

The Propeller



Superintendent Laurie Johnson



OCU Instructor Dennis Brady (center) and IREF Specialist Keisha Keedy (second from left) with IWP offender volunteers

IWP Offenders Help Prepare Watkins Family Community Center Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Thanks to Oakland City University Culinary Arts Instructor Dennis Brady, several offenders at the Indiana Women’s Prison (IWP), and the generosity of IDOC staff and other charitable organizations, the Watkins Family Community Center delivered over 6,100 meals to several local churches, Indianapolis’ homeless, sick and shut-ins, and needy families on Thanksgiving Day. The meals included roast turkey with all the fixings, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni & cheese, and sweet potato pie.

Three days prior to Thanksgiving, Dennis Brady, an OCU instructor assigned to IREF, IREF Specialist Keisha Keedy, and seven offenders at IWP began the process

of preparing more than 285 turkeys and hundreds of pans of cornbread dressing and macaroni & cheese that would be delivered to the Watkins Family Community Center on Thanksgiving morning.

Last year, Brady and IWP offenders prepared more than 300 turkeys as part of the main dish for the Watkins Center Thanksgiving meals, which fed over 9,000 individuals. This year, the operation received 285 turkeys. “Through the combined efforts of Oakland City University, the Indiana Department of Correction and the community, we were still able to provide meals for 6,100 people. Though we did not quite beat last year’s quota, 6100 meals is still an impressive number,”



Brady loads turkeys into a convection oven located inside the IWP culinary kitchen

Brady said.

The tradition of preparing savory meals for Indianapolis' homeless and needy population at Thanksgiving began with retired IDOC Indiana Girls' School employee Thelma (Momma) Turner more than 20 years ago.

At its inception, the meals were cooked in Turner's home. As the demand and need for meals grew, Momma Turner moved the operation to the IGS kitchen, where she could accommodate the large volume of cooking.

Although the offender population has changed; in 2009, IWP transferred to the site of the old Girls' School, the offenders and this location continues to play a big part in Momma Turner's efforts to feed the hungry.

OCU Instructor Dennis Brady has tirelessly worked alongside Momma Turner each year, cooking the hundreds of turkeys and organizing the efforts of hundreds of volunteers wanting to give back to the community.

This tradition has also given IWP offenders like Trisha S. a chance to give back, and perhaps make amends with the community and

restore the hope of many of Indianapolis' disadvantaged citizens.



Trisha, a mother to three boys, was sentenced to a four-year prison sentence for crimes she says stemmed from a drug addiction. She knows all too well the burden of being homeless and hungry, especially during the holiday season. "I have been homeless, and I had to turn to shelters and soup kitchens to feed myself and my oldest son. I know how it made me feel to get a hot meal from people who wanted to see me do better, people who did not know me but helped me, a stranger, get food to feed my family."

Trisha said she has always wanted to be a part of something bigger than herself, to return the generosity once shown to her. She volunteered to spend the three days leading up to Thanksgiving Day scrubbing pots, cleaning, prepping turkeys, cooking, or baking, anything to be a part of giving back. "I've always wanted to volunteer at a shelter

IWP Offender Trisha S. prepares macaroni & cheese



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IWP Offender Patricia M. has volunteered to help with the Watkins' Annual Thanksgiving meal for four years

to cook, clean, and just give back, but my addiction to drugs kept me from doing it. So, doing this now, being in prison, good can still come out of it.”

The seven offenders are all students or graduates of Oakland City University’s Culinary Arts Program at IWP. The program provides inmates with the knowledge and skills necessary for entry-level positions in the food industry. Students learn food preparation skills and food safety through the ServSafe Certification Program. The holiday meal preparation gave them the opportunity to apply practical knowledge in preparing and serving various types of meals they learned in the classroom.

Offender Patricia M. has plenty of cooking skills and knows her way around a kitchen, specifically IWP’s kitchen. This is her fourth year working with Mr. Brady, preparing food to transfer to the Watkins Family Center. She began working in her family’s kitchen at a very early age.

The youngest of seven children, Patricia learned out of necessity the art of feeding a large family. Her mother had multiple sclerosis and was always very sickly. Growing up, Patricia worked alongside her father in the kitchen, and by the time she was eight years old, she was tasked with preparing dinner for her large family.

Patricia and her husband of 31 years have three children, and raised them with traditional family values and sit-down meals. Though she cooked meals throughout the week, Sundays were special; a day set aside for food and family – forty-one immediate family members, to be exact.

Her family has always treasured the holidays and special family occasions. Being incarcerated during the holidays wears hard on her conscious. A judge sentenced her to do time for her for substance abuse problem. Patricia says one of her sisters has been holding down the fort and hosting family gatherings since her incarceration in 2009.

“I really miss cooking Thanksgiving dinner for my family,” Patricia said. “I miss not being there for my children and grandchildren.” Cooking helps soothe the sorrow she feels at holiday time, which is why she continues to volunteer her time and talent to cooking turkeys and teaching other prisoners the basics of cooking. “Since I’ve been locked up, I’ve noticed that some of the women here know nothing about cooking, or preparing a meal,” she says. “It’s like they have never taken advantage of the joy of being in a kitchen.”

“Patricia is a trooper,” Brady exclaimed. He was not only referring to her cooking skills, but her tenacity for seeing a project through to its completion. “She finishes what she starts at all costs.”

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In 2012, that commitment came at a very high cost. During three days of prep work and cooking with Brady to feed approximately 200 IWP guests, Patricia did not feel so great. She was tired, but pressed through the fatigue and pain to see to it that the Thanksgiving meal they were working on was a success.

With Thanksgiving done and satisfied diners under her belt, the following Friday Patricia decided to put in a healthcare request slip to see the healthcare provider. The healthcare evaluation, including an EKG, revealed Patricia had suffered a heart attack. She was rushed to an outside hospital where doctors performed an emergency heart catheter and stent placement.

“Heart disease runs in my family. My father died of a massive heart attack in 2007,” Patricia said. “I just didn’t associate the pain and feeling so poorly with the possibil-

ity of me having a heart attack. I just wanted to make sure all the food was perfect.”

Patricia expects to be released in May 2014, and looks forward to making Sunday dinners and taking the helm of preparing for big family get-togethers. “My sister has been making sure there is plenty of good food around for family birthdays, weddings, and celebrations since my incarceration. I can’t wait to get back in my kitchen. Everything is going to be perfect!”

