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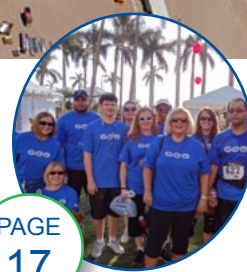
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George C. Zoley  
Chairman, CEO and Founder

### To the GEO Family,

During the third quarter of this year, our company completed a significant milestone with the activation of a 650-bed expansion to the Adelanto Detention Facility in Southern California. This important expansion has placed GEO in a unique leadership position as the largest service provider to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under a partnership which began in 1987 and which entails the management of over 8,500 detention beds and the provision of community supervision and electronic monitoring services for non-detained aliens across the country.

Our unique public-private partnership in Adelanto, California began in mid-2010 when we purchased an existing 650-bed facility from the City of Adelanto. Since then, we have invested over \$120 million for the purchase, renovation, and expansion of the Adelanto Detention Facility. With the opening of the 650-bed expansion in August of this year, the Facility now has a total capacity of 1,300 beds and houses immigration detainees in a safe and secure environment under an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Adelanto and ICE.

Through this important partnership, GEO manages and operates the Facility under a contract with the City of Adelanto and has helped meet the growing need for federal detention bed space in this important region of the country. At full occupancy, the contract is expected to generate approximately \$42 million in annualized revenues for our company.



*George Zoley*

The opening of the Adelanto Detention Facility also marks the completion of a significant capital investment program which has added close to 4,000 new beds to our operations at a total capital investment of more than \$250 million, underscoring our company's continued growth and adding to our position as the world's leading provider of correctional, detention, and residential treatment services.

Among these important new projects were the activation of the new 1,500-bed Riverbend Correctional Facility in Milledgeville, Georgia with expected annual revenues of \$28 million; the 512-bed expansion to our New Castle Correctional Facility in Indiana with expected incremental annual revenues of \$8 million; and the opening of the 600-bed Karnes Civil Detention Center in Texas, the first facility designed and operated for low risk immigration detainees under new federal detention standards and with expected annual revenues of \$15 million.

Our recently completed capital investment program validates our company's diversified growth strategy. In addition to funding our new growth projects, our financial performance has allowed us to implement the payment of quarterly cash dividends. Beginning in September of this year, our company initiated a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share, or \$0.80 per share annually. This important milestone is indicative of our company's strong financial position and ability to grow and create value.

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# Grand Opening of Adelanto Detention Facility Expansion



In early August 2012, The GEO Group and U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) activated a 650-bed expansion at the Adelanto Detention Facility in Southern California bringing the total capacity at the Facility to 1,300 beds. The completion of this expansion marked an important milestone in a successful public-private partnership between GEO, ICE, and the City of Adelanto.

This partnership began in June 2010 when GEO purchased an existing 650-bed facility from the City of Adelanto for approximately \$28.0 million. GEO invested an additional \$22.0 million to renovate and retrofit the existing facility, so it could be marketed to federal detention agencies in the area. In June 2011, the City of Adelanto signed an Intergovernmental Agreement with ICE



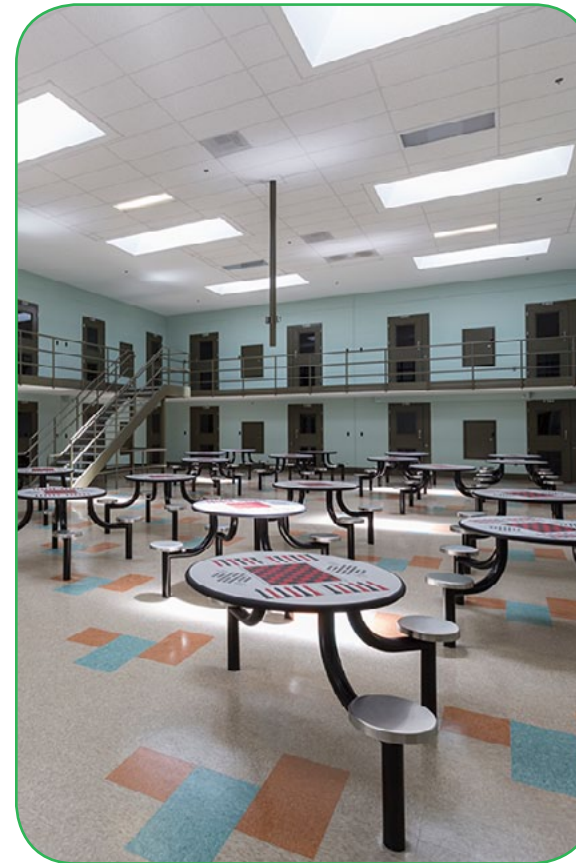
for the housing of immigration detainees at the facility, and in turn, GEO contracted with the City for the provision of day-to-day management and operation of the facility.

Under the terms of the agreement, the existing facility began the intake of immigration detainees in August 2011, allowing the Federal government to meet an immediate need for detention bed space in Southern California. Furthermore, GEO broke ground on a new \$70.0 million, 650-bed expansion to the facility to meet ICE's additional bed needs in the area.



Development of the expansion was completed in late July 2012 with the intake of additional detainees beginning in early August 2012. The 1,300-bed Adelanto Detention Facility now plays an important role in helping meet the need for federal detention bed space and provides safe and secure housing for immigration detainees in a state-of-the-art environment which exceeds industry leading standards.

The Adelanto Detention Facility is located in the City of Adelanto in San Bernardino County, California (approximately 85 miles northeast of Los Angeles).



The Facility is equipped with modern medical and dental suites and kitchen and laundry facilities. The Facility also provides ample recreation space including basketball courts, open recreation areas, and a soccer field.

The Facility employs 312 permanent positions and provides office space for ICE and other federal employees along with courtrooms for immigration hearings and procedures.

The Facility is also environmentally friendly and uses alternative, clean energy sources such as solar power.

This important partnership has helped meet the need for cost efficient detention beds in Southern California, while providing a safe and secure environment for the detainees entrusted to the Facility's care.

***"The activation of the state-of-the-art Adelanto Detention Facility is a testament to the successful public-private partnership between ICE, the City of Adelanto, and The GEO Group."***





Pencils, Scissors, Glue Sticks...

Oh My!!!

Written By Tiffany Pendergraft & Steve Owens, ASP- Phoenix West

The school year was fast approaching and the staff at Phoenix West wanted to find a school in their local community to help kids start the year off on the right foot. They found Arthur M. Hamilton Elementary School where they met with the school Principal, Mr. Orozco who is also, due to funding and budget cuts, their Assistant Principal and School Counselor. They learned that the school teaches 450 K-8 students of which 75% come from low income families with an average annual household income of \$8,000. A majority of the students reside in a low income housing project located approximately 300 yards from the school grounds and unfortunately many of these young minds are off-springs of third generation parents who are products of the street gang culture.

The staff decided to kick off a “Pack to School Drive” at the facility and with the enterprising recommendation of our Correctional Education Teacher Carol Beckett, this endeavor turned it into a spirited contest between Assistant Wardens(AWs) Coonrod and Brewer, (Affectionally titled; Team Coonrod and Team Brewer).

The intrepid AWs used every technique within their vast arsenal to rally their teams, with the results being widespread support and participation. After only a short couple of weeks, the staff at Phoenix

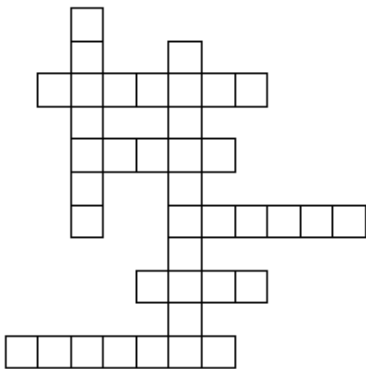


West donated over 700 school supply items. By all accounts, it was a close and hotly contested competition but in the end, the ultimate winners were the smiling faces of the children at Arthur M. Hamilton Elementary.



On August 17th, Warden Rollins, AW Brewer, AW Coonrod, Ms. Pendergraft, CEPT Beckett, and FSM Robinson presented Principal Orozco and his students with the donations which were met with heartfelt cheers, applause, and appreciation.

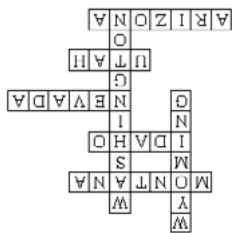
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Criss-Cross Puzzle

The letters below each should be fit into the grid so that words in the given category are formed. All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright Erich Friedman, 1999.



Answer:

Mike Zimmerman,  
The Face Behind  
GEO's Products

Written By Eileen Roth, Corporate



Mike Zimmerman of M.K. Z Enterprises, Inc. has devoted his business to The GEO Group. He met George Zoley 25 years ago, when George needed cross pens as gifts, and Mike has been helping GEO ever since.

Mike has invested over \$25,000 in products, which are kept at his office, so if a Warden or facility only needs a couple of items, Mike can send them right away. Some of Mike's products are found on the GEONet under “links” then click on GEO Products. He follows the GEO Corporate Identity Manual making sure all products meet GEO's standards and colors. Mike gives quality service, a quick response time, and he is always available by phone or email. What is most important, Mike works within the facility budget to offer unique give-a-ways for their facility or special events.

Ms. Richardson, Executive Secretary at RDDF said “You really spoke the truth about Mike! He is truly there for everyone and he has helped me out on so many occasions; giving really good advice on products and offering alternative suggestions on others.”

Michele Halmo, Executive Assistant to Stephen V. Fuller, Human Resources, wrote: “I’ve ordered beautiful GEO shirts for Steve and for the Central Region from him. He is a delight to work with and always very accommodating!” Tammi Munroe, Proposal Development, Executive Assistant, added that Mike always finds amazing give-a-ways for the conferences while staying within GEO's budget, and making sure she receives the products on time.

Supporting the  
Homeland

Written By David J. Venturella, Corporate

The ICE Foundation is a non-profit organization created to honor and support the contributions of the over 20,000 ICE employees in over 400 offices in the US and 46 foreign countries.

