, warm, supportive and loving. Thank you for honoring his memory and supporting his family. ■



Pictured above Jeff and Megan McCoy's children Alex (left) and Allie (right) receive medals along with other children participants.

Oklahoma Helps Mentally Ill Prisoners Get on Their Feet

By Jennifer Ginn, CSG Associate Editor

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Franny Holland knows what it's like to have to start over. She also knows what it's like for someone to throw her a life preserver.

Holland was serving a prison sentence in California in the late '90s and had been a heroin user for 20 years. After she was released, she said, God gave her exactly what she needed—the world's meanest probation officer. He sent her to a rehab program for six months, where she discovered she also was bipolar.

"That time in rehab allowed me to get diagnosed," she said. "These were symptoms I had, not just character flaws

like I always thought. ... I was so deep in my addiction it never occurred to me that I should go see a doctor. Once I got diagnosed, it made a world of difference for me."

The Oklahoma Collaborative Mental Health Re-entry Program tries to throw a life preserver to people like Holland. The program is one of the 2012 Innovations Awards winners from The Council of State Governments.

Bob Mann, administrator of mental health operations for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, said a 2010 study showed about half of the more than 25,000 offenders in Oklahoma's prisons either had a history, or were exhibiting symptoms, of mental illness.

More than 40 percent of offenders in Oklahoma with a serious mental illness that were released in 2007 returned to prison within three years.

So the state's departments of Corrections and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services decided they should work together with these inmates. Mental health department employees work at the state's three prisons with mental health units.

Discharge managers meet with offenders who have a serious mental illness 12 months before their release date and ask them if they want to participate in the voluntary program. The managers work with the offender to talk about housing, their goals, their medications and how they can continue to get care for their mental illness and/or substance abuse problems. *(continued on page 33)*

(Left to right): Arkansas Senate Minority Leader Keith Ingram, chair-elect of CSG South, Donna Bond, LPC, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Manager of Correctional, Criminal Justice and Reentry Services, Bob Mann, ODOC, Administrator, Mental Health Services, and Kansas Senator Jay Scott Emler, 2012 President of CSG.



Oklahoma State Reformatory (OSR) Lakeside High School

by Linda Monks

On the grounds of OSR stands a special building that was built in 1921. Housed in this building is Lakeside High School which holds the distinction of being the first fully accredited high school "behind the walls" in the United States. Studying at the school were 60 offenders working toward their GED. Also inside, seven offenders were striving to achieve an Associate of Science degree from Western Oklahoma State College – Altus. A short walk across the yard is the Barbering Vo-Tech where eight offenders were determined to earn their Certificate of Completion. Under the skilled instruction and tutoring of the instructors at Lakeside High School 26 of these offend-



ers (pictured bottom) accomplished their goals. On March 21, 2013, a graduation was held in the visiting room at Oklahoma State Reformatory to celebrate their achievements.

Family, friends, and dignitaries were invited in preparation for the occasion. Dee Ann Nordean was happy to come and give the commencement speech. Mrs. Nordean is the wife of the District Superintendent of the Clinton District of the United Methodist Churches. This group of people donates \$2,500 - \$3,500 each year to the college program. This was Mrs. Nordean's first opportunity to personally witness the blessings that come from their donations. It was in 2005 that the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) conducted a study on the recidivism rates for incarcerated people who participate in prison education pro-



grams. They found that recidivism rates were on average 46 percent lower than the rates of incarcerated people who had not taken college classes. These types of studies prove that the teachers in prisons are vital members of the correctional team that work to keep the public safe.

Ms. Pam Humphrey, DOC Superintendent of Schools, gave the closing speech. She congratulated all the graduates and also recognized the staff at Lakeside High School. Dr. John Kessinger, Ed. D., is the principal of the school. Assisting students with the Adult Basic Education class are Glenn Hardin, M.A., Carol Hardin, M.A., and Craig Range, B.S. These three instructors also assist students studying for their GED. Mr. Range also works as a Placement Director to insure that students are assigned to classes according to their ability. Don Wallace, M.A., oversees the Literacy Computer Lab and Special Education. Colin Hooley is the Barbering Vo-Tech instructor and David Churchwell, M.A., assists in the previously mentioned areas as well as serving as College Coordinator. OSR is truly blessed to have such talent as part of the OSR team. We say thank you to each and every one. ■

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

by Kimberley Owen, Executive Assistant
Director's Office

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the

nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult vol-

unteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. National research has shown that positive relationships between Bigs and Littles have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives.

