



Friday
July 1, 2011

The CLIFF program at the Putnamville Correctional Facility held its first Family Re-entry Unification Group. Coordinated by Addiction Recovery Specialist Lauren Orme, CLIFF offenders and family members participated in a 6- hour session designed to improve communication, promote conflict resolution and deter drug addiction relapse

Unchained Ministry held their annual bike show at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Twenty motorcycles were displayed and spiritual music and conversation with volunteers was enjoyed by the 874 offenders who attended the event.

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility students enjoyed an eventful weekend. On June 24, 2011, the students participated in "Fun Day" where they played kickball, constructed arts & crafts, competed in a water balloon toss and enjoyed snow cones. On June 25, 2011, "Evangel Prison Ministries" held their "Crusade on the Yard" where the students also enjoyed a cookout and music.

Reelsville Elementary School received 310 box tops for their "Box Tops for Education" drive from Inside Out Dads graduates at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. A school representative was presented the donation during a graduation ceremony held for 30 offenders. The school will use the proceeds from the box tops to purchase playground equipment, classroom and general school supplies.

On June 28th the Program Review Division completed the year one ACA audit of the Parole Division. The scores reflected 100% of the mandatory standard requirements were met and 98.05% of the non-mandatory standards were met. The Parole Director is proud of the accomplishment of staff and the excellent demonstration of teamwork and dedication by all involved in this successful effort.

Pendleton Correctional Facility employees Sergeant Daniel Arnold and Correctional Officer Sean Waterman were presented with "Honorable Service" plaques this week in recognition of their dedication to the facility's K-9 operation.

IDOC Director of Registration and Victim Services Brent Myers along with nine victim services specialists toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week. The agencies and organizations represented by the tour participants included the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Prevail Inc., the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Wabash Valley staffer Tammy Mark hit the road for a good cause, raising over \$1,200 for Sullivan County leukemia victim, 20 year old family friend, Miles Thompson. Tammy biked 300 miles from Michigan City to Evansville to raise funds for travel and other expenses faced by Thompson and his family. "WVCF staff and offenders have a strong track record when it come to community involvement and financial support," said Superintendent Dick Brown, and I applaud her commitment to this worthy cause."

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility said "Thank You!" to over 40 volunteers on hand for the 14th Annual Community Service Recognition Program. Coordinator Michele Lincoln said community support is vital to the operation of facility offender programs. Area residents give of their time and skills to help offenders, assisting in the re-entry process. Volunteers average over 500 hours of service each month!

On Saturday, June 25th the Branchville Correctional Facilities' Fatherhood Department and Volunteers held their annual Children's Center Picnic. 11 offender dads and their 17 children enjoyed a day of fun games and activities together. They were also treated to a picnic lunch including pizza, hot dogs, chips and refreshments. A great time was had by all. Each child was also given a new children's book to take home with them, made possible by large book donations from several individuals and organizations.

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Held its first Bienvenido Program Completion ceremony at the facility for 5 students that completed the program. The Bienvenido seeks to reduce reliance on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs for individuals at risk for abuse and dependence due to stresses associated with immigrant traumas and ongoing marginalized community social status. The program seeks to reduce reliance on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs for individuals at risk for abuse and dependence due to stresses associated with immigrant traumas and ongoing marginalized community social status.

ISP held the Community Advisory Board Meeting with the Annual Staff Appreciation Family Day. This was a family picnic atmosphere with demonstrations from emergency staff, children's games, horse drawn carriage rides, and lunch prepared by our staff. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

On June 28, 2011, volunteers from the American Red Cross in Johnson County came to the Edinburgh Correctional Facility to accept 23 afghans made by the offender population to be donated to the Veterans Administration Hospital. Mary said the afghans would be of great use and much appreciated. The facility plans to donate afghans to the Red Cross on a monthly basis.

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