Perfect. That is how 32 year-old mother of four, Paula, would describe the holidays with her children. “On Thanksgiving, I always cook both a turkey and a ham, and we bake a pumpkin pie. After the meal, my children and I get to work putting up the Christmas tree,” she said.

Growing up, Paula says she never celebrated the holidays in the traditional sense.

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Patricia M., Debra T., Paula H., and Trisha S. worked for three days to prepare Thanksgiving meals that helped feed the homeless

There were no family gatherings, no turkeys, no pumpkin pies. “My mom was an alcoholic, and my dad was never around. There were no celebrations or traditions made in my childhood home.”

Her experience growing up in a household where holidays came and went without recognition or festivity energized Paula to enact traditions of her own with her three sons and daughter. They continued in those traditions until her incarceration in 2011 for drug offenses. “I was basically a good person who happened to get caught up in doing drugs,” Paula said. “After a while, everything caught up with me.”

This is her third Thanksgiving in prison. “When I first got locked up, I had a hard time. I missed my children and family tremendously. When the holiday season rolled around, I became depressed,” Paula recalled. “It is still quite painful to be away from them, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but my family here helps me get through it.”

By family, Paula means the bond formed between other offenders who link up and provide emotional support to each other. It is *this* type of pseudo-family that helps Paula and other inmates cope with the loneliness experienced by incarceration. Paula and Trisha are part of the same “family” and live in the same housing unit.

While deboning the turkeys for the Watkins Community Center annual Thanksgiving feast, they discussed plans for the “family’s” pitch-in style Thanksgiving dinner to take place on their unit on Thursday. The proposed menu included: beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, a meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, soda, and tea.

Dessert, they had not yet settled on. “Someone will probably make a pie,” said Trisha, who admitted to not being used to cooking much from scratch before prison. At home, her Thanksgiving dinners have always included a turkey and a ham, corn casserole, sweet potatoes, and pecan pie.

Apple Pie Cake! That is what Paula said she would like to see on the dinner table in the unit. Trisha agreed. Apple Pie Cake would be the perfect dessert to round off the “family’s” Thanksgiving meal.

“It is really quite easy,” Paula said. She went on to explain how they bake an Apple Pie Cake using cookies, Pop Tarts, and individual Little Debbie-type apple pies bought off commissary and utilizing the microwave oven in the housing unit.

A prison Apple Pie Cake may seem like a small thing to those outside looking in, but to Paula and Trisha, and the other women given the opportunity to work together to cook food for the homeless, it is a big thing. “Since I’ve been incarcerated, I’ve learned to not take the small things for granted,” Paula said. Trisha added, “A small thing such as cooking a turkey, I consider it a blessing just to be here to do this. Things like this help open your eyes and make you appreciate all that you have.”

Gracie G. says that had it not been for this incarceration, she would not have come to appreciate the nuances of freedom, and the magnitude of the little things in life that she formerly took for granted. Before, life was all about her. She comes from a big family, many members of which, including herself, she eludes to having revolved in and out of the prison system, or have had trouble with the law.



IWP Offender Gracie G. prepares cornbread dressing



Debra and Christina G. crumbles pans of cornbread

OCU Instructors Lydia Stephens and other OCU and IWP staff prepares the stuffing for the oven



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She has five kids ranging in age from four to 19 years old, and says this incarceration is her last. “This time, I’ve spent four years in prison. I don’t plan on coming back,” Gracie exclaimed. “My children need me.” Life is no longer just about her. She appreciates others, their struggles, and their contributions to society and the world. She desires to give back, which is why she says she volunteered to spend three days doing for others.

As she helps de-bone turkeys, Gracie sets aside a wish bone for each member of the volunteer crew. Making a wish on Thanksgiving is part of her tradition, one she hopes the others will sign on with and participate in during the thank-you lunch Mr. Brady has prepared in appreciation for their hard work. “We all need something to hope for, look forward to. If it provides us with a little glimmer of hope, why not make a wish,” Gracie said.

“Cooking is a passion of mine. It is rewarding to me to cook a meal and know people will enjoy it, especially people who really need it,” said Gracie. “I am inspired as I watch everyone here put so much care and love into cooking the food that will go to feed the homeless and less fortunate.” Gracie hopes to extend her passion for cooking into fulfilling her dream of owning and operating her own restaurant.

Christina G. says she likes helping others. Sentenced for voluntary manslaughter, she spent most of her ten years of incarceration thus far at Rockville Correctional Facility before transferring to IWP, and is scheduled to be released sometime in 2015. “Although there is a community connection at Rockville, it is nothing on the scale of outreach and involvement like that of Indiana Women’s Prison. Here, there are many

chances to make good and do something for someone else. Here, we can look outside the small world we live in and reach out to other people.”

A couple of people she hopes to reconnect with immediately upon her release from prison in 2015 is her 21 year old daughter and baby granddaughter. “I’m going to reach out, continue to do stuff like this.”

Like all of the women working on the Watkin’s Center project, Patricia says she does not know what challenges the world will hold for her after her release in May 2014, but she is certain she will face them with a new outlook on life, and continue to volunteer to help others. “Wherever all of this food is going, I hope and pray that I will be there cooking, and cleaning, and volunteering around this time next year. I want to experience this again from the other side of incarceration.”

Apple Pie Cake Recipe by IWP’s Paula and Trisha

Ingredients

Cream-filled Cookies
Cinnamon & Brown Sugar Pop Tarts
Iced Apple Pies (similar to the ones Little Debbie’s or Hostess makes)
Water

Directions

Split the cream-filled cookies in half
Remove the cream filling (scrape into a bowl)
Split the Pop Tarts
Remove cinnamon brown sugar filling (scrape into a bowl)
Scrape apple pie filling into same bowl as the cinnamon and brown sugar and mix to-

gether

In a bowl, crumble together the cookies, Pop Tart and apple pie shells into a consistency similar to course flour

Add water to the mixture then stir until a batter forms

Pour the batter into a microwave-safe container (preferably a round one)

Microwave for two minutes

Heat the apple pie and Pop Tart filling

Spread filling on top of cake

Add a little water to the cookie cream and heat. Drizzle on top of cake.

For variety, different types of sandwich cookies and/or Pop Tarts can be substituted in place of the original ingredients.