The Foundation recognizes the leadership and proud legacy of service to our nation by ICE and its predecessor agencies. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who act as ambassadors in promoting the traditions of ICE and a deeper

understanding of the role ICE plays in protecting our country and its citizens. The Foundation supports numerous programs and projects through donations from individuals, corporations, and special fundraising events. GEO Group Foundation has supported the ICE Foundation since its inception in 2010.

Through GEO's contributions, the Foundation has provided equipment and training to state and local enforcement agencies to aid in their fight to prevent child exploitation, combat human smuggling and most importantly, provide assistance to the family of officers who lost their lives in support of our nation.

GEO is proud to support such a worthy cause that keeps our communities' safe and honors the memories of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.



# Blessed to be a Blessing

Written By Lilian Nzurike, Corporate



Photos(T to B):1. Tracey McKelton, Harold and Brenda Ray, founders of Redemptive Life Urban Initiative Corp. 2. Parents and Children in Line

The pictures alone speak of the challenging yet rewarding task performed by Ms. Tracey McKelton, Health Administrator for Broward Transitional Center. Besides her busy schedule at GEO Group's Broward Transitional Center, she volunteers her time as 'Resource Coordinator of the health fair' under the auspices of Redemptive Life Urban Initiative Corporation in West Palm Beach. For 17 years, hundreds of children and their parents have attended the health fair to get their physical examinations and vaccination prior to schools reopening.

On Saturday, August 18, 2012, approximately 500 families lined up at the doors of Redemptive Life Urban Initiative Corporation. One hundred and forty immunizations were done and 435 children were attended to by the nurses and doctors. Her goal was to ensure children the opportunity to have their physical exams and immunization prior to resuming school on Monday August 20, 2012.

Ms. McKelton coordinated nurses, medical doctors and other medical staff from different agencies that include Palm Beach Health Department, South University and T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society.

For 17 years, Redemptive Life Urban Initiative Corporation has conducted the annual health fair; one of many initiatives that the founders Harold and Brenda Ray have undertaken. HIV education was provided at the fair but no testing was offered due to cuts in funding. They also have a food pantry that feeds over 1,000 families a month. Food was provided to volunteer medical staff and the children.

Broward Transitional Center under the leadership of Warden Alisa LeSane made a donation of \$500. Ms. McKelton stated that "this shows that GEO Group has partnered with the community by giving back by providing health education, evaluation, prevention and wellness."

Aurora Detention Center

## Gives Back

Written By  
Kevin Martin, Aurora  
Detention Center



You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. Every day we encounter a friend, family member, colleague, inmate or detainee that we have a positive impact on and never think twice as it was the right thing to do at that time.

With the devastating wild fires across the state of Colorado several staff members stepped up to the plate with ways to help the victims. The Aurora Detention Center held its first annual "Wheelz-N-Motion" where dozens of employees, friends and family held a motorcycle rally through the great Rocky Mountains.

A total of \$886.60 was raised through t-shirt sales and donations all going to the local American Red Cross who played a major role in assisting those affected by 80 separate wildfires. Although financial assistance can bring the biggest impact during a disaster the thought of saving one's life will never be overlooked.

The local Children's Hospital held a blood drive in which staff members selflessly gave, ultimately saving 78 lives with their donations. Children's Hospital has always been an easy choice when it comes to community involvement; for the last several years, we have donated handmade blankets, booties and caps to the patients with a large donation to take place in the coming weeks.

The success of this program has been overwhelming and donations of blankets, caps, booties and numerous other handcrafted items has now been increased to include the local Ronald McDonald House who received over 80 individual handcrafted items made by the female detainee population. The Ronald McDonald House will also benefit from a new program initiated involving the collection of pop-top tabs. A school supply drive was held collecting needed items for the Park Lane Elementary School with enough supplies received to outfit three class rooms for the entire school year. Future events will include a can food drive and holiday family adoption.

Photo:(L to R): Warden J. Choate, and Recreation Technician R. Lonero

## Young Scholars College Bound

Written By Tiffany Pendergraft,  
ASP- Phoenix West

On September 11, 2012, Phoenix West presented scholarship checks of \$ 500.00 each to high school graduates, Miss Brook Sussex and Miss Kayla Aguirre. Kayla Aguirre is the daughter of Case Manager Tabatha Chandler and Brook Sussex is one of her classmates. These young scholars will begin pursuit of their higher education this fall at Grand Canyon University.

Miss Sussex and Miss Aguirre applied for the GEO Group Foundation scholarship offered to students in the community where our facilities are located and for which children of GEO employees are also eligible. Brook Sussex will begin working towards a degree in Forensics Science, which has always been a dream of hers, as she loves math and science.

Kayla Aguirre will major in Pre-Med and will apply to Dental school after completing her education at Grand Canyon University. Kayla stated that her dream of becoming a Dentist was formulated in high school while competing as a cheerleader. During one of her stunts, she was accidentally kicked in the mouth by another cheerleader and rushed to her Dentist where she learned that all the nerves in her front tooth were dead and needed to be removed. This resulted in her needing to have her first, and she hopes last, root canal. That painful experience planted the seeds for her desire to help others maintain good dental health.

We wish both these future leaders well in their educational endeavors, and we are proud to have played a small role in contributing to their goal of continuing their education.



Photos: (L to R): Warden Rollins presenting scholarship check to Miss Brook Sussex, and Miss Kayla Aguirre



It's an industry gathering that has attracted more people each of the last five years. In its sixth year and themed "Harvesting the Voices of Recovery" organizers put this year's attendance to the event over 3,000 people at the South Florida Fairgrounds on Sunday September 23, 2012. It featured trappings of a trade convention, with booths for private recovery centers, entrepreneurs in related rehabilitative businesses and nonprofits. Therapists and other industry professionals milled around, networking and picking up brochures.

However, unlike most conventions, this has a different kind of tone, one that deals with dramatic stories of addictions, rock bottom and redemption. "The recovery community is huge here," said Cathy Claud, a private consultant who's working with the Partnership for a Drug-Free Community of South Florida. There are 115 licensed agencies and more than 500 sober houses in Palm Beach County. "Even though the community is huge, it tends to be invisible, due to the stigma associated with addictions", Cathy continued. While many in recovery are without criminal justice entanglements, most of the recovering addicts who have had entanglements with the law



cannot get meaningful jobs due to past criminal records. She further stated that "Recovering addicts are the ones out there opening new businesses and hiring people.... Voices of Recovery event is an effort to bring them out, encourage and support them in their efforts toward internalizing law abiding values and making an honest living."

This is the idea behind the convention's pièce de résistance: Recovery's Got Talent, the addiction industry equivalent to American Idol. In past years, Jonas, who runs the talent show, brought in actual Palm Beach County judges to judge the contestants.

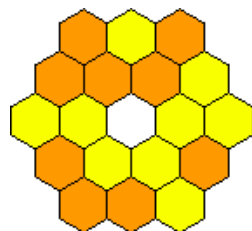
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One was Nancy Perez, a drug court judge in 2008 and 2009. Doris Carroll, executive director at the Partnership for a Drug-Free Community said that "Most of them use the music and the talents they have as a way to heal." GEO has partnered with the Florida Department of Children & Families and other local businesses for the second year in a row to sponsor this event. GEO's participation at this year's event, once again, re-affirms our commitment to partnering with the community in support of social programs and events that heal families. Mike Ibezim, Deputy Facility Administrator at the Broward Transitional Center who is a Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional and a member of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Re-entry Task Force brought GEO Group's expertise in behavioral treatment services, brochures, and giveaways for the attendees.



## Hex Turn Puzzle

Start in the center, and find a path that visits each hexagon exactly once. Your path can only turn gently (or go straight) in a yellow hexagon, and can only turn sharply (or go straight) in an orange hexagon. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2006*.



## Sexual Offender Education and Treatment Program

# Takes Lead in Coordinating Seamless Statewide Continuum of Care

Written By John W. Gay, CACF

Over the past year, the Sex Offender Education and Treatment Program (SOETP) staff at Central Arizona Correctional Facility began the arduous, but extremely rewarding task, of coordinating a more seamless flow of treatment records between our program and the community-based supervision and treatment providers in each of Arizona's 15 counties.



Probation/Parole Officers and treatment providers from counties representing 80% of the 1,280 sex offenders currently housed at CACF have already visited our facility. Our SOETP staff share testing needs and treatment strategies, and invite these county representatives to sit in on therapy groups. The treatment providers are eager to answer questions for inmates about the advantages of getting as far as they can in treatment prior to moving onto probation or parole, as treatment is mandated as part of both post-release tracts.

Once inmates see that treatment in prison does "count", and is respected by the agencies that will be supervising them in the community, "refusals" by inmates who are offered SOETP have dropped by 90% to single digits thus far in 2012.

Now that the department is completing the task of organizing contacts with all 15 county probation and parole departments, each member of our staff is taking on the role of liaison to 1-3 counties, driving out to meet with their officers and therapists and conducting in-service trainings on program content, goals and processes for information exchange.

It is our anticipation that through joint efforts, inmates (and in many cases their families) will have established relationships with their community-based supervision and treatment teams well before the inmate departs from prison. Costs both to the state and to the offender will be reduced, not only by eliminating unnecessary repetition of treatment, but also by speeding up the process by which post-prison probationers move forward to less intense levels of supervision.

Central Arizona Correctional Facility is very proud of the strides our SOETP department has taken in becoming a leader in the State with their innovative and successful outreach to our community partners. Thank you so much to Dr. Selby and his team of professionals.

In June of this year, Chaplain Donald Bowen of the Robert A. Deyton Detention Facility in Lovejoy, Georgia, received a Special Recognition Award for "Outstanding Service and Assistance to the Lovejoy Community." Since the Facility first opened in November 2007, Chaplain Bowen has provided assistance to both the Lovejoy Community Center and the City of Lovejoy itself.

The Chaplain contacted local Pastors and convinced them to volunteer to speak on a regular basis at the Lovejoy Community Centers' "Hour of Prayer and Worship Service." He also assisted the organizers of the monthly Senior Citizens Breakfast by helping to schedule various programs and speakers (including himself and Warden Ralph Cherry of the Robert A. Deyton Detention Facility).

