



Friday
Sept. 24, 2010

Weekly Views

To raise funds for the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund through SECC, Central Office held a staff cookout, complete with hamburgers and hotdogs provided by Aramark. During the cookout,



some of IDOC's leaders took a swim in the Dunk Tank! (see photo, left) Leftover food was donated to the Dayspring Center, a homeless shelter in Indianapolis.

Five staff members from the Edinburgh Correctional Facility worked alongside representatives from Duke Reality to assist with constructing two houses for Habitat for Humanity. The work consisted of hanging drywall, framing doors, and constructing an attic access. The houses are being constructed in Indianapolis.

Westville Correctional Facility hosted another successful PREP week-end. Eleven offenders from the PLUS program welcomed their significant others for a two day program on relationship enrichment. Offenders from the Ivy Tech Culinary Arts program provided meals for the participants.

The Correctional Industrial Facility hosted a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. 21 Units were collected from staff.

25 quilts made by offenders from the PLUS Unit at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility were donated to Miller's Vets at the Homeless Shelter in South Bend, Indiana. Miller's Vets is a drill team of selected homeless veterans in South Bend, formed in January, 2009 by Robert L. Miller Sr., a former St. Joseph Superior Court Judge. The vets were pleased and delighted to know that the men on the PLUS Unit made these for them.

The Indiana Blood Center conducted a blood drive at the Pendleton Correctional Facility. Participation by staff resulted in 15 units of blood being collected.



Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility hosted an "Open House" for Legislators, Judicial Representatives, Media, and other stakeholders. The event showcased the achievements of both the staff and students.

The New Castle Correctional Facility hosted a Visiting Committee from ACA for a Re-accreditation audit. The facility received 100% compliance on all Mandatory Standards and 100% compliance on all Non-Mandatory Standards.

The Wabash Valley Substance Abuse team hosted Hamilton Center, Freebirds and Unbound Mentoring Inc., providing the offender population with after-release care and relapse prevention information. September is Substance Abuse Recovery Month with Wabash offenders also receiving pamphlets detailing Wabash outpatient services and support programs designed to enhance recovery efforts while incarcerated.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility graduated 15 students from the facility's PLUS program. The program offers many types of curriculum to students, including Renewing the Mind, Commitment to Change, Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Power Source and Community Mentoring. The 16 week program builds upon the students own motivation and strengths. The students averaged 128 hours of group and individual treatment per student.