Do you have a favorite Holiday Recipe? How about a long-practiced family tradition? Please send in stories about your favorite holiday recipes and traditions to share with our readers. Direct information to: The Propeller, attention Gaylie Cotton, gcotton@idoc.in.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Holidays in Prison by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone. Twenty of these have been without my family to share one of my favorite holidays. One more Thanksgiving behind bars and it will be over. I am just thankful that I have survived long enough to get out and enjoy what time I have left. I talked with my family this last Thanksgiving, as I have done the last twenty years. Sometimes I will get a visit over that particular weekend, most of the time I do not. It is a simple fact, my family does love me, but life goes on out there.

They have other things to do than go to a prison, be patted down, and sometimes insulted by someone who does not want to be here either. Therefore, what is the incentive to go and visit the old man? None. I tell them not to come. It is easier on me and on them not to visit. It costs too much for fuel to get here, and they will not let me just sit there and not eat from the vending machines, another cost just to visit. They never listen. That is just one of the many things I am thankful for them and their support over all these years.

Holiday dinners in prison are depressing, and not supposed to be as if you are at home. They are not supposed to be so good that you never want to leave. If this was the case, then prisons would be more over crowded than they already are. The cooking staff does what it can with what they have to work with. Sometimes the holiday food is fair, most of the times it is not. To be truthful, most of the people who have to eat it could care less.

Then you have the ones who always say they should have done something better because of the holiday. Tempers get short, people's thought processes seem all mixed up, and even the slightest little things will set them off. They are angry with themselves for getting into a situation that they have no control over. So, how do we make the holidays better? We do not. We cannot. The places are

already full enough. Those people are lost, have no idea of where they are at, and are lucky to be getting what they received. With the way the economy is nowadays, we are all lucky not to be eating beans, vegetables, and bread every day.

The one bright spot in this abysmal chasm of darkness known as prison is the Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility (IREF). The administration here tries to ensure that some aspects of the holidays are not lost to the residents and their families. Numerous holiday parties will be in the chapel. Family Education will provide a party for the children and their eligible fathers and grandfathers to spend a few hours together during the Yuletide season. The Aramark staff will feed us a holiday meal that is not too bad. It will be hot and with portions enough to fill the slots on the tray.

All and all, holidays in prison are bad, but if you have to be in prison, this is the one to be at right now. The programs in place here are constructive, with the Education Departments, Community Services, and the Family Education Department leading the way in reconnecting residents with loved ones left behind their own set of bars and fences.

PIO Clerk
Dale Lycan



I am thankful for:

Thankful? Yes I Am by PIO Clerk Gregory McGhee

Every year during Thanksgiving, families across America speak about why they are thankful. While the responses are from the heart, in my opinion, some are generic responses and often used every year. For the most part we all are thankful for our children and family and even our jobs. Here in the greatest country in the world we consume three meals a day and have vehicles to get us from point A to point B. Can you imagine how truly thankful and grateful people in countries would be to not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from? I deduce that the thankfulness from someone having to live like that would demonstrate the true meaning of genuine thankfulness, unless you have experienced near-death such as I have.

Because this is a happy time of year for me, in fact my favorite time of year, I won't go into too much detail, however I can share with you that when I say I'm thankful, trust and believe it's from the heart.

Imagine physicians telling your loved ones that you may not live through the night, and if you do you probably won't ever walk again. Sixteen years later not only are you alive but you had the opportunity to run and walk five mini marathons. This was my experience. Talk about being thankful! Fast forward fifteen years from the first nightmare and I find myself twenty-four hours away from death, according to the doctor who had to perform emergency surgery on me, because of complications resulting from old

scar tissue which had encapsulated my bowels. Are you getting any of this? I am truly thankful not just this one day out of the year but every day!

I am thankful for my parents who made life decisions that benefited me in life, and continue to benefit me in their deaths. I am thankful for my children who supported me through my incarceration and gave me six beautiful grandchildren. I am thankful to God for allowing my children to have children because it was those babies that helped me through my darkest hours of incarceration.

I am thankful for my loved ones who stood by me throughout my sixteen years in prison. I am most thankful for God allowing me to come to prison. Because of my incarceration, I've been clean and sober for sixteen years. I can now live life on life's terms and not have to self-medicate when facing difficult decisions. Because of my sobriety, I can function as a parent, grandparent and employee. I am thankful because if I wasn't sober, I would only re-start the cycle of ruining my life and the lives of those around me upon my release.

If anyone has ever experienced the true deliverance of being clean and sober they understand why this is the last but not least part of why I'm thankful and why it is what I am most thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you my loved ones, friends, and supporters for giving to me when I most needed it.

I am thankful for:

Thankful Thanksgiving Thoughts by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

We decided to add a small section for IREF staff and residents to share what they were thankful for this Holiday Season. Some asked not to be named so we will honor that request. For those who wanted their names used it was decided to only use first and last initial for residents and alphabetical letters for staff.

D.E. L.: I am thankful for the good health of my family and friends. I am thankful for all the moral and spiritual support that my family has given me over the years and in far too many cases right up until the day they passed from this earth onto the next journey that our souls will travel.

J.E.: Grateful to be alive, I have an out date, I have a great family who is here for me, and loves me, that I have a great relationship with my kids. That God is patient with me and loves me enough not to leave me in the state I once was.

B.C.: I am thankful that even though I am in prison, I can surround myself with positive, forward thinking people.

W.M.: I am thankful for getting another chance to be with my family, and to have the chance to be in my first born daughter's life. I am thankful that my family is doing well and having a blessed time these holidays.

(A): Support of family; my sister, who is my spiritual mentor; my relationship with God; my improving health, and being able to work a job that I love.

(B): I am thankful for each day, because I am not promised anything else.

BE: I am thankful for the Native American Indians.

K.M.: I am thankful for being at IREF.

J.E.R.: ...being able to appreciate love and laughter.

J.H.: I am thankful for my family and friends.

S.L.: I do not know how this is gonna sound, "It may even be funny" I am very thankful for the men and all the programs here at IREF! Being here has helped me wake back up and see all the good things that lie waiting for all of us.

T.T.: Family & Life!