## Chaplain Bowen Given Special recognition Award

Written By  
Garry A. Ross,  
Robert A. Deyton  
Detention Facility

In addition, as part of his ongoing community outreach, he continues to perform the Invocation for the Lovejoy City Council, as he has done for the last four years. He has also been called upon to provide counsel to both the Mayor of Lovejoy and its Police Chief.

The Certificate was presented by Ms. Eleanor Stuart, the Liaison for the Lovejoy Community Center. She states: "This award was well deserved. From the beginning until today, Chaplain Bowen has involved himself to benefit the community, and he has proven to be an outstanding ambassador for The GEO Group, Inc. Congratulations, Chaplain Bowen, and thank you for your service!"





# Rivers Inmate Veterans Support Group



Written By Amy Gillus, Rivers Correctional Institution

Inmate Veterans face a unique set of challenges not typically encountered by non-Veteran inmates. For many, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) led to their drug dependency and consequently criminal behavior. Dealing with PTSD often makes being incarcerated, an already difficult situation, even more difficult.

For the purpose of improving Release Planning for inmate Veterans, the Rivers Correctional Institution (RCI) founded a Veterans Support Group (VSG). VSG participants network with each other, the Veterans Administration, Department of Veterans’ Affairs and various other organizations offering incarcerated Veteran assistance upon release.

*“ There is undeniably a healing power that results from a group of individuals who share a common bond pulling together. ”*

Representatives from these groups provided group and individual sessions to assist participants in establishing PTSD counseling; drug and alcohol aftercare; medical and mental health care; housing, and education and vocational training upon release. VSG participants attend weekly meetings coordinated and supervised by Ms. Deanna Bissett, Assistant Case Management Coordinator. This group operates on a shoe string budget of a few hundred dollars per year yet it has produced amazing results.

Several VSG group members have been released and through the various veteran release programs have become productive citizens within their communities. According to Ms. Bissett, “whether you believe all people need help some time or some people need help all of the time, there is undeniably a healing power that results from a group of individuals who share a common bond pulling together, holding each other accountable and lifting each other up. It is impossible to ignore the VSG’s passion for encouraging and supporting each other toward living productive and healthy lifestyles. Maybe this will be the turning point in the lives of some of these Veterans. Hopefully they will not return to drugs or other criminal behavior. If only one inmate Veteran turns his life around, then every effort will be worthwhile. We know we cannot rewrite their story; we are however, helping them write their futures.”

# Stuff the Bus

Written By Dan Meyer, Golden State MCCF



The yellow school busses that are often seen during the school year are commonly known to carry students to and from school, as well as to various schools sponsored events. On Saturday, September 1st, a school bus from the McFarland School District carried more than students; it carried the school supplies that were desperately needed by underprivileged students in the City of McFarland, California. The first annual event called “Stuff the Bus Program” was sponsored by the McFarland Lions Club. The money and school supplies that were collected are used to assist underprivileged students in the McFarland School District.

Dave Borcky, Chairman of the McFarland Lions Club, spent many hours contacting members of the McFarland Community to pledge their support for the event. The time he spent was well worth the effort because the community responded. By the end of the day, over \$2,000.00 was collected to purchase school supplies. There were also many donations of school supplies. Warden Wanda Wilson from The Golden State MCCF facility was on site and actively involved along with Gloria Esparza from the Golden State Training Department. Additionally, Fire and Safety Lieutenant Steve McFarland and Kitchen Cook Supervisor Monica Duran made charitable donations to this worthy cause.

At the end of the day, Lion Dave stated he was proud of their accomplishment. He thanked The GEO Group, members of the Lion Cub, McFarland Police Explorer Post 191, McFarland Roaring Leo Club, and members of The American Legion Merle Reed Post 124 volunteers.

# GTI Corner

Written By Peter Provencher GTI



LaSalle Detention Center, located in Jena, Louisiana is one of the busiest facilities for GEO Transportation, Inc. (GTI). On a monthly basis, LaSalle provides safe and secure transportation to approximately 5,000 ICE detainees, while driving over 52,000 miles. LaSalle’s fleet has the ability to transport over 415 detainees at any given moment with a fleet that includes four MCI Buses, one Blue Bird bus, two Transporter buses, four Transporters, one ADA Handicap Van and four sedans.

The GTI Transportation section is led by Transport Manager Patrick Donnelly, who is supported by Supervisor David Daniel, Dispatcher Brian Parker, Transport Clerk Triqueeni Hall, Fleet Tech Steve Reeves, and twenty-five full-time extremely hardworking, dedicated, professional CDL licensed and certified Transportation Officers.

LaSalle’s GTI transportation team is a non-stop, smooth running operation. LaSalle has conducted massive operations in conjunction with ICE, processing and transporting over 300 detainees in one day airlift operations to Justice Prisoner & Alien Transportation System (JPATS). Along with the ICE operation, LaSalle has a satellite facility, Oakdale Immigration Court, located on the Bureau of Prisons Federal Correctional Complex in Oakdale, Louisiana. GTI Trained Officers routinely conduct court transports and security operations at the

Oakdale Court Facility. This team of dedicated individuals proudly leads GTI facilities by moving the most detainees of all the regions each month. As of August 2012 LaSalle has driven 423,000 miles and has transported a total of 39,724 detainees. LaSalle recently underwent ICE’S Performance Based National Detention Standards transportation audit, in September scoring the highest possible score, with ZERO deficiencies. The auditor was extremely complimentary with regard to the fleet’s cleanliness considering all of the moves they do, the equipment organization on the buses, and the presentation of everything they asked for.

GTI staff, along with staff from LaSalle Detention Facility, recently helped raise \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. GTI Transportation Manager Patrick Donnelly was recently sent to “Jail for Bail” a fund raising charitable event during the Relay for Life event. Warden Cole stated “It’s an amazing sight to observe the operations of the transport team. The teamwork needed to pull off these massive moves only validates the fact that I am fortunate to be able to be associated with such a group of fine correctional professionals.”

We applaud the high caliber and outstanding work being performed by GTI transport team and the entire LaSalle Facility staff. Their fine efforts are truly remarkable and we wish them continued success as they strive for “Safe and Secure Transportation with Service Second to None.”

Written by Gregory Haley, Northwest Detention Center

# Hell Run



On September 15, 2012, GTI Officer Christopher Love, Officer Casey Minner, and his stepson Brad Renner participated in the Washington Annual “Hell Run” at Remlinger Farms in Carnation, WA. There were approximately 500 participants running in six different waves. The course was 3.15 miles long with 12 different obstacles spread out along the course, including multiple mud pits, fire pits, river obstacles, over and under fences and a rope wall to name a few.

Proceeds from this event benefit the “LIVESTRONG Foundation,” an organization that focuses on cancer prevention, access to screening and care, research, and quality of life for cancer survivors. Both officers have regularly participated in multiple events of this nature.

Photo:(L to R): GTI Officer Casey Minner, Brad Renner, GTI Officer Christopher Love





## Blue Jeans Fight Domestic Violence

Written By Tiffany Pendergraft & Steve Owens, ASP- Phoenix West



After weeks of contributing a dollar to wear denim on Fridays at ASP- Phoenix West, staff accumulated a considerable amount of money and was in search of an organization that assists those in their local community. Their search lead them to The Sojourner Center, a drug-free, domestic violence shelter which serves over 2,900 women and children annually, who come to their campus in search of safety, security and a fresh start in their lives.

The Warden, Assistant Wardens, the Administrative Assistant to Warden Rollins, a Substance Abuse Counselor, and the Substance Abuse Clerk toured Sojourner Center on Friday, July 13, 2012, to learn more about the organization and how their financial contribution was going to be used to assist women and children who walk through their doors.

At the conclusion of the tour, a check was presented for \$700.00 to Sojourner Center to assist in the continuation of providing new beginnings for abused women and children.

Photo: (L to R):  
Warden, Bennie Rollins; AW of  
Operations, Lisa Brewer;  
Ms. Colleen Pyra, Sojourner Ctr.'s  
Development Director;  
Ms. Ceara Chirovsky, Sojourner Ctr.'s  
Development Coordinator; AW of  
Support, Mary Coonrod

## Sudoku

Some of the squares contain numbers. The object is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every  $3 \times 3$  box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

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ANSWER

## College Corner

Written By Joseph Torraco  
and Gina Larsen, Corporate

GEO employees and their parents, spouse, and children are eligible to further their education with help from GEO. You will receive reduced tuition rates on online degree programs at well-known educational institutions. Also, GEO has a Tuition Reimbursement policy to help pay for school. Inquire within your HR department.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://geogroup.com/education>

### Did you know about Test Drive College Online?

GEO employees have the opportunity to try out online college free of charge with no commitments. Test Drive College Online is a great way to learn if online education is right for you. If you qualify, you will take a real online college course and learn first-hand if online learning fits into your life all at no cost or obligations. You can also save up to \$2,000 in tuition costs when you transfer credits earned toward a full degree at a partner school.

1. Pass a 15 question College Assessment Exam.
2. Be a US Citizen or permanent resident.
3. Have a minimum of a GED or High School Diploma
4. Not be actively enrolled or attending college.
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## Ways to Improve Your Day In Just 5 Minutes

WebMD.com

Five minutes. It's only a little bit of time. But it's long enough for you to do one thing that could make your whole day better. That's a great return on your time investment!

1. **Pack a snack.**  
Before you head out the door in the morning, prep a healthy snack to take with you. Ideas include fruit, unsalted nuts, and low-fat cheese or yogurt. When you get hungry later in the afternoon, you'll be ready!
2. **Clear your desk.**  
From stray papers to scattered coffee mugs, clutter can make you lose focus and curb productivity. Declutter your outer environment and you may feel more organized and better able to concentrate on the task at hand.
3. **Pump up the music.**  
Several studies have found that listening to music can help lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and boost mood. The right music has the power to change your attitude. So load up your MP3 player and create a playlist that will make you smile -- whether you're working or working out. As long as you don't blast it (bad for your hearing), this is a safe, healthy way to make your day more enjoyable.
4. **Stretch.**  
No need to put on your yoga pants or get all bendy. Just a few easy moves will do. Stretch your arms overhead. Raise and lower your shoulders a couple of times. Stretch your legs as you lean your torso against a wall. Stretching can help improve your circulation and flexibility, and may help ease the tight muscles that come with stress.
5. **Prioritize.**  
Give yourself permission to admit that you can't do everything, all at once. Instead, you can nibble away at your to-do list, and feel more satisfied, by setting some priorities. So make a list, figure out what really matters, what can wait, and what you can skip. Bit by bit, you'll get there!
6. **Keep a gratitude diary.**  
Take a minute every day to write down what you're thankful for -- big or small. It's easy to vent about weather, traffic, or job woes, but complaining brings negative energy along with it. Being thankful for what you have can make you appreciate all the positives in your life.



