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Remember Our Troops

Maloney CTSD is Perfect

While it comes as no surprise to the staff of the Connecticut Department of Correction, the American Correctional Association has now confirmed that the Maloney Center for



Training and Staff Development is among the very best in the nation. That was the result of the recent, rigorous, re-accreditation process that the training facility went through which resulted in a perfect score of 100 percent compliance. "You are the elite of the elite," the inspectors told Maloney Director Sandra Sawicki after completion of the extensive process. The review covered all

aspects of the facility, from the physical plant and staff attitude, to the newly revised adult learning model with mentoring support.

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Bring Your Child to Work

A common show business rule is that you "don't work with animals or children". That advice was ignored on the last Thursday in April as DOC staff and millions nationwide braved the event that has become known as "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." At Central Office, activities were held throughout the day both to entertain and educate.

Following a breakfast with the Deputy Commissioner's and other top brass, the kids could either have their photos taken with some K9 friends or attend one of several workshops.

Director Dave Batten gave the kids an idea of just how big the department is, while Counselor Supervisor Linda Kendrick (MYI) and Michael Bivens of the Affirmative Action Unit explained their respective duties.

As always, Rev. James Cook combined some valuable lessons about diversity, while making it fun. The kids were able to create their own power point presentation following some interesting interaction among the group.

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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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Café 24, kept the kid's energy level up during all the activities by making sure everyone got their fill of Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and other goodies. The day concluded with the K9 demonstration held in the parking lot.

The kids were all well behaved and appeared to enjoy the day. But, the people on their best behavior were the moms and dads who had to make sure that when the kids got home, they told everyone how hard it was to work at the DOC.



Pictured Above L-R: R'Ryana Decordova, Kelsey Conchado and Daniella Sanzo

From a Child's Perspective

The following are excerpts of interviews conducted and written by R'Ryana Decordova, Kelsey Conchado and Daniella Sanzo, who participated in "Bring Your Child to Work Day."

We first would like to thank everyone who made this day possible. Since it was Daniella's first time coming she had a stupendous day. R'Ryana like last year came and also had a marvelous day. Kelsey, R'Ryana, and Daniella are friends so they had a blast.

Steven Whitehouse is a dog obedience trainer. He also does bite work and patrol all inmates with his dog. Whitehouse's dog Benny is 2.5 years old. Steven even talks to his dog in a high pitch so he knows what to do.

Bob Cosgrove is the Director of Management Information Systems. He directs 13 people who work for him in the technology unit. In that unit they are responsible for keeping all the computers working in the agency.

Brenda Abele is an important part of the building as she hires and promotes the people within the Department. In addition to this she also provides job career counseling and training. Mrs. Abele makes sure that she gets the job done and does it right but she doesn't just worry about herself she makes sure that everyone does their job right. So be nice and you may get a promotion.

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Officer Honored by BBBS

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Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, Connecticut's largest and best known mentoring organization, recently honored 6 adult mentors. They were recognized for making a significant contribution to advancing the mentoring concept over the course of the past year. The awards were presented as part of a ceremony held at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center in Wethersfield, on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Winners of Volunteer Recognition Awards were: Pauline Gould of Manchester, a volunteer at St. James School;



(L-R) C/O Betty Moody - Osborn CI, Little Sister Brandie, and Laura Green, Executive Director of Nutmeg BBBS

Paul Becker of West Hartford, president of Becker's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry; Agnes Quinones of Meriden, a consultant with the Connecticut Dept. of Education; Betty Moody of Bloomfield, a correction officer with the Connecticut Dept. of Correction; and Joanne Murgalo of Derby, assistant vice president/customer service manager at People's Bank.

Betty Moody, Correction Officer at Osborn CI, has twenty years of state service.

"I take my hat off to these extraordinary and heroic people," said Laura Green Executive Director of Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters. "Their concern and commitment has made the world of difference for children with great

potential and very few advantages. Without them we couldn't do all the good we're able to do."

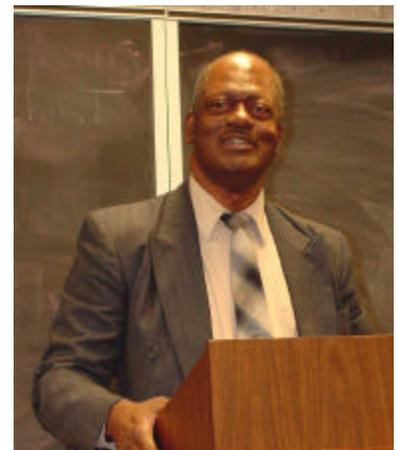
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters is an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Its mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and enable them to become responsible adults by creating one-to-one relationships between them and caring adult volunteers. Based in Hartford, Nutmeg has regional offices in Tolland, Middletown and Waterbury. The non-profit offers services to more than 2,000 youngsters in 111 of the state's 169 cities and towns. For more information visit the organization website www.nutmegbigbrothersbigsisters.com. Or, call Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters toll-free at 1-800-237-KIDS (5437).