C.R.M.: I am very thankful. 25 years ago as I was jailed for crimes that made me unfit in society, I found that education would be my way back into society. I'm thankful that I have been able to earn 6 degrees that I'm alive after being locked up 25 years. I'm thankful all my family is still on my side. I'm thankful I have a loving, living God who helped me walk thru this life.

J.G.: I am thankful for the ongoing relationship I have with Jesus. He is always there when I have troubles, even though there are times I feel alone and unwanted.

I am thankful for:

I am also thankful to the Lord for giving me a wonderful life partner. I am thankful for everything the Lord does for us, giving life, for being there when we do the wrong thing or make the wrong choices, for the daylight, planet, flowers, birds...everything. The Lord has provided for me and the Holy Spirit.

L.D.: Thankful that my children still care enough about me to let me be apart of their lives, and my grandchildren's lives.

B.M.: Thankful I am still alive and able to see my loved ones once a week.

R.W.: Thankful I could beat my addiction and go in living.

(C): I can work at a place like this, that is trying to solve problems instead of just sweeping them under a rug.

D.I.: I am most thankful for God, health, love and family.

R.S.: Thankful for God and a second chance at life, and my family.

(D): This thanksgiving I am grateful for my family, because they have always been there for me, encouraging and challenging me to be the best person I can be.

S.W.: Thankful that my mother and father are in good health and will be there waiting for me.

K. T.: Because I have been able to change my way of thinking enough to let me see how selfish and one sided my life was.

J.B.: I was able to come here and get ready to get out.

D.M.: Thankful God is in my life and leading me down a better road than the one I was on.

S.L.: I am thankful that I can start a new journey with God in my life that will allow me the opportunity to be with my kids and their mother, and that the rest of my family still want me to be apart of their lives.

JMW: I am thankful for surviving these nearly 25 years with a sound mind and a reasonably empathetic heart. I am thankful for the college education I received in DOC, which has allowed me to sit at the feet of the great writers and thinkers of our culture, listening, learning, enjoying and growing. I am thankful for my family and friends who kept me grounded and who always gave me something to care about, even when I didn't care about much else. Lastly, I'm thankful I'm close to returning home to them.

Resident A. Koker: There are a lot of reasons why I am thankful on this Thanksgiving. God saved me from destroying myself. When I was out on the streets, I was on my way to a fiery grave. I am thankful that God had a different destination for me to follow in this life. He did not sit back on a throne barking orders, not caring if I lived or died. He came down to this planet and stopped by Indiana State Prison (Michigan City) to pay A. Koker a visit. That visit changed my life forever. I give God Thanks, not just for this season, but every year I am on this earth.

Assistant Superintendent Dalton Haney: I am thankful for my family, my health, and the opportunity I've been given to make a difference

Sgt. Alan Murphy: I am thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and I am thankful for my family!

I am thankful for:

Training Coordinator Mike Enzinger: I am thankful that my wife survived a stroke four years ago on November 16.

Vicki Penny, Public Information Officer, Correctional Industrial Facility: I am thankful that my Mother-in-law who has Alzheimer's will be able to celebrate the Holidays with family one more time. She is forgetting quickly but still able to remember and function enough right now to enjoy the Holidays. Probably will not be able to do that next year.

Specialist David Bethel: I am thankful for: faith, family, friends, forgiveness, fortitude, freedom, food, and frontiers.

Lt. Kelly Neese: I am thankful for a family that loves me. I am thankful to live in a country where we are free. I am

thankful for a job which I love to provide for my family. I am thankful for a small home group to do life with.

Specialist II Elizabeth Darlage: I am thankful for the friends and family that are in my life and the sense of connection that we share.

John Schrader, Public Information Officer, Westfield Correctional Facility: After 28 years in the DOC and 39 years in corrections, I've learned to be grateful for what is most important in our jobs. I am thankful for all my fellow staff who help watch over me and my well-being every day on the job, regardless of our position, age, color, creed or personalities, and for our health that permits us to do so every day.

I am thankful for:

Thankful by PIO Gaylie Cotton

The experience of observing, documenting their words and thoughts, and taking photos of IWP's offender volunteers as they prepared lots of turkey and fixings for the 'less fortunate' was one of monumental proportion. These women, despite their current situations, trudged forward, worked long hours over the course of three days in an effort to ensure that some people to whom a hearty Thanksgiving meal would not normally be obtainable have THE BEST holiday meal, ever.

And they did it all without complaining. Not one murmur. The only inkling of grievance I detected while listening to their stories was the abject loneliness they feel as the holiday seasons without their loved ones approach then pass over them without ceremony or celebration. They sorely miss baking cookies and pies with their children, or snuggling up with their significant others in front of a picture window to watch blizzards and storms rage outside. There was even indication of longing for the foolishness of drunken uncles, or the continuous rumblings of teenagers in the families.

Their obvious yearning forced me to evaluate my own life and the people who inhabit my

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I am thankful for:

small world. I have found myself busy with the getting on with life to the point of forgetting THE reasons why I make it my purpose to live.

I have a husband and two children, and I am thankful for each of their lives. I love them with all that is within me. My husband has loved me from the moment he saw me a long time ago. That affection has not abated one iota over our 21+ year marriage. He is unconditional love at its finest.

I am thankful for our daughters. I call them my twin towers. Their height bests my own. I love the awkward lankiness of my knock-knee baby girl, and the dainty prissiness of my genteel straight-laced first-born. I am thankful for my mother and my grandmother. Both have gone on to glory, but left their markings on both my girls. I am thankful for God's ways and His gentle reminders that, though gone, they both live on.

I am thankful for Sundays and the time spent around the dinner table eating and drinking and making merry. I am thankful for big brothers; the two have been my protectors. I am thankful for the sister with whom I shared our mother's womb. She has always been there for me, and is an elixir for all that ails me. I am thankful for the man who once stood like a giant. My father's back is slightly bent, and his hair grows from his scalp pure white. Still, he is my fortress and that cleft in the mountain.

I am thankful for friends and foes. They each play an important role in my life's tests. For friends, I am thankful for their love and support. Though I may appear weak to my foes, I face them and am made strong in their presence. I am thankful that enemies are few and far between. For even all of you, I am blessed and thankful. You all deposit something positive into my life each day. I am thankful for this job with which I have a love hate relationship; I hate the Monday mornings I rush in to work, but once I get here, I love every moment of it!