# HOPE for Offenders

## at New Castle Correctional Facility

Written by Thelma Nornes, New Castle Correctional Facility



The inception of the H.O.P.E. Program began in January of 2011 when it was realized that over 300 offenders in the general population had serious mental health codes. Unit Manager Thelma Nornes, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer French, along with Mental Health professionals Dr. Ruth Reeves and Mental Health Professional Kristin Johnson at the facility worked together on the program, which has become known as H.O.P.E.

### WHAT IS H.O.P.E.?

H.O.P.E. stands for Holistic Oriented Progressive Environment. The H.O.P.E. program is currently located in J Unit and is restricted to one pod. Offenders who have difficulty adjusting to life in general population and who are coded as Mental Health offenders are evaluated by Mental Health staff at the facility. Upon their recommendation, Unit Team staff further evaluates the appropriateness of the offender for placement in the H.O.P.E. unit. Offenders who display the greatest need are then transferred to the H.O.P.E. unit.

The H.O.P.E. units currently house 52 offenders of which 21 are program aides, who are above average offenders with no conduct history, have at least a GED/high school diploma, and

have been trained through curriculum borrowed from Manchester University. The program aides work with participants through in pod programming such as arts and crafts, effective communication, H.O.P.E. and forgiveness, personal finances, tutoring, one-on-one discussion, group discussions, current events, and facility life.

Mental Health staff meets with participants three times per week for groups such as Boundaries, Anger Management, and Dialectic Behavior Therapy. Another program introduced for H.O.P.E. participants this year was Living with Chronic Illness, which was received with great success. The purpose of these interactions is to build skills which will enable H.O.P.E. participants to succeed in life.

H.O.P.E. participants have contributed to their community through the donation of paper flower arrangements (which were used as centerpieces during a community advisory board meeting), handcrafted Mother's Day cards which were placed in the Visiting Room for use by general population offenders for their loved ones on Mother's Day, Flag Cases made from craft sticks for a Veteran's Day ceremony, and a miniature wooden motorcycle which was donated to the Christian Motorcycle Association. The H.O.P.E. participants also devised a Soap Box Derby track made from cardboard and cars made from craft sticks and one battery for weight. Over the 4th of July holiday, the races were on! The participants are working with their aides and recreation staff to challenge the general population next year!

The goal of the H.O.P.E program is to gradually advance participants through the program in accordance with their individual accomplishments and skill levels. Currently, plans are in place to expand the program into an additional pod over the next month as there are more recommendations for placement than rooms in the current pod. Expectations are that the H.O.P.E. Program eventually will expand to include all of J Unit.

The past twenty-one months have proven to be successful and have given H.O.P.E. to offenders who were experiencing difficulty integrating into general population.

On August 3, 2010, Chaplain Donald Bowen and Mr. Garry Ross, Community Liaison for the Facility, were honored by the Clayton County Sheriff's Office for their continuous support of the Teens Initiating Change Program in a ceremony held at the Clayton County International Park.

Some of the teens who are enrolled in the program are there because they have been ordered to attend by the courts. Others attend voluntarily because they have a desire to improve themselves and their circumstances and enjoy the learning environment.

Over the past four years, our volunteers have served as guest speakers and counselors for these teens going

## R.A.D.D.F. Touch Lives

Written by Garry A. Ross  
Robert A. Deyton Detention Facility



through difficult times. Mr. Ross and Chaplain Bowen both expressed that they felt privileged to be allowed to play a role in these young lives, have witnessed the positive impact it has had, and urge others to volunteer in their communities for tomorrow's change is the result of the work done today.



## GTI Driver Training Certification Course

Written By Peter Provencher, GTI

GEO Transportation Inc. (GTI) held its 8th Driver Trainer Certification Course on August 26th through August 31st at the Robert A. Deyton Facility. The purpose of this training was to provide a select group of drivers from across the Nation with extensive classroom and hands on driving instruction. Student drivers included participants from GTI, and for the first time GEO Care and BI. Upon successful completion of this course, students return to their facilities as certified Driver Trainers.

### THE GOAL

While keeping the highest standards in mind, GTI staff came together to develop a course that would not only challenge the attendees, but also develop them professionally. The goal for the training was to promote driving safety and awareness while maintaining the highest standards of transportation operations with service second to none. As a direct result of this training, wardens and facility administrators are afforded the assurance of knowing their transportation missions are being conducted in a safe and secure professional manner.

This year, for the first time, this training was provided internally with in-house

following facilities: Robert A. Deyton Detention Facility, Joe Corley Detention Facility, Queens Detention Facility, Northwest Detention Center, Broward Transition Center and Karnes Civil Detention Center. Additionally, Corporate Managers provided presentations on defensive driving, vehicle maintenance and electronic vehicle tracking. Warden Ralph Cherry and Transportation Manager Alex Satcher graciously hosted this event and provided an excellent learning atmosphere for all attendees.

### RECAP OF EVENTS

Special Guest Speaker, Eastern Regional Director of Operations Ernie Dixon engaged the class on security issues and promoted safety and security practices during transportation missions. Mr. Dixon stated "that transportation is a vital mission for our company and that we had to always remain vigilant and aware of our surroundings."

A team building exercise was coordinated in conjunction with the United States Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. Deputy U.S. Marshal Victor Yearwood presented a block of instruction on proper search techniques and application of restraints. GTI Instructors Patrick Marion and Ralph

Burnside taught a hands on weapon retention class to the entire group.

Afterwards, all students were able to train in a Virtual Firearms Simulator which teaches an officer important survival techniques in potentially deadly scenarios by presenting the officers with shoot/no shoot scenarios. Each student was given the opportunity to test their skills in a hypothetical and varied interactive armed confrontation scenario. The USMS instructors were able to alter the subject response based on the verbal commands of each student.

As stated by GTI VP Ed Stubbs, "There is no higher trust that can be bestowed on each of us than to safeguard the public, our fellow staff and the detainees in our daily operations."

This has been another extraordinary year in the prisoner/detainee transportation field. Since GTI's inception, we have driven over fifteen million miles and transported nearly one million prisoners/detainees without an escape. No other private transport company can boast such success. These results are a direct reflection of our company's management team and the dedication of our transportation officers.

GEO is indeed the world leader in detention and residential treatment services and GTI is proud to execute their transportation mission at the high standard expected by our CEO and Founder Dr. George Zoley.



# Their Acts of Valor

Written By Nicole Allen,  
Western Region  
Detention  
Facility



This has been a red-letter year for WRDF's transportation unit. Few outside of this department are aware of their day to day operation and what it entails to be a member of the transportation team. However, once in a while, an event happens that allows us to get a snapshot of the obstacles they encounter while on the road.

On September 12th, 2012 while enroute to the United States Federal Building, Transport Officers Louis Vizcarra and Stephen McIntyre observed a male trying to set wooden pallets on fire in a secured area of the sally port. Officer Vizcarra immediately began honking the horn of the vehicle and yelled out verbal commands for the male to get down on the ground. Officer McIntyre exited the vehicle and took control of the man, pinning him on the wall until a federal security officer arrived.

Once the individual was restrained, Vizcarra and McIntyre extinguished the fire and returned to normal duties. Officer Vizcarra and McIntyre were unaware that the male they stopped was a suspected serial arsonist responsible for setting several fires in the San Diego area.

*"Had it not been for the officer's quick actions, the fire could have cost the State millions of dollars."*

This act of valor was not the only heroic incident the transport team had been involved in. Earlier in the year, while en route to pick up inmates from the Imperial County Jail, two transport teams came across a burning car in the middle of the street. While Officer Quesada called 911, Officer Ramirez grabbed the fire extinguisher and began to extinguish the engine fire of the vehicle. Officer Austin ran to the car to see if the occupants were

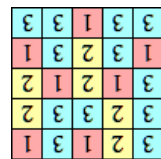
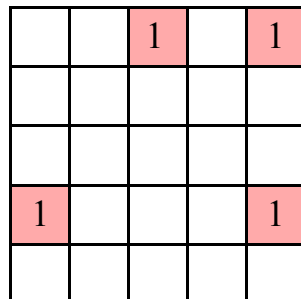
still in it. Fortunately, they found them at the side of the road, shaken but alive. The vehicle was not only engulfed in flames but the brush around the vehicle had also caught fire. This simple act is well worth mentioning as California is home to some of the deadliest wildfires

in the country. Had it not been for the officer's quick actions, the fire could have cost the State millions of dollars. Both of these incidents could have turned out differently had it not been for WRDF's Transport Teams' heroic deeds.

Please join us in congratulating our transportation teams throughout the company for the excellent job they do.

## 123 Puzzle

Put a 1, 2, or 3 in every blank square. Each number indicates how many squares are part of the horizontally and vertically adjacent group with the same number. That is, groups of 1's, 2's and 3's contain exactly 1, 2, and 3 squares respectively. All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2010*.



Answer:

## The GEO Group's National Recruitment Team is

# Built to Hire!



Written By  
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Corporate

Not only does the National Recruitment team recruit for GEO facilities nationwide, they also give back to the community and help build houses! In June, the group worked together on a house being built by Habitat for Humanity in Boynton Beach, Florida. Inspired by Suzanne Pelletier of BI, Inc. The ladies worked on the finishing touches by painting and prepping the

outside of a two bedroom, two bath home which was being built for a single mother and her two children.

The team met and worked alongside the family that will be calling this house their home. The experience was extremely special, personally rewarding, and it helped build camaraderie and team spirit.

You can volunteer locally in your community too! Just four hours is required to commit to this wonderful cause. Consider recruiting your department out to the community to volunteer for Habitat, or any other wonderful local organization near your home.