Seeking Volunteers

The Disability Sports Association is seeking volunteers for an event scheduled on June 27 - July 11, 2005. Top athletes in the world with cerebral palsy or related disabilities will compete for the "World Champion" title in eight areas of competition. For additional info e-mail Greg Conway at: g.con.@cox.net.

Farewell to a Friend

Warden Choinski and the staff at Northern C.I. say goodbye to Reverend Raymond Sailor who retired on April 21, 2005. Reverend Sailor retired from the agency after 25 years of state service. He was a chaplain at Hartford CC for 10 years. He became a chaplain at Northern CI in 2000



Annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Luncheon

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(First Row) Dirmy Mack III, Tara McEwan, Jan Beauregard, Karen Boemer, Lorraine Harp, Heather Ziembra and Charlene Baskerville. (Back Row) Ed Alicia, Leroy Gary, Mary Dunn, Dennis Jones, Wayne James and Angela Elder.

The Department's Big Brothers Big Sisters Coordinators met recently for their quarterly meeting. In attendance was Dennis Jones, Director of Security, who continues to offer his support for this very important program.

If you've been thinking about becoming a Big Brother or Sister and would like to earn an extra week of vacation for each year you mentor a child, contact you coordinator listed below:

Ed Alicia	MYI	Walt Jackson	WCB
Gaetano Balsamo	OCI	Wayne James	CCI
Charlene Baskerville	CRCC	Andrea Knott	MCTSD
Jan Beauregard	CO	John Lepaoja	BCI
Norman Breed	CO	Jerry Levitan	CRCI
Thomas Conway	Brgn CI	Dirmy Mack	CCI
Greg Cyr	CTU	Maria Martinez	YCI
Mary Dunn	GCI	Tara McEwan	NCI
Angela Elder	WCI	Willie Mobley	BCC
Leroy Gay	McWCI	Betty Moody	OCI
Lorraine Harp	NHCC	Mary Reinhard-Caron	HCC
Tom Hine	OCI	Pat Sherill	GCI
Robin Hobson	OCI	Michelle Thereault	CRCC
Bunnie Holmberg	ECI	Sheila Thompson	CO

MVP's:

Anderson, Kevin	CFSSIII	BCC
Arszyala, Thomas	CO	BCC
Bancroft, Connie	Admin Asst	HCC
Bennett, John	CO	BCC
Badeau, Carl	CO	NCI
Bush, Kenneth	CS	NHCC
Butler, Denise	Lt	BCC
Charron, Donald	CC	MYI
Clapp, William	CO	NCI
Cloutier, Larry	CO	NCI
Coleman, John	Lt	BCC
Couture, Brian	CO	NCI
Daddona, Louis	GMO	BCC
Dale, Robert	CO	HCC
Danner, Raymond	CO	BCC
Ebron, Mike	CO	BCC
Falcone, Henry	Lt	BCC
Falls, Patricia	CO	BCC
Guerrera, Jason	CO	HCC
Hernandez, James	Lt	BCC
Hernandez, Pedro	CO	BCC
Jainchill, Lisa	CC	MYI
Lamoureau, Michael	CO	NCI
Landon, Jean	CC	HCC
Lewis, Kathy	Rec Spec	HCC
Lombardo, Michael	CC	HCC
Nones, Lourdes	CC	HCC
Perez, Robert	CO	HCC
Proctor, Christopher	CO	HCC
Ronan, Joseph	CO	BCC
Rucker, Timothy	Lt	BCC
Salls, Frank	CC	HCC
Salmon, Purdon	CO	BCC
Sansone, James	CO	BCC
Scarlett, Joyce	Sec II	HCC
Scott, Tracy	CO	BCC
Sweat, Rocco	Lt	NHCC
Tisdale, Cheryl	CO	BCC
Torres, Rebecca	Off Asst	HCC
Valenti, Kristine	CC	HCC
Velez, Gregorio	CO	HCC
Viera, Steven	CO	NCI
Wright, Joseph	CO	BCC
Young, Ronald	CO	NCI

Bring Your Child to Work, Cont'd

Nathan Lewis is a correction officer in the housing unit. Mr. Lewis is on the CERT team the CERT team is the team who responds to any riots within the building.

Maryann Normandeau has an interesting job. She sets up videoconferences. You can be at one place and the jury can see you. It makes it more safe and interesting to be looking at a person through a screen.

I hope you liked the article we have written today thank you for taking your time to read and we hope to see you all next year!



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(Above) Captain Dave Carroll demonstrates a training maneuver to a volunteer.



(Above) Reverend James Cook addressing a group of children on the importance of diversity.

Did you know?

Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by John Rogers who can be reached at 860- 692.7670. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.

I have spoken to several people who are spending significant sums of money restoring historic structures and been amazed to learn that neither they nor their design professionals know anything about tax incentives programs, which are available to help finance such undertakings. This paper is intended to help you determine how these programs may benefit you and how to apply.



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A Confidential Counseling Service

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Did you know?, Cont'd

Here is a summary of the programs available.

The programs being discussed all deal with the proposed rehabilitation of certified, historic structures or structures located in an established national or state historic district. The renovations must cost more than \$25,000 and affect the original volume of the structure. Site work, underground piping and additions are not eligible.