I am grateful that I have been blessed to be a blessing to others and for others' blessings so that they can be a blessing to someone else. I am thankful for US Military Veterans, the President of the United States, the struggles and triumphs of trailblazers and civil rights famous and infamous leaders, the goodness and health benefits of dark chocolate, for my pup Daisy, and the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela.

I am thankful for second chances, memories of the good things experienced, and the grace to forgive the bad things. Mostly, I am thankful for all those who show love to all those I love.

Blessings IREF family & friends.

Send The Propeller your reasons for being thankful this Holiday Season.

IREF Family Education Department Hosts Halloween Carnival



They came dressed as astronauts, princesses, Cleopatra, the King of the Jungle, Mini Mouse, Spider Man, Spider Woman, and other favorite characters and heroes. More than 60 children of residents incarcerated at the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) enjoyed a Halloween Carnival sponsored by the facility's Family Education Department (FED) Inside Outside Dads Program and Children's Visitation Center (CVC) on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

The 30 fathers and their children were treated to a fun time in a carnival-like atmosphere that included clowns, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, lots of games, prizes, and plenty of laughter. Oakland City University Culinary Arts students prepared the meal and themed cupcakes for the carnival.

The Art and Recreation Department clerks transformed the Education and Recreation Building into Haunted Hallways, which included a live Dracula, a classroom with a Zombie teacher and students, a headless scare-

crow, and other ghosts, ghouls, and goblins to spook the children. A bounce house provided plenty of fun for the little children. At the end of the carnival, each child walked away with a gold fish, a pumpkin, and a bag full of candy and treats.

"It is nice to see the children dressed up and enjoying time with their fathers," FED Director Tamera Shirley said. "However, at the end of the day, this event is more about the fathers applying the skills they've learned in the parenting classes to strengthen the bond between father and child."

"We at IREF are committed to supporting programs with an emphasis on the successful re-integration of residents to the family unit and the community," Superintendent Laurie Johnson said. "The Halloween Carnival is just another sponsored opportunity that encourages residents to be the fathers they can be."

The FED currently operates on a budget of zero dollars, and subsists on donations from outside sources and the generosity of IREF residents. IREF and volunteers pooled their resources to make the Halloween Carnival possible; however, the majority of the funds were donated by IREF residents who are not a part of the Inside Outside Dads or CVC programs. Residents, who attended the event with their children, contributed funds from their Inmate Trust Accounts to purchase candy, treats, and games.



Family Education Department Director Tamera Shirley (Colts jersey) with the headless resident.

IREF Weekly Views News

October

A group of students of Manchester College criminal justice class toured IREF. IREF was just one of three visits the group made to varying security level Indiana Department of Correction facilities. The goal of the tours was to provide for students an overview of the different types of communities found among the offender populations throughout IDOC prisons.

IREF served as the host site for the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Recreation Coordinators meeting. Coordinators from around the state gathered at IREF to discuss program protocols, the implementation of new procedures, and to update each other about the progress of the Recreation Programs at each IDOC facility

November

Veterans from the INVET Units at IREF celebrated Veterans Day this year through community service work. Thirteen Resident veterans traveled to Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation homes in Indianapolis for an outside work-day, raking leaves and removing limbs on the properties, which house homeless and at-risk Veterans. Meanwhile, eighteen Residents signed Christmas cards bound for the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program, sponsored by the American Red Cross. Every Christmas, the Red Cross hands out thousands of Christmas cards to active-duty service men and women overseas, including hospitalized service men and women. The INVET Residents signed over 225 cards. Other Residents worked on the facility grounds, improving the waterfall and pond in the recreation area.

Virginia "Ginny" Cain, Indianapolis Regional Director for U.S. Senator Dan Coats, toured IREF to learn about the daily operations at the level-one security, male facility. Isaac Randolph, IDOC Deputy Director of Transition and Re-Entry, accompanied Mrs. Cain on the tour. Throughout the tour, Ms. Cain and Mr. Randolph spoke with many residents about their incarceration experiences thus far, and how the IREF program has impacted their thinking and re-entry processes in a positive manner. IREF was the last of several IDOC facilities visited by staff members from Senator Coats' office.



IREF hosted a meeting of the IREF Community Advisory Board on November 21, 2013. The Advisory Board represents a broad range of community interest and includes members from local law enforcement, Homeless & Re-Entry Initiative programs, Indiana Department of Education, Marion County Superior Court, Veteran Affairs, neighboring Neighborhood Associations, the Mayor's Office of Re-Entry, business leaders, local and state government officials, and other neighbors and stakeholders. Assistant Superintendent Dalton Haney and IREF department heads updated community leaders on significant events that had recently occurred at the facility. Members of the board discussed and provided feedback on proposed new and current projects occurring at IREF, and IREF's continued integration into and its impact on the surrounding communities.

The Community Corner: News from the Volunteer & Community Service Department by Community Service Clerk Jarrod M. Wall

Helping Children's Visitation at Madison Correctional Facility

On November 8th, Madison Women's Facility Officers Moore and Madison drove from the foggy Ohio River region to pick up some playground equipment from IREF.

For some time now these heavy duty swings, large tube-slides, and a ball game of some sort with a large bucket with numbered holes on the sides for points (all on top a large pole) had been stored in the shed behind Unit #6 and Recreation.

So Mr. Platt, wanting the equipment to go to good use and needing the spare room in the shed, contacted Linda Taylor in the business office downtown to see if any other DOC facility needed these massive items. (Apparently it works like a Goodwill or E-Bay for DOC.) Sure enough, the call was answered: Madison Women's Facility, a level 1-2 modified, needed playground equipment for their visitation areas.

Over the years, their playground equipment has slowly dilapidated, causing less and less options to be available for mothers and their kids.

So while Scott Rose, Samuel Estep, and the Officers from Madison were loading and tying down these colossal structures, Steven Stockwell was also prepping for delivery an amazingly detailed dollhouse for the kids' visitation at Madison too. Just look at the pictures: the dollhouse has working doors, lace curtains, and a pebble stonework fireplace. It won't be long until IREF dollhouses are at children's centers all over the state of Indiana.

October Birthday Party Hosted by Englewood Church

As always, Englewood Christian Church hosted another lavish Birthday party, this time for those born in October. IREF and the Englewood neighborhood have a long-standing coalition.

