

# Department of Correction Officially Kicks Off State Employees Community Campaign (SECC) for 2006

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Commissioner Donahue Addresses Central Office Staff During SECC Kickoff

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J. David Donahue, Commissioner

Indianapolis, Indiana - (October 12, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue encouraged DOC staff to participate in this year’s campaign above and beyond their contributions of the past. Last year, the Department raised \$140,556.48 and the 2006 agency goal has been set for \$200,000.00.

This year, the State Employees Community Campaign system has been made electronic to facilitate ease and convenience. The SECC committee has also designated an office area equipped with a computer for use by staff members throughout the campaign.

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Various activities that will generate friendly competition between divisions within DOC were shared with staff during the kick-off.

“DOC employees are always ready to offer a helping hand,” added Donahue. “Supporting our communities and improving the lives of others is a core value for the Department. As a team, we are always finding ways to give back to our communities.”

Employees and offenders at the Department of Correction helped 500 Hoosier foster children return back to school in style this fall. Project Back raised over \$19,054.24 to show the Department's collective efforts and commitment to kids and education. The partnership between The Villages and DOC is actually very natural since many children are admitted into the foster care system as a result of their parents' incarceration.

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## **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department’s home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department’s Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

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