## GEO Remembers Barbara Cox

Written By  
Steve Fuller and Gina Larsen,  
Corporate



Pictured: (L to R):  
Steve Fuller, Deb Brubaker, Michael McCarthy, Brian Cox, Penny Goble, Dr. George Zoley, and Robert Cox

The GEO Group World Headquarters lost a special member of its team in 2012. Some of you might have spoken to Barbara (Barb) Cox on the phone when you called Corporate. She passed away in January, after five years with GEO.

To honor Barb, GEO partnered with the American Heart Association for its Annual Heart Walk. The GEO Foundation family donated \$5,000 to the American Heart Association in her memory. We also raised over \$1,000 at fundraisers and through donations for the AHA in Barb's name.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabbit Ear Run Combines with Community



Written By Rebecca Hatch,  
Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility

The Rabbit Ear Run—Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility's biggest annual scholarship fundraiser—teamed up with the community themed "Old West Days" to draw the biggest crowd to date.

The poker run, held in Clayton on August 18, 2012, drew over 60 active participants; both motorcycles and cars, riding a 200 mile route that included some of the best scenery in three different states. Throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma the participants acquired their poker hand through games of chance and skill, which were strategically located at each of the five stops.

The local museum also sponsors an event that promotes the old west days with community events such as street gunfights, the football team coordinating a dunking booth, a water house for the kids, and vendors of different sorts.

After all the fun that was had during the day, the evening brought a steak dinner, free dance and live band, along with the annual poker tournament. The event was enjoyed by all and continues to be the largest fundraiser the facility promotes to supplement the college scholarships awarded every year. The facility and museum staff were thrilled at the result of combining the two events and hope to coordinate both functions together in the future. In a small town, big events are always welcome.

**Photos:(Top to Bottom):** Warden Tim Hatch leads the efforts in organization and participation. Children enjoying the train ride. Case managers Nona Collins and Angela Lucero in Kenton, Oklahoma manning the bean bag toss.



## GEO Fit-for-Life

Written By Susan Napolitano and Louise Williams, Corporate



In the first season of the GEO Biggest Loser contest, 803 employee contestants hit the ground running. These contestants took steps towards a healthier lifestyle with our Biggest Loser Contest, which was extremely popular and generated an average weight loss of 10 pounds during a six month period! The winners will be announced soon.

*"The contestants generated an average weight loss of 10 pounds during a six month period."*

After a successful year with Healthyroads, we renewed our partnership and will again offer incentive awards. All employees are encouraged to join, and for those who are already registered, please note your account has been reset as of November 1, 2012. All employees enrolled in a GEO medical plan will be required to complete a new Personal Health Assessment on the Healthyroads website by June 30, 2013 for this new Plan Year. We hope you continue focusing on being GEOfit-for-life.

**Please visit [www.healthyroads.com](http://www.healthyroads.com) for more information.**



Photos: Grand opening of GEO's Corporate Gym. George Zoley does the honor of cutting the ribbon.

### 3 Steps To Get You Motivated To Move

WebMD.com

You know you should do it. And you know why: Exercising is critical for safeguarding your health and setting a good example for your kids. Here are three steps to get you moving in the right direction -- and keep you going.

#### 1 Stop Thinking of It as Exercise -- Do Something You Enjoy

If you think about it, you're surrounded by opportunities to get more active. Find the ones that you get excited about. You're more likely to keep doing them if you're having fun.

#### 2 Set Realistic Goals to Get Fit

CDC guidelines call for adults to do 2 1/2 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week. That's a 30-minute walk five days a week. If you kick it up a notch -- jogging or running, for example -- it can be 15 minutes a day, five days a week. You can aim for these exercise guidelines, but don't try to meet them at the

start. People lose their motivation to exercise when they try to do too much too soon.

#### 3 Bounce Back From Setbacks

You've set a reasonable fitness goal. Yet somehow you still didn't make it to the gym today as you had planned. Don't let that be your downfall. Knowing how to exercise isn't just a matter of learning how to use your body to hold a yoga pose or swing a racquet. It also involves learning how to use your mind to propel yourself into action and stick with a fitness routine.



## Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre's 1st Year Into The Contract

Written By Lisa Small, Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre



In September 2011, The GEO Group UK Limited took over the management of the contract at Dungavel House IRC. The first year has been a busy year and has included the development of many new initiatives and a number of very successful inspections and audits.

In previous years, Dungavel House had been acknowledged by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons as the best Immigration Removal Centre in the UK and this was a title that GEO wanted to retain. The unannounced follow up inspection of the Centre took place in July, and the staff and management team were keen to demonstrate the continuous improvements and remain the best IRC in the UK as adjudged by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons. During the inspection it was acknowledged that the majority of recommendations had been achieved and whilst we are awaiting the publication of the report the staff are justifiably proud of the result of the inspection and the recognition their hard work has earned.

In terms of different inspections the Centre has also had two UKBA audits (monitoring compliance with the contract) and a number of Health, Safety and Environmental audits. Dungavel was awarded 96% for the British Safety Council Health & Safety Management Systems Audit – this was the highest ever score achieved by GEO. The Centre was also awarded a distinction in the British Safety Council International Safety Award and also achieved four stars

with the British Safety Council Environmental Systems Audit. The Centre also achieved the ISO9001 Quality Management Systems accreditation and is currently awaiting the results of the British Safety Council Sword of Honour application where the results will be published at the beginning of October 2012. The Health, Safety and Environmental function is led by Adam Burns, the HSQE Manager on site and supported by the corporate HSQE Manager, Paul Starkey – well done to both Adam and Paul for the excellent results in the audits and well done to the team at Dungavel.

The facilities team on site has also led and delivered a number of large scale projects on site whilst also completing additional qualifications funded by GEO. Well done to David Baird and his team for delivering the refurbished gatehouse, move of the detainee reception and the move and extension of the health care department on site. These have been large scale projects managed and delivered by the onsite facilities team; well done to everyone involved in these large pieces of work.

As you can see, it has been a busy and successful first year for The GEO Group delivering the contract at Dungavel, and we would like to say thank you and well done to the staff involved.

**Photo: Dungavel House IRC – staff displaying the International Safety Award.**

Parklea Correctional Centre in Australia has continued its support for the Blacktown PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Clubs) by playing a major role in the Doing Time For Kids campaign. This year's campaign saw a makeshift 'prison cell' erected at the Centro Seven Hills shopping centre. The cell's 'inmates' called on friends, work colleagues and passers-by to help bail them out by donating funds to the Blacktown PCYC.

New South Wales Opposition Leader John Robertson did some time behind bars as did Parklea Correctional Centre employees and others from the local community. Blacktown PCYC is one of more than 30 clubs in the state to be involved in the event with funds being used to help purchase new equipment.

## Parklea Personnel Do Time

Written By Maria Buckley, Parklea Correctional Centre

Photo: (L to R): Glenn Halliwell, Allison Lang and Joe Zaccheo help raise funds for Blacktown PCYC.



More than \$8,000 was raised for the Blacktown club with Parklea employees contributing a significant \$3,431. This follows a donation of \$410 from a Mother's Day raffle held at Parklea.

## Polyfest, A Great Success

Written By Haley Robertson, Junee Correctional Centre

This year the Polynesian Festival — or Polyfest — held at Junee Correctional Centre in Australia was one to be remembered. For the first time, staff participated in the festival along with inmates, singing songs and performing many traditional haka (dances).

The GEO Group Australia's executive general manager of operations Dom Karauria attended the celebration as an official guest and also participated in the day's activities. Polyfest is staged every year at Junee to allow all inmates from a Polynesian background to celebrate their cultural heritage. This year's event started with a 'traditional welcome to country' from Aboriginal elder Kath Withers;

then official guests, staff and inmates were treated to Polynesian songs and haka. Also making this year special was the fact that Dom Karauria allowed inmates and staff to use his Maori taiaha — a traditional spear-like weapon.

As a part of the celebrations, attendees were entertained by The Hill Song Church Band while enjoying a delicious banquet of traditional Polynesian food prepared by staff and inmates. Dom Karauria said he was proud of the efforts of both staff and inmates that created the foundation for an event that captured the spirit of Polynesian culture.

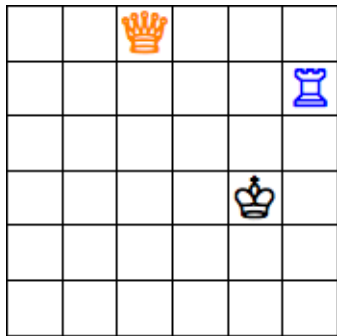


Photos: (L to R): Tolu Tulaga and Jermaine Tuua perform the Niuean haka, Inmate Steven performs the Maori wero (a welcoming ceremony challenge) with the Maori taiaha.

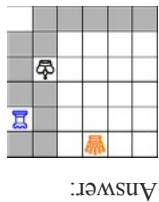




# Chess Snake Puzzles



Draw a snake that goes from the lower left square to the upper right square. The snake’s path moves horizontally or vertically, and does not touch itself, even diagonally. Each chess piece attacks the same number of segments of the snake. All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2010*.



# Flood Recovery Works

— Written By Regina Regulska, Fulham Correctional Centre —

Coming to the aid of landowners in the Fulham area that have been affected by natural disasters has become a regular routine for the community work crews from Fulham Correctional Centre.

Over the years, the services of the prisoners have been utilised following the aftermath of floods and fires. The most recent natural disaster left a number of local farmers devastated as they watched floodwaters once again inundate their properties, causing them much heartache and loss.

The community work crews which consist of a team of six men, have attended five of the affected properties on 12 occasions and provided over 430 man-hours of labour, clearing away the debris which the raging floodwaters deposited in paddocks and along boundary fences. More than a metre high wall of water, which had broken the river banks, had forced its way through the fields, bringing a variety of rubbish including tree branches, twigs and grass. Removing the rubble can be a time consuming exercise, particularly for those farmers who do not have the resources to hire extra workers.

This community assistance is just one of the many ways in which prisoners are able to achieve a form of reparation, and at the same time gain the satisfaction of seeing the difference their efforts can make.



# A Passion for the Past

Written By Ian Riley & Regina Regulska, Fulham Correctional Centre

Fulham Correctional Centre has shared in a local couple’s passion for vintage vehicles, by building them a horse-drawn funeral hearse.