The Community Service Department regularly takes Resident volunteer crews to help with neighborhood cleanups, preparation for festivals, or simply whatever might be needed in Englewood.

As a way of saying thanks and staying involved with their community inside the fences, members from Englewood Christian Church enjoy bringing a delicious spread for the parties—this time, a variety of sub sandwiches, chips, pop, and cupcakes. At the end, Melissa Benton never fails to invite—and sincerely invite—the Residents to join the Englewood faith community upon release, for she knows the difference such accountability and support can make.

**Got questions about
Volunteer &
Community Service
programs or volunteer
opportunities?
Contact Rick Rosales
at ext. 214
rrosales@idoc.in.gov.**

Birthdays are not Forgotten at IREF by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

Year after year birthdays come and birthdays go for all of us. I do not know many people who look forward to their birthdays, with the exceptions of little kids, pre-teens, and teenagers waiting to hit the drinking age. Here at IREF, everybody looks forward to their birthdays. This is due to the effort put forth by IREF volunteers. Volunteer & Community Services hold a birthday party each month for the residents. If you were born in the month of November, then your name is placed on an approved list to attend a birthday party for that month.

These parties are sponsored by a large number of volunteer groups. All the volunteers come from various religious backgrounds and churches across the state of Indiana. The volunteers selflessly donate their time and funds to hold these parties for the residents. These people are some of the nicest folks you will ever meet. They come from different walks of life. They are farmers, city dwellers, urbanites, and one group of volunteers was originally from South Africa but became naturalized citizens of the United States.

The foods are insignificant; nice, and... who doesn't like cake, but not the main reason the volunteers keep coming to the facility. They want each of us to know that there is someone out there who cares about us, not why we are in prison, and that we as individuals are not forgotten. They bring with them a small part of society we left behind. We play small games and listen to them minister the word. The volunteers take time to sit at the tables and talk with the residents. They do not just dish out the treats and run for the door. I



Top: The volunteers selflessly donate their time to let the residents know they are not forgotten.

Bottom: November party with Mr. Rosales (far right back row) and the volunteers he recruits organizes birthday parties each month for the residents.

am sure that each individual who attends has his own opinion and agenda for coming to the parties.

The one thing I noticed the most, everyone who does attend these parties comes away with a smile, and at least an inkling, that people do care and can appreciate our loss of the small things in life. Like a birthday party.

Garfield Park Better Block Project by Community Service Volunteer Ms. Settles

The Better Block Project is a demonstration tool that rebuilds an area using grassroots efforts to show the potential to create a great walkable, vibrant neighborhood. Garfield Park Better Block gives neighbors and visitors the opportunity to share ideas about how to develop a new Garfield Park Village.

On October 11, an IREF volunteer crew along with staff member, Mr. Rosales and intern, Ms. Settles, ventured out to Garfield Park to help create a more visual demonstration on what the Village could potentially look like.

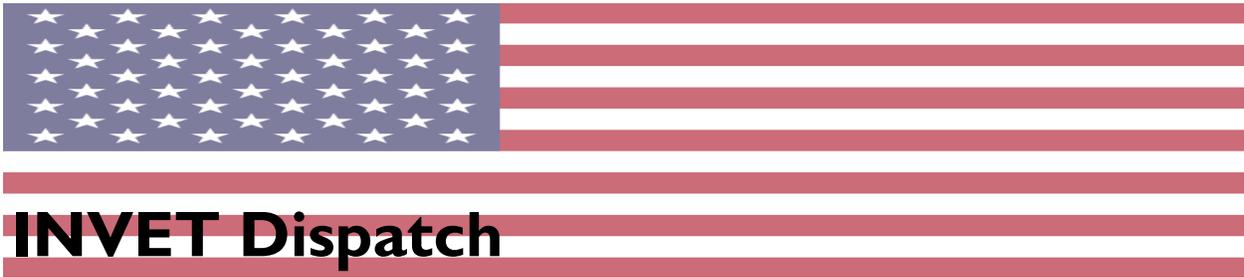
The volunteer crew spent 4 hours remodeling the outside of an old, abandoned ice cream shop on the corner of Shelby and Tabor streets.

The residents landscaped the parking lot and behind the building by edging and pulling up weeds. Following the landscaping, the residents gave the outside of the building a brand new look by a fresh coat of paint. All of this leading up to the Garfield Better Block event on October 19th.

IREF has also volunteered with the Englewood Community Development Corporation for a Better Block Project on East Washington St. and the Crooked Creek Neighborhood Association for a Better Block Project in a massive parking lot on Michigan Road on the city's northwest side.



Residents, are you interested in volunteering on an outside work crew? Contact Community Service Coordinator Mr. Rosales to see if you meet the criteria.



INVET Dispatch

Mentor Brings Hope Positive Attitude to INVET Unit



Veteran Lawrence Brown enjoys making a positive impact on people’s lives, no matter where he’s serving. Recently, Brown volunteered to become a mentor in the INVET Unit at IREF. “Being a Vet myself, I immediately set out to do what needs to be done, to get involved.” he said.

Brown retired from the United States Coast Guard in 1998, where he was in charge of the Personnel Office. “Being a Yeoman gave me the pleasure of interacting with all Coast Guard personnel.”

Brown was stationed across the United States, from New York City to Juneau, Alaska. Currently, Brown is an Outreach Worker for the Marion County Public Health Department’s Substance Use Outreach Services, Project C.O.R.E

“For me, it’s very important at this time in my incarceration to have a mentor, to help me later when I get out,” said INVET Resident Jerald Love. “He’s a good guy, someone positive, someone to talk to. Plus he’s a Vet. Everyone should have a mentor.”

Community Service November

A crew from the INVET Unit worked on Saturday, November 9 to commemorate Veterans Day at several group homes owned by Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF). Joined by HVAF Staff, the crew raked leaves and removed limbs and other debris from the yards of the group homes.

While crews worked outside the facility, over 18 Residents volunteered their time to write encouraging words in Christmas cards to send to active duty and injured service men and women around the world through the American Red Cross *Holiday Mail for Heroes* program. Residents met in the Unit 6 dayroom for over two hours and addressed over 225 cards.



