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IDOC Offenders Give Back to Victims of Domestic Violence

Indianapolis, IN (October 19, 2011) – Today, the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) presented a check for \$ 10,255.82 to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) during ICADV's 29th Annual Fall Conference.

On hand to present the check was IDOC Deputy Commissioner Randy Koester. "The Department of Correction has a strong partnership with the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and is working every day to make it even stronger," said Deputy Commissioner Randy Koester. "Much of what is being donated today was raised by inmates as part of the efforts inside our facilities to help them learn to think beyond themselves. This community service helps them learn to do good in the world instead of harm." stated Koester.

Various IDOC staff members, offenders, and facility programs, such as the Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) units, helped raise money for this important cause. Some of the IDOC's private partners also chipped in for the donation.

"This generous donation from the IDOC will allow us to provide much needed services such as rent, security and utility deposits, transportation and other financial assistance which will help victims of domestic violence attain self-sufficiency," commented ICADV's executive director, Laura Berry Berman.

About ICADV (www.icadvinc.org)

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic violence against all persons in our state. As Indiana's statewide coalition, ICADV is an inclusive network which both supports its member programs, and educates the public at large, through trainings, resources and advocacy.

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