Over the years, Ricky Fornaro and his wife Wendy have amassed a collection of pre-motorised vehicles that they use for tourist and commercial stagecoach journeys. Fulham Correctional Centre has been happy to assist them in their love of horse drawn transport, and over the past three years, prisoners working in the engineering and woodwork sections have constructed two custom-built vehicles for the couple.



The 12-month project provided prisoners with meaningful and rewarding activity, and upon completion, nine prisoners had gained accredited qualifications, three in Certificate II Engineering and six in Certificate II Cabinet Making and Furnishing.

Fulham’s Industry Manager Ian Riley pointed out that the project highlights the skills that prisoners have and attain whilst in prison. “The finished product is testament to the commitment of our training staff, the education provider and the prisoners themselves to the rehabilitation outcomes that Correctional Centres aim for.

Prisoners gain work skills, self-esteem and a sense of achievement whilst providing positive evidence to prospective employers in their quest for employment opportunities on release.”

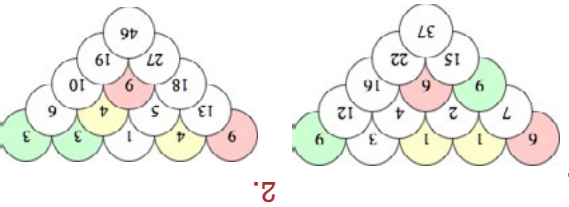
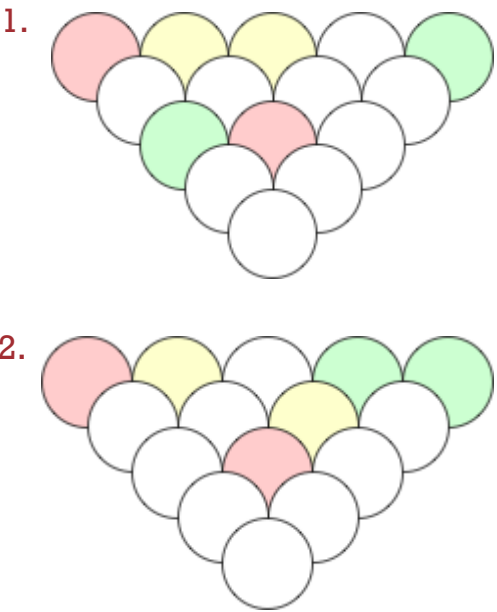
On taking delivery of the hearse, Rick and Wendy Fornaro were delighted with the quality and workmanship of the newest addition to their collection and were looking forward to the next project they could embark on utilising the prisoner workforce at Fulham Correctional Centre.

The first project, a replica of a 14 seater Cobb & Co Stagecoach, was completed in 2010 and now more recently, a funeral hearse. The current project was much more challenging as it started with just four wheels, two axles, a rusted turntable/steering mechanism and a book on stagecoaches that featured a section on funeral hearses.

Photo: A delighted Ricky Fornaro congratulates Industry Manager Ian Riley on the workmanship.

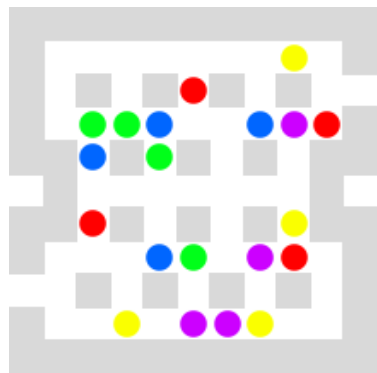
# Grape Puzzles

Put a positive number in each grape. Each number in the top row of grapes is a single digit. Each number not the top row is the sum of the numbers in the two grapes just above it. If two grapes contain the same number, they are colored the same color. All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2010*.



Answers:





## Birdwatching Puzzle

A birdwatcher wants to take a walk through her garden and see some of the wonderfully colored birds that frequent it. She likes to enter the garden on the left and exit on the right, not retracing any portion of her walk. And she likes to see the same number of every colored bird. Can you help her find the right route through her garden? All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2010*.

Written By  
Haley Robertson,  
Junee Correctional  
Centre

## Put Some Colour In Your Life

Junee Correctional Centre in Australia recently had the rare experience of welcoming a production crew into the prison to produce an episode of a television series. Colour in Your Life is a national television show that promotes arts and education. It has a big following amongst artistic prisoners at Junee, and the idea to produce an episode inside the correctional facility followed an approach from Paul, an inmate, to the centre's cultural advisor Gerome Brodin.



Photos: (Top to Bottom): Host of Colour in Your Life Graeme Stevenson, Junee Correctional Centre's Gerome Brodin and inmate Paul. One last lap before leaving the centre.

inmates. More than 20 budding artists from different cultural backgrounds and representing a range of prisoner classifications took part in the workshop — some were beginners wanting to learn more and others painted regularly as a hobby.

### PAINTING WORKSHOP

During the workshop, Graeme painted a spectacular watercolour on canvas and demonstrated different techniques with this medium. He was supported by fellow artists Manual Petavarakis from the Art Shed and Meile Bachelor of Meile Art.

The inmates appreciated the tips provided and were actively engaged, asking many questions during the workshop. Several prisoners expressed how good it felt to be part of something so positive at the centre. Paul said he received lots of positive comments from inmates that took part in the workshop and from others who have since watched the show.

Apart from being screened nationally in Australia, this episode of Colour in Your Life will be shown in New Zealand, France and China as well as on Virgin International Airlines. The support from the Junee community, GEO staff and inmates as well as the Colour in Your Life team made it a very worthwhile project.

### LET THE FILMING BEGIN!

After approval from former Corrective Services New South Wales commissioner Ron Woodham and many months of preparation, the Colour in Your Life production crew arrived on August 31st to begin filming. Not content with a low-key entry, host Graeme Stevenson and members of his crew rode into town and up to the gates of the correctional centre on motorcycles accompanied by several motorbike-riding Junee staff. When Graeme's bike struck mechanical problems on the way, he hitched a ride on a staff member's tricycle and led the posse up to the centre. It was a grand entrance, and they certainly made plenty of noise!

The local community was heavily involved in the activity from the outset through sponsorship and the staging of a 'Celebrity Paint Off' evening held in conjunction with the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. This event featured eight local 'celebrity artists' who started a painting that was then completed by an experienced artist. The paintings were auctioned and raised almost \$7,000 for the local Ronald McDonald House and Kids Cottage Appeal charities.

The following Saturday was spent filming in the correctional centre's Cultural Centre, which is also used as an art studio by



From left: Arthur Gorrie general manager Greg Howden celebrates with The GEO Group Australia managing director Pieter Bezuidenhout.

Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre in Brisbane, Australia, celebrated 20 years of operation on 1 July 2012. The GEO Group Australia hosted a special function to recognise the milestone on the evening of 30 June with more than 200 current and past employees and partners attending. Among the special guests at the function were 18 staff members who have worked at the centre for two decades.

## Celebrating Years 20

Written By  
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Arthur Gorrie  
Correctional Centre

Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre was commissioned in 1992 as a 380-bed remand centre. It was initially intended to be state-managed; however, a decision was made to outsource the facility and Arthur Gorrie became Queensland's second privately run prison (the first was Borallon in 1988).

The centre has undergone a number of significant changes over the 20 years, including the construction of new cell blocks in 1996, 2002 and 2008 that increased capacity by a combined 410 beds. Arthur Gorrie opened with about 200 staff, and today that number has grown to more than 400 in-line with the increase in prison capacity.

In recent times, Arthur Gorrie has been recognised by the Queensland Government for its environmental programs and its innovative inmate support programs. The centre has established strong community partnerships and some of the organisations it is actively involved with include the RSPCA, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Australia Zoo, Carleton Industries and Goodna Special School.

The 18 staff acknowledged for 20 years of service at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre were David Fish, John (Jack) Jarvis, Felipe Beltran, Danny Brown, Peter Buckle, David Dundon, Clive Hilton, Darren Jameson, Alan McLaren, Alan Robinson, Bradley Woods, Brian Kennedy, Leonard Lackey, Avril Vanderkamp, YK Chong, Julie Richardson, Bradley Jensen and Reneti Potaka.

## Timber Toys Putting Smiles on Young Faces

Written By Tammi Levine,  
Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre

Prisoners at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre have been busy constructing high quality toys and children's furniture from scraps of timber.

The products have been donated to Inala Child Safety Service Centre. Child safety service centres are located in communities throughout Queensland and provide support and a range of services to children, young people, families and caregivers to ensure children's safety and wellbeing. Arthur Gorrie is also exploring opportunities to provide toys to other local organisations, including hospitals and kindergartens, as well as to overseas orphanages.

In addition to putting smiles on lots of young faces the woodworking activity is providing employment for prisoners and teaching them specific woodworking skills that can be utilised once they are released.





# More Than Just a Donation

Written By Regina Regulska,  
Fulham Correctional Centre

The handywork of prisoners from the Fulham Correctional Centre is making a difference to patients, staff and visitors at Central Gippsland Health Services (CGHS).

When Management was made aware of the need to replace the existing plastic tables and chairs that would often get blown around in blustery weather, the services of eight prisoners undertaking studies in Certificate II Woodwork Furnishings at the Centre's industries workshops were utilised.

Six sets of wooden picnic tables and benches were manufactured to CGHS specifications and the solid structures now take pride of place in the hospital's courtyard where everyone can comfortably enjoy the peaceful surrounds of the gardens.

Fulham's industries manager Ian Riley said the prisoners responded better to on the job training than being inside a classroom. "It's more than just a donation, it's a link and



a partnership, and it is something that we can be confident that we're helping a wide range of the community", he added.

The hospital's Chief Executive Officer Frank Evans thanked the Centre for its continuing support, stating that the donation had saved CGHS thousands of dollars. Mr. Evans added that CGHS had a good relationship with Fulham, often allowing prisoners to undertake placement at the hospital. Over the years, Fulham has sent out community work crews to various CGHS buildings to carry out painting and other maintenance works. The donation was acknowledged at a special barbecue lunch held to celebrate the official handover.