INVET NEWS

Community Service November

Several Residents volunteered their time to prepare new living quarters for homeless veterans in Indianapolis. The seventy-five unit, 100% HUD rental subsidized Lincoln Apartments were built by Building Blocks Non-profit Housing Corporation, and are supported by the Volunteers of America. *For more information, visit the website at www.lincolnapts.net.*

For three days, Residents and other city volunteers unloaded furniture, cleaned apartments, and supplied them for veterans who will be moving in this December. Residents from the INVET Units do qualify to live in Lincoln Apartments after their release. For an application, please see your Specialist or Ms. Cronau.



New American Legion District 11 Attends Post 311 Meeting



Members of American Legion INVET Post #311 were honored when new District 11 Vice Commander Kevin Mezger attended the general membership meeting in October. Mezger was very impressed with the tight organization of the meeting itself. He was equally impressed with the amount of community service work and fund-raising the post has done this year.

Mezger wants to help the post raise funds through future doll house projects. “We are encouraged by his positive attitude and outlook for the future of Post #311,” said Post Commander Rick Annes.

INVET

In Memory

(Excerpts from Obituary, courtesy Keplinger Funeral Home)

UPLAND – Terry Lee Houseman Jr. “Lee”, 33 passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Lee graduated from Blackford High School in 1998. He also received 2 Associates Degree from Ball State University. He served in the United States Army. He worked at BRC in Hartford City and was a Certified Yoga Instructor and Professional Licensed Body Piercer. He was a member of AMVETS Post #23.

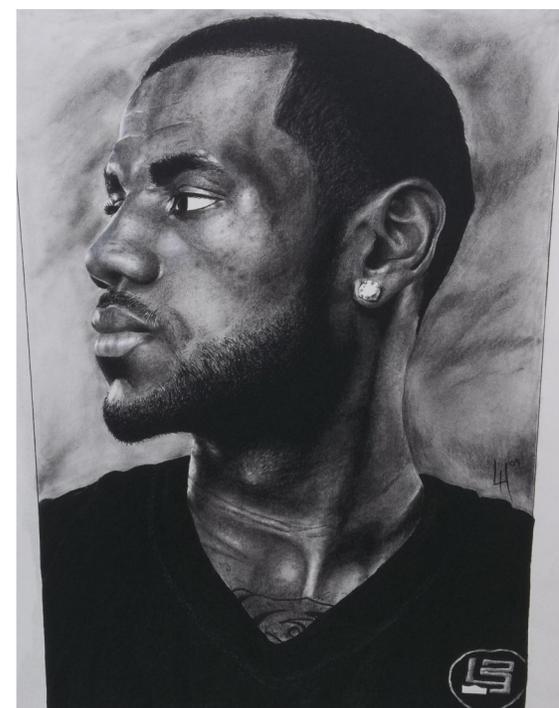
A Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2013 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City. A Memorial Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 and from 12 to 2 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2013 at Keplinger Funeral Home.

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A former Resident of Unit 5, Houseman began collecting pop tabs facility-wide to donate to the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital. Raising funds for Riley was a very personal charity for Houseman: his little sister was a patient at Riley when she was an infant. IREF donated over 15 pounds of pop tabs this year, and continues to collect tabs in every unit.

Houseman worked to improve himself while incarcerated, earning two associates degrees from Ball State and teaching yoga in the facility. He enjoyed serving others, volunteering to serve lunch to the other residents during Veterans Day last year. He won Best Dressed Casual in the IREF fashion show, and was known as a deeply talented artist.

The INVET Unit will be making a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Mr. Houseman’s name. Send memorials to Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, Development Office, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN, 46202



AVP....and me by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

AVP is the Alternative to Violence Project. Created in 1975 when a group of inmates at Green Haven Prison (NY) were working with young people coming into conflict with the law (yes-gangs existed even then). Together, with the Quaker Project on Community Conflict, they came up with a prison workshop. It is a program that allows you to look at conflict and resolve that conflict without the use of violence.

The volunteers for this workshop are all from the Richmond, Indiana area. Miriam is a seminary worker and organizer of the group. She is the one who contacts the facility and sets up times and dates for the workshop. Aaron works with kids who are thinking of dropping out of school, and the most experienced facilitator. Erica is an elementary school teacher, and Steve a student. These volunteers drive for an hour and half one way to come to this facility and give their time because they believe with all their hearts that the (AVP) program works.

This program was used at the Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility (PREF) before the move to Indianapolis, when the name was changed to the Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility (IREF). The AVP program has not been used since 2008. Mrs. Estle-Croanu, Program Coordinator for the Indianapolis Veteran Education and Transition Unit (INVET) worked to resurrect the AVP program at IREF. She is an associate of Ms. Miriam who attends the same Quaker meetings. Mrs. Croanu went through the AVP program when it was offered at PREF. At this facility she organized the meeting for the AVP facilitator volunteers to talk with the facility administration to iron out all the details and logistics for the first resident AVP meeting.

This is the first time in five years that an AVP workshop has been offered at any of the Indiana Department of Corrections facilities

When I was first signed up for this two day workshop I was not exactly...enthused. I thought that I had something better to do; I might get a visit, I had a book to read, a correspondence course to complete, anything other than sitting in a room with

IREF's first Alternative to Violence Project class in five years

other residents. The first thing the volunteer facilitators told all of us, if we did not want to be in the workshop we could leave. That meant the choice was ours. I chose to stay, because the choice was mine.

Attendance of the AVP at IREF was surprisingly good with twelve residents attending the first workshop at this facility. Everyone who attended the workshop was just as surprised as I was that the whole experience was enjoyable and informative. We all went away with a better understanding of one another and of how to resolve conflicts or fears without the use of violence. We learned that there are peaceful and proven methods of handling any type of confrontational situations inside the confines of incarceration as well as the outside once we are free. I for one will be using some of these methods once I am released. I am sure that when that day does come it's not all going to be roses and ice cream, and not everyone will be waiting with open arms.

I do not normally promote, endorse, or encourage anyone to take certain programs. That kind of choice is for each individual person to decide without undo pressure from anyone. This program, however, is not like any program I have been through in the last twenty years of my incarceration. It honestly changed my way of thinking, on both an emotional and mental level of cognition. I recommend that everyone take this program. Both residents and staff would greatly benefit from the lessons that are taught during those two days. In the larger scheme of things, what are two days? You will come away from this program with a new outlook on yourself, on your family, on other people, and on life in general.