However, matching a Big and a Little requires a bit of funding and one of the largest fundraisers for BBBS is Bowl For Kids' Sake. Bowl for Kids' Sake is about having fun while making a positive, long-lasting impact on the children in our community. Every spring, companies and individuals put bowling teams together to have a party by recruiting Team Captains who then recruit an additional four (4) people to bowl with them. Each bowler receives a pledge sheet with a goal to sign up at least \$125 in sponsors. When the team raises \$625,

*Three
teams
raised
\$3,300!!*

an opportunity is created to match and support a child with a positive adult role model. The bowlers bring their collected funds to a designated bowling center where they can then enjoy two complete bowling games, food, and prizes.

For the last several years, several ODOC staff have volunteered their time and energy to put together bowling teams and seek out donations to support BBBS. This year, three teams – Spare Me, Breakout Queens, and Big House Bowlers – together raised \$3,300 through online donations, bake sales, auctioning off prime parking spots, and even by just asking family and friends to contribute to their goal. The ODOC PRIDE Fund also pitched in a small portion of the funds they have designated for At Risk Youth programs, to help the teams out with their fund-raising efforts. Those involved this year were: Team Captain Marlene McVey, Kristy Warren, Simone Chandler, Matthew Craig, and Clint Castleberry on team Spare Me; Team Captain Patti Ormerod, Ashley Butler, Eileen Rentie, Michelle Toliver, Connie Lindsey, and Jerry Lindsey on team Breakout Queens; and Team Captain Kimberley Owen, Anetta Bullock, Denise Burgdoff, Kenny Holloway, and Eric Franklin on team Big House Bowlers. ■

BIG HOUSE BOWLERS



(Left to right): Eric Franklin, Denise Burgdoff with daughter Danica, Kenny Holloway, Kimberley Owen and Anetta Bullock.

SPARE ME



(Left to right): Kristy Warren, Simone Chandler, Matthew Craig, Marlene McVey, and Clint Castleberry.

BREAKOUT QUEENS



(Back row, left to right): Ashley Butler, Eileen Rentie, Michelle Toliver, Connie Lindsey, and Jerry Lindsey. Front row: Patti Ormerod.



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life, in his thinking, in his heart.

As Aaron's life changed, opportunities came his way to help others change as well. He was part of the PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) pilot program at JHCC. PREP is an evidence based program that helps people develop skills to build and maintain healthy marriages and family relationships. Aaron became the first offender trained to assist facilitating PREP. Later, while still incarcerated, he worked with the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative (OMI) to offer other relationship building programs at JHCC.

Aaron was discharged in 2010. Today he works for The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM) as a Life Skills Instructor leading several classes and programs, including Thinking for a Change. Aaron is a living success story, as story that he, along with his wife Justeen, enjoys sharing.

Aaron stills sees Benny Boeck from time to time and they joke about the tossed urine. He is so grateful Benny did not give up on him. Benny knew that God had not, so neither would he. It is that kind of dedication, perseverance, wisdom and compassion that so many volunteers demonstrate every day. Aaron and Justeen are now among those DOC volunteers are changing lives within the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. ■



Law Enforcement Torch Run

On May 8, 2013, employees with Internal Affairs and the Tulsa County District Community Corrections participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics. They carry the torch 17 miles between Mannford and Yale, Oklahoma along with the Tulsa Police Department and the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.

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Ninety days before the prisoner is released, a Re-Entry Intensive Care Coordination Team—comprised of a certified mental health case manager and a peer recovery support specialist—meet with him or her and continue to work with them for up to a year after release. Mental health staff also help inmates sign up for either Medicaid or disability so they have benefits when released.

“We found the agencies were able to agree where their missions overlapped to a certain extent,” Mann said. “It's not like when they (the mentally ill) are out in the community they are the Department of Mental Health's responsibility, but when they're in prison, they're the Department of Correction's responsibility. We

recognized the two agencies are serving people who, unfortunately, do travel between the systems.”