Photo: (L to R) : FCC Industry Manager Ian Riley, General Manager Troy Ittensohn, CGHS Food Services Officer Linda Munnings, CGHS Food Services Manager David Askew, CEO Frank Evans

# Community Work Crew Assists Historic Township

Written By Regina Regulska,  
Fulham Correctional Centre



Photos: ( Top to Bottom): The commencement of the fence. Still a long way to go! Graves in need of some attention.

The peaceful and picturesque township of Walhalla which is located in the Baw Baw Ranges about an hour and half's drive from Fulham Correctional Centre is a popular destination for locals and tourists.

In the late 19th century, Walhalla was the heart of one of the world's most vibrant gold mining districts with a population of around 2,500 residents at its peak period. The decline in the mining industry saw it become a ghost town for much of the 20th century until the growth of the tourist industry in the 1970's and 80's. Today there are only around 20 permanent residents.

Among the township's famous visitors was Patrick Swayze, who during his youth enjoyed exploring the countryside and the local history. Fulham's connection with the township first began in 2010 and since then the community work crew has provided many hours of much needed assistance in maintaining facilities and grounds.

The local hillside cemetery is the work crew's most recent project in the township. The site was vastly overgrown, and what remained of the fencing, was dilapidated. The rough terrain and the steep location also posed some challenges; however, the fine efforts of the work crew, under the watchful eye and guidance of their supervisor, soon became evident to all.

With the ongoing help of Fulham's community work crew, the historic mountain township will continue to be a major drawcard for the region's tourism industry.

## Makhado Care Group Gets

## Financial Injection From Kutama Sinthumule Correctional

Written  
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Correctional  
Centre



Kutama Sinthumule Correctional Centre has donated R50,000 to the Makhado Care Group, an organization which cares for cancer patients and cancer sufferers in and around the town of Makhado (Louis Trichardt), South Africa.

The Makhado Care Group is a multi-racial initiative which operates from the Prognos Medical Centre. Prison Director, Mr. Lazarus Ncongwane, says that KSCC is proud to be associated with the institution and hopes that the relationship would become more fruitful in the assistance of those who are desperately in need of support.

Dr. Casper Venter at the Prognos Medical Centre welcomed the donation from Kutama Sinthumule Correctional Centre on behalf of all the Board Members. According to Dr. Venter, the donated funds will go a long way in helping cancer sufferers who are at times left desolate during their illness.

In a bid to raise funds for the Care Group, Dr. Venter completed the gruelling and epic Freedom Challenge during June and July this year. Of the almost fifty mountainbikers who entered, nineteen

withdrew before completing the 2,300 kilometre race which started in Pietermaritzburg in Kwa-zulu Natal and ended in Diemersfontein near Wellington in the Western Cape.

The Freedom Challenge is described as 'one of the world's toughest endurance events where competitors have to find their way through valleys, cross rivers and conquer several mountains to eventually finish.' No modern navigation equipment such as GPS devices is allowed and the competitors have to make use of maps to help them find their way from one overnight point to the next. This year the competitors had to deal with extreme weather conditions like snow and rain and at times the temperature dropped well below freezing point.

## COMPANY'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Prison Director Mr. Lazarus Ncongwane emphasised that what drove this effort was the company's social responsibility to plough back into the community by means of donating in any manner they could, in order to sustain their belief of contributing in nation building. "Nation building starts at a small-rate community level," said Mr. Ncongwane. "We do our business in this town, so helping where we can is the right thing to do. It also uplifts our spirits as a company."

The Prison Director added that the company had previously assisted other charity organisations, such as schools for people with special needs and some of the struggling charity organizations in the area. But, as for this year, the company felt that the Makhado Care Group deserved a helping hand because of the nature of their life-saving work.

An amount of R74,662 was raised during the facility's annual Golf Day earlier this year. The event's purpose is to raise funds which will then be distributed to charitable organisations in and around the town.

## One Of Each Puzzle

Find a loop through some of the numbers that moves horizontally and vertically so that the loop contains one of each number. All puzzles have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright Erich Friedman, 2010.

1	7	5	2
4	5	7	1
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6	3	2	4

4	2	3	6
3	8	6	8
1	5	7	4
2	5	7	1

Answer:





Columbia Regional Care Center  
Receives

Written By Barbara Kurts,  
Columbia Regional Care Center

## NCCHC Program Of The Year Award

Mr. Jorge Dominicus, President of GEO Care, Inc., recently received the following great news from Mr. Edward A. Harrison, President of National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

### NCCHC STATE THEIR CONGRATULATIONS

“It is a great pleasure to inform you that the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, upon the recommendation of its Accreditation Committee, has selected the Columbia Regional Care Center to receive this year’s NCCHC Program of the Year Award for the skilled, long-term care it provides. This prestigious award is presented each year to only one facility selected from among the 500 prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities that participate in NCCHC’s nationwide accreditation program.”

Mr. Harrison further wrote, “The accreditation surveyors and committee were impressed with how your staff consistently demonstrated excellence in health service delivery and provided high quality patient care. Congratulations to you and your fine staff who have worked so hard to achieve and maintain NCCHC accreditation.” Mr. Dominicus said, “We are honored to be recognized as the Program of the Year by NCCHC. This accolade wouldn’t be possible without our dedicated employees who provide the highest quality care to our patients and their

commitment to service, excellence, and integrity.” The NCCHC Surveyors consisted of Dr. Russell Blair, Lead Surveyor; Dr. Rosemary Jackson, Medical Services; and Dr. Frederick Freeman, Mental Health Services. The group was accompanied by the Vice President of NCCHC, Dr. Scott Chavez, who served in an advisory capacity. These practitioners have many years of experience between them.

Areas covered under the standards were: Governance and Administration; Safety; Personnel and Training; Health Care Services and Support; Inmate Care and Treatment; Health Promotion; Special Needs and

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Steve Adwell



Services; Health Records; and Medical Legal Issues. Mr. Steve Adwell, CRCC Facility Administrator, said, “The preparation for the intense NCCHC survey included a very thorough policy review, a mock

NCCHC survey, countless facility rounds, compilation of folders and review binders for NCCHC standards, the willing participation of our employees and tremendous resources and assistance during the preparation from our GEO Care corporate office. We are so grateful for this tremendous achievement. I am so honored to receive for my team the congratulations of our peers, our customers, and others with whom we do business.”

The very unique nature of CRCC and the high level of difficulty of the patients, whether their needs were medical or behavioral, were referenced at the survey closeout. The large number of client agencies and the level of care exhibited by staff toward the patients were applauded.

Upon receiving this news, Mr. Manny Fernandez, Divisional Vice President, Residential Treatment Services, GEO Care, Inc., said, “It is indeed an honor for CRCC to be recognized by the NCCHC with this prestigious award. Although I am routinely exposed to the great work performed by all of our staff at this facility, it is most impressive that an organization such as the NCCHC was able to recognize that same greatness. This is truly well deserved.”

NCCHC will present the award to GEO Care, Inc. of South Carolina, Columbia Regional Care Center during the National Conference on Correctional Health Care in October.

## BI Stingers vs. Napa County Probation Softball Game

Written By  
Amanda Owens,  
BI Incorporated



Photo: The BI Stingers and Napa County Probation Department Softball Teams

The BI Napa Day Reporting Center (DRC) puts a lot of emphasis on participants becoming engaged in the community in a pro social setting. For the past year and a half, the Napa DRC has sponsored a softball team, the BI Stingers that plays in a recovery league. Participants are required to be clean and sober to play in the league. The team practices on Saturday mornings and plays against other recovery teams on Tuesday evenings. Implementation of the softball team has brought about great success. Clients are learning dedication, teamwork, the importance of sobriety, and are having an absolute blast while playing on the team.

On Tuesday, August 28th, the BI Stingers challenged the Napa County Probation Department to a game. This game was a great way for BI to connect with their customer and continue to support a healthy relationship. The Stingers took home the championship win after an awesome and fun game.

Congratulations BI Stingers. Keep up the great teamwork!

## BI Bikes to Work

Written By Alisa Jeffery, BI Incorporated



For almost 20 years, BI Incorporated has participated in the Denver Regional Council of Government Bike to Work Day. On July 27, 2012, 16 employees continued the tradition and rode their bikes to BI’s headquarters in Boulder.

The average ride was 11 miles; however, Don Barnes travelled the furthest by completing a 36 mile ride to work. On their ride in, participants could enjoy free coffee or breakfast stops provided by local businesses along their routes. BI was pleased to have so many employees participate again this year, and because this is a nationwide event, Steve Young, who coordinated Bike to Work day this year, has floated the idea of an inter-GEO challenge next year. Any takers?

BI Bike to Work  
Celebratory Photo—  
(L-R) Joe Newell, Paul  
Chyc, Cady Brooks,  
Laura Dickson, Leslie  
Stinson, Steve Young,  
Don Barnes, Yvette  
Reyes, Alisa Jeffery,  
Daniela Ivey, Shirley  
Tanaka, Mollyrose  
Graves



# FCCC Staff Volunteer

*in the DeSoto County Community*

Written By Samantha J. Rhymes, Florida Civil Commitment Center



There are great demands and challenges in working with the sexually violent predator population at the Florida Civil Commitment Center in Arcadia, Florida. Yet, many staff still find the energy and time to volunteer in the community by coaching the high school football team, working with youth at their church or supporting a local not-for-profit organization. No matter what the volunteer activity, FCCC staff extends their GEO work passion within the facility walls to volunteerism in the community.

Brandon Jacobson, Warehouse Clerk; Marita Coetzee, Psychiatrist; Brandon Windsor, Custody Technician; and Tim Budz, Facility Administrator are all on the Board of Directors of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Arcadia Lodge 1524. They donate their talents to support local veteran organizations and youth programs. It is not uncommon to see Jacobson at the Lodge after his work day completing food inventory and planning special events.

Left Photo: FCCC employees prepare for an Elks Lodge flag day ceremony: (L to R): Brandon Jacobson, Esteemed Leading Knight; Marita Coetzee, Chaplain; Brandon Windsor, Tiler and Tim Budz, Lodge Esquire.

Right Photo: Staff from health services, clinical, security and human resources departments pose in front of the FCCC “award winning” float before the Arcadia Independence Day parade

Windsor is at the Elks Lodge three to four mornings each week before his evening work shift. He is responsible for the social quarters and accepting deliveries from vendors.