The National Park Service (NPS) offers credits equal to 20% of the cost to renovate income-producing properties. The Connecticut state program is targeted toward historic properties located within regional conservation or economic development areas and offers credits equal to 30% of the costs up to \$30,000 per dwelling, for up to 4 dwellings where one is a primary residence for at least five years.

How hard is it to conform to historic guidelines:

If the property is in a national historic district, your property is only subject to the Standards of the National Park Service, which primarily deal with the exterior of the building. For a full text, link to <http://www.chc.state.ct.us/taxAct-regs.htm>). However, if your property is in a state or local historic district, the work is also subject to the review by the committees created to monitor those districts and the particularities of the personalities of their members.

How are the credits used?

The NPS offers credits against your personal federal income tax liability. Starting with the year the property is placed in service, credits may be entered on your tax return of spread out over a maximum of five years.

The odd thing about the Connecticut program is that only a corporation doing business in Connecticut may use the credits. However, you may sell your credits to a clearinghouse like the Foss Company (978-823-0200) for \$.80 per dollar, which will resell the credits to a corporation for you. The good thing is that you may translate the credits into cash immediately.

More on the approval process:

The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCOC) handles the approval process for both the NPS program and as a state incentive program. The forms may be obtained from the CCOC State Preservation Officer, (860-566-3005). The forms require a general statement about the historic status of the property, photos of the existing building, preliminary plans of your proposed work and a cost estimate.

The CCOC will confirm the historic status of the property, evaluate the proposed renovations for conformance to the NPS standards, and then give you permission to proceed. When the work is complete, CCOC will inspect the property to verify that you did what you said you would do. You will then be issued tax vouchers, which you may either sell or attach to your federal tax return.

Like any application for a building permit, the officials reviewing your tax credit application will only act on your proposal as you present it, by either approving it or rejecting it. They will not be so kind as to actually tell you what you should do. For the inexperienced applicant the process may be a little like hit or miss. However, I hope this article helps.

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Congrats



Maureen Reilly , State School Department Head at Northern CI recently defended her dissertation and completed all the requirements to receive her doctorate from the University of Hartford. Maureen has been with the agency for eleven years. We applaud her on this notable accomplishment.

Around the cell block

South Africa - The Judicial Inspector of Prisons has called for lifting the ban on consensual sex in prisons.

New Jersey - A 19 year-old inmate at the Garden State Youth Facility is being tested for the possibility of leprosy.

Indiana - The state refused to delay the execution of an inmate who wanted to donate part of his liver to his sister.

Arkansas - A correction officer, fired for being a KKK Grand Dragon is suing claiming his rights to free speech and association were violated.

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Administrative Captain and
ACA Re-accreditation
Manager Daniel Murphy.

“ I could not be more proud of my staff, what they have accomplished, their hard work and how they have represented our agency,” a beaming Director Sawicki reported. One of the inspectors, from the Florida Department of Corrections, disclosed that despite being much larger than Connecticut’s correctional system, their training lags far behind what is provided at Maloney. The training academy first received national accreditation in 1999 and again exceeded the required standards winning renewal in 2002. The academy is set to welcome its latest correctional class, of more than 100 cadets in late June.

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June 10 - The Charlene Perkins Center Dedication Ceremony at York CI - 1:00p.m.

June 10 - Farewell Gathering in honor of Captain Todd Case Retirement at Chicago Sam’s- 95 Elm Street Enfield. The party begins at 4:00 p.m.

June 17 - Cheshire CI will host a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at Chili’s on Route 5 in Wallingford from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00pm. Special Olympics merchandise will be available to purchase. Please come support your fellow staff members and donate to this special cause.

Condolences Calender



Director Fred Levesque of Offender Classification & Population Management is saddened to announce the passing of Roy Humphrey. Mr. Humhrey is the father of Dental Hygenist Katy Bartholomew of Carl Robinson CI and Record Specialist Michelle Deveau of Central Records.



Warden David Strange and staff of Osborn CI are saddened by the passing of Norman “Pat” Ward, husband of secretary Leslie Ward of Osborn CI.

June 8 - Come and support your fellow staff and the Special Olympics at the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at Dunkin’ Donuts in Coventry from 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. All the proceeds will go towards the CT Special Olympics.

June 9 - The staff at Cheshire CI will host a Tip-A-Cop fund-raising event at Chili’s in Southington from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00pm. Special Olympics merchandise will also be available to purchase. Please come support your fellow staff members and donate to this special cause.

June 18 - Retirement Party in honor of Correction Officer Ismael Bolorin will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel on 50 Morgan Street in Hartford from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Hors d’orves, buffet dinner and entertainment are included. Cash Bar. For information or tickets call Officer Rivera or Sanabria of Willard-Cybulski at 860.763.6100.

July 1 - The “Just Us Group” from Cheshire CI invite you to join them for their Summer Breeze Dance Party at the Elks Lodge - 87 Webster Street in New Haven from 9 PM - 1AM. The cost is \$10 per person which includes food and music provided by Dave Chambers.