Holland, who now works with Hope Community Services as a member of a Re-Entry Intensive Care Coordination Team, said this program helps newly released inmates gain their footing and provides support to someone who has nothing.

“Most people when they get out, they don't have someplace to go to start over,” she said. “You lose everything when you go to prison—your clothes, everything. When you're starting over from scratch and you've got \$50 to your name, it's really easy to say it's not enough to do

anything, but it's enough to score. You start right back up again where you left off. With this program, we give people an alternative to that.”

Mann said not only are people getting the help they need to lead productive lives, the state also benefits. Each person in the program costs an average of \$2,700 annually. Prison, on the other hand, costs between \$12,000 and \$27,000 annually depending upon the level of security. Recidivism rates for participants also have decreased from 43 percent to 25 percent.

“It's certainly a lot cheaper than incarceration,” Mann said. ■

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For me, the most endearing experiences have been at Pennsylvania Avenue Redemption United Methodist Church made possible by escorted leave provisions in the operations procedures. I have been asked to speak at several places outside of Oklahoma and learned the Redemption model was rarely transferable because inmates could not worship off center as they can here. In the life of Redemption around 30% of

our volunteers at any service are formerly incarcerated persons. We are truly grateful for the policy that permits this. It allows former prisoners to take leadership and set positive examples. In joys and concerns people share openly simple joys, confession of sin and extremely intimate kinds of concerns. I have had the joy of teaching confirmation class and the Prison Fellowship Life Plan Seminar, preparing people both for release and for membership and discipleship. I have

enjoyed the challenge of learning to preach meaningfully to people who come from backgrounds and life experiences usually vastly different from mine. But I have recognized that much of the Old Testament deals with the experience of exile, Moses was a murderer, Philippians was written from prison and the Last Supper was instituted to demonstrate that Jesus body was broken and blood was shed for those who need a Savior. ■



STRESS RELIEF TIPS

Breathing Exercises

Breathing is an easy to learn stress relief technique that fast, simple and free. It can be done anywhere, anytime and numerous positive effects on your health such reducing high blood pressure.

Stretching Exercises

Watch how a cat stretches after a nap. Sometimes (not often enough) we stretch in a similar manner. It's an overall feel-good movement. Stretch from the fingertips to the toes, including the face (yawning takes care of that).