FCCC through the GEO Foundation recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund of the Florida State Elks Association. The trust fund supports the two major projects of the Florida Elks. This includes the 385 acre youth camp in Umatilla, Florida and the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services.

The goal of the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services is to provide in-home Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy to Florida Children that do not have access to these services. Facility Administrator Tim Budz states that, “Over 20 Physical and Occupational Therapists can provide these services, due in part, to the GEO Foundation contribution and volunteer efforts of FCCC staff in the local Elks Lodge.”

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The Elks sponsored the Independence Day parade through downtown Arcadia on July 4th. Over 40 FCCC staff contributed countless volunteer hours to design and build the FCCC float in the parade. Their efforts were rewarded when the FCCC float was chosen by a panel of judges as “First in Business Class” for the entire parade.

FCCC staff makes a meaningful difference through their volunteer work in the community. Jacobson sums it up best when he says, “I love that GEO really cares about the community that it is in and the Elks are a great organization to volunteer. There is nothing better than to work for a company that cares for their community as much as they care for the employees.”

In August, the Sonoma BI team and clients had its client BBQ. Clients came to the facility throughout day and enjoyed talking with staff, eating, playing games and talking with probation officers. Clients and staff were able to play catch, ping pong, and clients took part in a water balloon fight. Clients were able to see staff and their probation officer in a different way. Clients have shared with staff that they had a lot of fun and appreciated all the efforts staff did for the day to happen.



# Sonoma’s First Client and Probation BBQ

Written By Kelly Lazzaretto, Sonoma County DRC

# Change... Keeping it Real

## BI Mentors Address At-risk Juveniles

Written By Chris Castañeda, Stockton DRC

On July 18th, 2012, Parolees/BI Mentors Michael Evans and Robert Mosqueda gave a heartfelt testimony to at risk teens at Harrison Homes, Inc. in Stockton, CA.

Michael Evans and Robert Mosqueda demonstrated raw emotion as they voiced their life story to a room full of adolescent youths at Harrison Homes. The young men were very receptive to Mr. Evans and Mr. Mosqueda as they openly recalled the misery of gang affiliation and drug abuse in their lives. The BI Mentors candidly shared their life experiences in prison and described the moment it became clear to them that living a criminal life was not the right way to live.

During the presentation, a few tears were shed by the residents over the motivational speeches given by both BI Mentors. The feedback from Harrison Homes staff was positive and



BI Mentors: (L) Michael Evans and (R) Robert Mosqueda address at-risk juveniles

inspirational, and the staff has requested that the Bars-to-Bread BI Mentors return on a regular monthly basis to address the at-risk juvenile residents. Both BI Mentors shared with the DRC staff that the experience was very rewarding as well as emotional for them as well, and expressed their eagerness to return and continue to participate in making a difference in the lives of an at-risk generation.

Harrison Homes, is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1987 and licensed by the State of California to serve up to 24 male residents, 13-17 years of age. The program is an RCL 9, for 602 adjudicated residents. The organization is dedicated to therapeutically facilitating adolescents in their transition toward productive adulthood.

# Battle of the Bay Oakland vs. San Francisco

Written By Mark Gambala, Oakland Center

On August 25, 2012, GEO Care staff, their family members and management from Northern California Community Correctional Facilities gathered in the Presidio of San Francisco for a day of fun in the sun. This date marks the Second Annual Bay Area softball invitational.

Initially, this event was designated for a “Battle of the Bay” between the Oakland and San Francisco Residential Re-entry Centers. However, as the GEO Care family has grown, so too has our invitational. Included this year were a multitude of Day Reporting Centers throughout Northern and Central California. From Monterey to the Central Valley all the way to Napa California and all points in between, GEO Care staff arrived to participate in this annual event. Staff, family, and friends who had an interest, participated in the soft ball game between the Oakland Center and Taylor Street (The San Francisco RRC) on a one of a kind field with spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco Bay.



Without a doubt this was an effective way to demonstrate appreciation for the efforts of our hard working staff in the presence of their friends and family members and promote GEO Fit-For-Life.

In addition, this event ignited a healthy competition amongst and between the RRC’s and DRC’s throughout Northern California and is expected to grow next year into a multiple team softball-tournament. This effort was promoted and endorsed by Area Manager Rodney Quinn, RRC Facility Directors Maria Richard of San Francisco and Matthew Lange of the Oakland Center, all of whom were present to acknowledge the efforts of staff. Congratulations to the Oakland Center for their victory in the “Battle of the Bay” for the second consecutive year!



# Abraxas Leadership Development Program partners with the American Cancer Society In The Fight Against Breast Cancer

Written By Shane Sloat, Leadership Development Program, South Mountain, PA

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer, excluding skin cancer, among women. The CDC estimates that approximately 210,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer on an annual basis and although not the leading cause of death among women (5th leading), approximately 40,000 women lose their life annually due to breast cancer. Early detection through mammograms is necessary in fighting the effects of this disease and beginning at the age of 40, women are encouraged to begin to have a mammogram every one to two years.

## PARTNERING UP

Since September of 2008, staff at the Abraxas Leadership Development Program (LDP) have partnered with the “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” organization to raise donations, educate clients, and support the fight against breast cancer. This cause was presented after Brenda Hamby, who works as a Medical Assistant at LDP, saw a television ad for the organization and decided that



Since 2008, over \$3,000.00 has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society

facility, the initiative has grown immensely over the last several years. Every October, Brenda Hamby and her committee re-emphasize their passion towards this cause when they begin wearing pink shirts to promote awareness and support. Over the years, various activities and fundraising efforts for “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” have been conducted and overtime have increased in magnitude and support.

This has been accomplished through sponsors for the walk-a-thons that are routinely held, annual yard sales staffed by the clients and committee members, pink ribbon sales, gift basket sales, bake sales with pink cupcakes and a pink tie-dye activity. Most notably however, has been the annual pink shirt sale that started with just a few staff at LDP. Ms. Hamby has extended her efforts for the cause by gaining support from various other Abraxas facilities in the Youth Services Division.

The Abraxas Academy in Morgantown, Abraxas I in Marienville, Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center in Colorado and the Erie Abraxas Programs have all joined the cause by wearing pink shirts and donating to the annual cause. Since 2008, over \$3,000.00 has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the participants and hundreds of shirts have been sold and worn at numerous Abraxas programs throughout the month of October. The team’s goal for 2012 is to raise an additional \$3,000.00 to donate to the American Cancer Society at a presentation held annually that Ms. Hamby and her crew attend in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

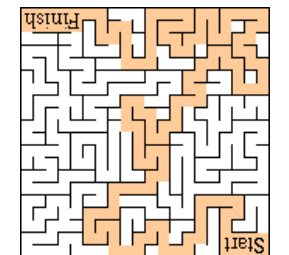
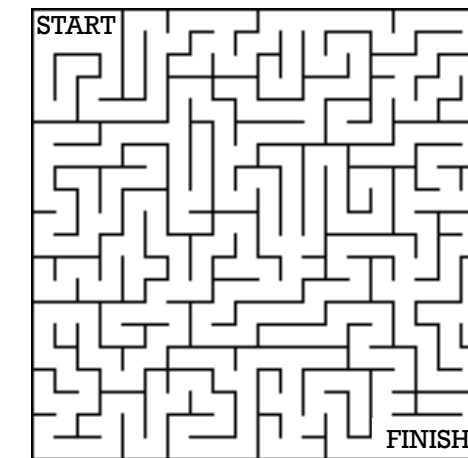
Every year since its inception, this effort has continued to grow and over the years, more and more people have made a personal connection to the cause. Ms. Hamby shares the story of an aunt who passed away of the disease over 20 years ago. One committee member is a personal survivor and serves as an

inspiration to the female clients at LDP. Ms. Hamby said, “By working together to teach our clients, we not only show support for all the individuals who suffer and fight, but we are also helping the American Cancer Society to find a cure.” As a result of this one effort, other LDP staff have found other causes for the facility and clients to support to create greater awareness. Some of the other initiatives have included H2O for Africa, Mosquito Netting for Third World Countries, Students against Drunk Driving, Fire Safety and Annual Smoke Detector Donations, Animal Shelter support, and No Text and Drive.

Together, the facility and the youth we serve have dedicated countless hours and efforts to creating a better community for all.

## Maze

All mazes have a unique solution. All puzzles copyright *Erich Friedman, 2002.*



Answer

## Giving A Helping Hand

Written By Gwen Henry, South Florida State Hospital

The Golden Eaglet insignia, was the highest award in Girl Scouts from 1916 to 1939, marking the beginning of a long tradition of recognizing the extraordinary efforts of extraordinary girls. From 1940 to 1963, the Curved Bar Award was the highest honor in Girl Scouting. From 1963 to 1980, the highest award was called First Class.



And since 1980, the Gold Award has inspired girls to find the greatness inside them and share their ideas and passions with their communities. Victoria Abreu is a junior from College Academy and a recipient of the Gold Award. She undertook a project that was aimed at improving self esteem, providing supplies for hygiene, and educational pamphlets on mental illness at South Florida State Hospital.

Victoria states, “I was inspired to do my Girl Scout Gold Award at South Florida State Hospital because a lot of people tend to focus on the homeless and cancer research. So, I thought that people that had mental disorders were an unsung group of people that needed help getting back on their feet after they were discharged from the hospital.”

Hygiene supplies are provided to all persons served after discharge. Each hygiene packet includes soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant, shampoo and lotion. In addition, each family member is able to receive a pamphlet from the “Family Member’s Board” from the National Institute of Mental Health which addresses Schizophrenia, Depression, Bipolar, Post Traumatic Stress

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Disorder, and other mental health disorders. The staff members and persons served at South Florida State Hospital are thankful for this gift of kindness. We look forward to becoming more actively involved with community projects such as this one. It’s with hope that this project will inspire other young women to learn more about mental illness.

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we at LDP could help by creating a greater awareness for a cancer that affects so many people within our organization. Shortly after presenting the idea, she put together a committee to develop initiatives and goals. In 2008, an education program for the clients in the program was established to create some social awareness for others. The highlight of the first year was the annual “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” walk in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in which 28 clients and 16 staff participated.

Although this was a significant step in helping promote social awareness in the





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