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# Weekly Views

Staff and offenders from the Indiana Women’s Prison (IWP) “Sheltered Workshop” sent over 150 items of children’s clothing, toys, & hand-made friendship bracelets to Angels of East Africa, an orphanage in the Sudan founded by Pastor Sam Childers. The workshop offenders adopted this orphanage after Pastor Childers visited IWP last year.

Putnamville Correctional Facility passed its ACA audit, achieving a 100% on mandatory standards and 98.5% on all other standards. Very few issues were raised and staff were praised for their professionalism and positive attitudes.

IDOC Central Office, Indiana State Prison, Westville, Putnamville, Miami and Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facilities participated in the first ever ERO Softball Competition in Union Mills, Indiana. A portion of the concession proceeds went to the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer’s Fund. A good time was had by all and Putnamville was the winner!



The Reception Diagnostic Center held a Walking Taco and Baked Potato sale that raised \$258, a portion of which will go to the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund.

Miami Correctional Facility recently hosted the Gospel Echoes group. More than 100 volunteers were involved in worship services and serving a lunch of grilled hotdogs and hamburgers with their famous woopie pie to all offenders and staff. More than 3,500 meals were served.

Wabash Valley PLUS participants joined a massive fund raising campaign in Sullivan County to benefit leukemia victim Devon LeDune. The PLUS unit donated a quilt and check totaling \$580 to the cause, to help offset medical and other expenses. Wabash and Sullivan County residents revealed a big heart, with nearly \$32,000 raised to help the LeDune family.

A work crew of ten residents from the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility assisted their near Eastside neighbors in setting up for the Feast of Lanterns, an annual community event that will take place at Spades Park on Saturday, August 28.



Students at Pendleton Juvenile received their new uniforms and could not wait to get their pictures taken! (see photo left)

Recreation Department Staff at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility escorted three students off grounds to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter for a Restorative Justice Project.

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted its second annual Tent Revival. Sessions were held twice a day with over 300 offenders attending each session. Numerous staff and over 50 volunteers helped organize and facilitate the event. Sermons, music, personal testimonials, and inspirational speakers promoted a positive message.

Westville’s Therapeutic Community (TC) offenders donated \$288.99 from a food sale to South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility’s Good Bears of the World Project. Additionally, the TC’s offenders’ ongoing community service project is collecting pop can tabs. The money from this latest recycling effort was given to the local Independent Cat Society.

The Indianapolis District#3 Parole Office participated with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in a sweep of the northwest side of Indianapolis. The sweep was in response to a rash of recent homicides and criminal activity. Staff visited paroled offenders in this area in order to validate compliance with parole conditions and assist with obtaining further information to assist with remaining investigations.

Miami Correctional Facility’s fourth annual Golf Scramble was held at Peru Municipal Golf Course. Twelve teams from all across the state competed and several awards were given out. Winning the scramble with a score of 63 was the team from the Indiana Office of Technology.

Two instructors and seventeen criminal justice students from Harrison College in Indianapolis toured the Pendleton Correctional Facility.