Laughter

is the best medicine

Sleep

Eat well

Posture

Massage

Watch Out for Information Overload

Prioritize

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

May/June - Anniversaries

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35 Years Lois Williams Charles Murray James Arnett	MBCC Medical/Admin Inst Division III	25 Years Alan Pounds Bill Lynch Craig Wallace Gary Thompson Joe Shelburne Laurie Beckelheimer Rodney Bailey Roger Fry Joe Boone Jr. Lydia McBride Patricia England	JHCC OCI Mfg/JHCC Mangum CWC DCCC Hobart CWC JHCC Agri Svcs/JDCC JEHCC Agri Svcs/LARC Kate Barnard CCC Okla City CCC	20 Years Dan Smith Debbie Barby Jobeth Shaffer Michael Barby Charles Bradley Sandy Hadley Denema Merrell Jodi Dodson David Kincaid Edward Bell Carlene Barahona Bradley Horn Bryan Richard Sally Wiggins Debra Aldridge David Ramsey	WKCC BJCC Medical/JCCC BJCC JHCC N.E. Dist CC MBCC Med Adm/MBCC JEHCC JDCC JCCC S.E. Dist CC MACC MACC OSP Training	17 Years Judy Nelson-Shipley Daniel Fulk David Louthan Denise Grijalva Kevin Lawlor Rickey Hunt Beverly Johnston Lynda Sykes Sidney Carnes Wesley Carter Phyllis Adams	Sent Admin JDCC BJCC Kate Barnard CCC Carter County CWC OCI Mfg/MACC Facility Class JLCC Tulsa Co Dis CC JLCC Personnel	
34 Years Lea Tidwell Jim White Jr.	N.E. Dist CC Agri Svcs/JBCC	32 Years Randall Bray Donna Valadez Sharon Smith	OCI Mfg/JHCC Comm Sentencing Personnel	19 Years Cecilia Grant Edward Wingfield Melvin Simpson Sharon Magby Bradley Shannon Charles Groves Thomas Kopidlansky Judy Brinkley Darla Whisenant Bertie Wilson Daphne Kline Donna Rodgers Joseph Whitlow Katherine Mordecai Chris Maker Mark Cathey Diana Givens William Robb III Lee Collie Jack Orr Kevin Stanley Paul Blankenship	N.E. Dist CC NOCC EWCC OSR OSP JDCC Enid CCC Facility Class WKCC Field Operations Altus CWC Central Dist CC Personnel BJCC Education/JBCC	Kate Barnard CCC Med Adm/LCCC JLCC Central Dist CC JBCC Inst Division II OSP Medical/Admin NOCC Training OSP OSP OSP Internal Affairs DCCC JBCC Ment Hlth/JHCC LARC EWCC Kate Barnard CCC JLCC LARC	16 Years Lea Roe Omega Barroga William Shunkwiler Sandy Freeman Nance Weaver Lance Yandell Marcos Solorio Michael Steelman Mickey Scott Sammy Hodo Mark Hernandez Melanie Ratcliff Darell Guess Patrice Dyer Elizabeth Pettitt Paul Craddock Cynthia Wilson Michael Buchanan Bruce Meyer Edwin Adkins Paula Williams Phyllis Baker Shetina Bunn Vicky Kyzer Curtis Brown Jr. Anissa Roberts Glynda Underwood Dennis Hendrix Curtis McPheeters Erick Morris Sherrie Buckler Shane Batey Allen Semeski Leonard Brojakowski Randy Martin	JCCC JHCC NOCC Ment Hlth/LARC Transport/JBCC JEHCC JCCC JEHCC MACC MACC Medical/JHCC Medical/HMCC DCCC N.W. Dist CC Okla City CCC JLCC Medical/LARC LARC Med Adm/BJCC N.E. Dist CC JBCC EWCC Central Dist CC JDCC JHCC Agri Svcs/JCCC MBCC OSP OSP JBCC Union City CCC Transport/JLCC JBCC JBCC JBCC
33 Years Jean Amos Cindy Leonard	NOCC Personnel	31 Years Brenda Bryant Dan Grogan Margaret Johnson Connie Kays Anita Trammell	Private Prisons JCCC S.E. Dist CC NOCC OSP	22 Years Donna Hayles Cynthia Naughton Douglas Canant Howard Brittingham James Farris John Meadows Kathryn Hamilton Kelly West Leonard Howard Jr. Paul Pickle	N.E. Dist CC NOCC EWCC OSP OSP N.E. Dist CC	18 Years Connie Garrison Ola Onojobi Randy Matthews Rhonda Carrico Amy Madison Derek Bassett Jeffrey Vaughan Kerry Chase Linda Cooper Roy Henry Samuel McGinty Patricia Grimes Chad Sampson	JBCC MBCC Union City CCC Trtmt/Rehab Svcs JCCC NOCC Agri Svcs/JBCC MACC JLCC MACC MACC EWCC Central Dist CC	
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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 46 YEARS IN EXISTENCE

January 10, 1967, is an important day in corrections history. It was on this date that Governor Dewey Bartlett made a historic announcement in his Legislative address, when he said:

I have had prepared for introduction, today, a bill creating a new Department of Corrections. This bill has been prepared, after consultation with leaders of both Houses of the Legislature. It is a joint recommendation of your leadership and the administration. Briefly, this bill provides for the creation of a new state Corrections Department, consisting of a state Board of Corrections, and state director of Corrections, and three divisions; a Division of Institutions, a Division of Probation and Parole, and a Division of Inspection. The Division of Inspection will perform duties of the present Charities and Corrections Department.

On May 8, 1967, under the leadership of newly elected Governor Dewey Bartlett (1967-1970), the legislature passed the Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967. House Bill 566 created the seven-member Board of Corrections, with one member from each of the state's congressional districts and a seventh member appointed at large.