Can't See the Forest for the Trees by Resident John Lowry

For thousands of year's spiritual teachers, philosophers, grandparents, and parents have been admonishing us to see the "big picture". They warn us of the dire consequences of failing to heed that advice, ranging from unhappiness to eternal damnation—yet many of us fail to listen.

Jesus taught his followers to be in the world, not of the world, in an apparent attempt to emphasize the importance of the big picture. We spend a relatively brief time on this planet during our life times, whether it is one year or one hundred. Compared to all eternity, our life spans are next to nothing. Therefore, one is advised to live by the moral guidelines or teachings of their particular religious beliefs in order to gain some sense of control over our destinies for the rest of eternity. We are told that love, compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, patience, and generosity hold the keys to happiness and eternal salvation, nirvana, and enlightenment, not hatred, animosity, intolerance, impatience, and greed.

Buddha also spoke to his followers about the impermanence of all life and material things. All things must pass—even plutonium will eventually breakdown, given a million years or so. If we keep this in mind, the obsessive-compulsive pursuit of money, property, sensual pleasures, and power suddenly seem to mean much less--for as it is said you can't take it with you.

Mohammad supported this idea, speaking of "those who brought the life of the world at the cost of the life to come. The concept of impermanence and spirituality versus materialism highlights once again, and illustrates the significance of keeping the big picture in mind. Another concept frequently emphasized in the wisdom traditions or great religions of the modern world is the interconnectedness of all beings and matter. What effects one, potentially impacts many. Modern science, in the form of the string theory, supports the idea that all matter in the universe, or universes is connected by vibrations of the strings that compose all matter. If this is true, we are our

brother's keeper, our sister's children, neighbors, animals, trees, oceans, soil, and etcetera.

The impact of one's actions may produce far-reaching and long acting consequences, like the ripples on a glassy pond when a stone is tossed in the middle. The leading environmental scientists now warn us that should we fail to see the big picture within the next ten years, it will likely be too late to stop the destructive impact of global warming.

On a more personal level, the sharing of a needle with a friend may result in one waiting perhaps not so patiently in a long line of thousands of individuals who are hoping to win the organ donation lotto for a new liver.

The Meth Cook who inflates his ego, sense of power, and pocketbook in his makeshift labs in basements or barns likely doesn't want to think about the faces of the three or four year old children who are being detained and placed in foster care during the middle of the night by a Child Protective Services worker, because they have a meth mom who happens to be using the product.

The cigarette smoker who savors every drag likely doesn't want to think about the oxygen tank, surgery, chemotherapy and radiation that they may face thirty years down the road in their battle with mouth, throat, or lung cancer. Indeed, the failure to see the big picture can have dire consequences.

The law of Karma is also based in the concept of the big picture under the concept of good, or bad—our today was created by our choices and actions yesterday, and we are shaping our tomorrows today. Those who remain mindful of this tend to be wiser and make more prudent choices and decisions, guided by their concern for self, and compassion for others. They carefully weigh the consequences before acting. They act as the captains of their life's ship—setting a course that leads to happiness in this life and beyond. Intoxication may create an impaired captain, and lead to the shipwreck of a lifetime.

Change...It Happens

by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

Change happens to everything and everyone. It is a continuous process that is inevitable and unstoppable. Sometimes we can alter the course of change, but we can never alter change in itself. As you sit there reading this article time is changing. We can never get back the seconds that just passed. Somewhere in the world an event has taken place that will be noted as the past, changing forever the lives of many or the life of a single person. Change takes place even when you do not like what has changed. You cannot stop it.

We are creatures of habit, following a routine from day to day as we go through life. We become accustomed to doing the same tasks every day. If we look at ourselves, we find that our bodies are in a state of continual change. We grow old. We grow thin and gray—our teeth and hair fall out. Life itself is temporary. We leave this life the same way we came into it...alone and with nothing. If you look around, not one of the things we see will last forever...not the buildings, the rivers and streams, the mountains or the oceans. Every aspect of our lives whether it be mental or material changes. Change is a fact of life demonstrated by nonstop and direct examination of the world we live in.

When the rules that govern our lives are changed and that change happens abruptly we are thrown into panic. Our existence seems to be challenged. Immediately we are up in arms wanting to know what is going on, why the sudden change. We want to know who made these changes to my routine, to what is mine. There in lies the problem, everything is impermanent and subject to change, even the rules we habitually follow. It is unfortunate that change is for the necessity of rules, even at the highest levels. If you live in an environment that is regulated by rules and warrant constant change, all you can do is hope the ones making those changes are doing it for the right reasons. Those reasons may not be apparent to you or to me.

Expecting to live life without progress or change would only leave us in a state of suspended animation, and stagnant. It would not be living. Life is about change and change is about life, we may not like it, butit happens.

Hope by PIO Clerk Dale Lycan

It has been my pleasure to lead many tours here at IREF. They mostly consist of covering the history and the mission statement of the facility. The purpose of this facility is to insure that a resident is properly educated enough to return to society as a productive citizen and to maintain the training learned here to never return to prison.

Recently I gave a tour to two young women who were from the Indiana University School of Law. This in itself is not so unusual. The tour went through the normal route from the Visitation Room to Medical to Unit Eight, on to Unit Four and the Reformative Residential Re-Entry Program (RRRP) Unit. Then the tour proceeded on to the Indiana Veterans Education & Transition (IN.V.E.T.) Units Five and Six, and on to the Recreation Building and Family Education were the guinea pigs were ignored for a change and the students were dazzled by Ms. Tamera Shirley and her descriptions of what her programs accomplish with the residents who attend the Family Education programs.

I know this all sounds mundane and normal in every way for one of our tours, and it is. However, what was unusual was the last thing one of the students said before walking through the visiting room door to leave. They were asked a question that is asked of every tour group no matter the size, what they thought about the tour and the facility. What was not normal was the response of one of the students. As she made her way up the walk and to the visitation room door she said, it gave her hope... that the staff and volunteers here cared enough to take a personal interest to insure that the residents here would not return to prison. Then she was gone.

When she made that statement it took me by surprise that someone from the free world felt the same way that I did about what is being accomplished at this facility. There are staff and volunteers here that really do care enough that they do not want to see me return to prison and to succeed when I am released. You just do not find this type of caring at any other facility in this state. It does give me HOPE; hope that I will succeed and will never return, and that there is someone who calls the shots who also cares.

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