Arnold E. Pontesso (1967-1970) was appointed the first director of the new Department of Corrections on October 16, 1967. The 52 year old Pontesso was a 28 -year veteran of the federal prison system, and retired a warden of the El Reno Federal Reformatory just prior to beginning his job as director of Oklahoma corrections. The hallmark of his administration was the establishment of the first community treatment center (CTC) at the Thunderbird Motel in Oklahoma City. The experience with this center popularized the movement for CTCs, and as a result, the state developed eight other such community treatment centers in different cities over the next four to five year.

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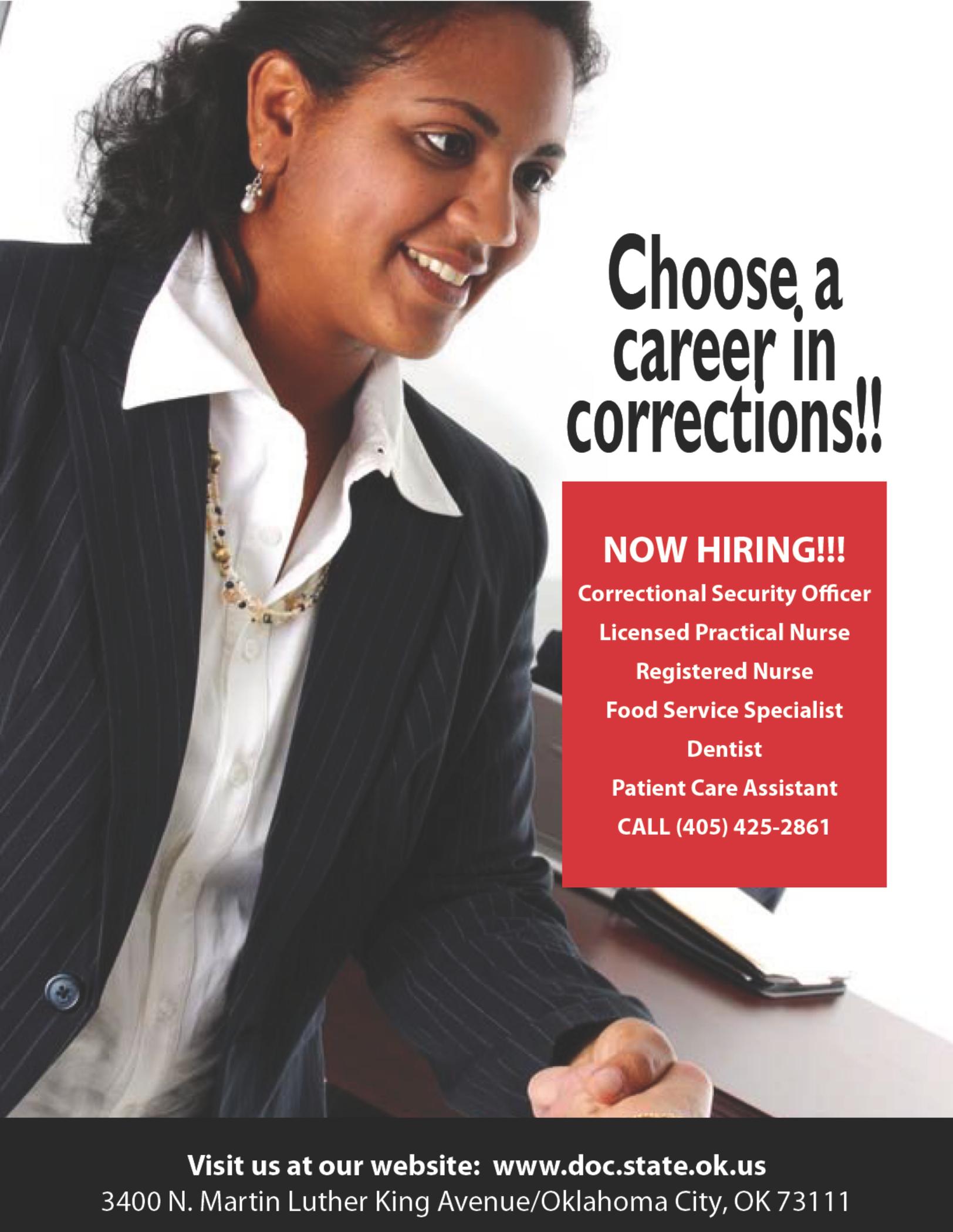
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