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Department  
of Correction



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# AT WORK



## Correctional Employee Week August 7-13, 2005

During this week it is my honor to pay tribute to you, the Connecticut correctional professional, who throughout the year insure our agency is the best in state government and a model throughout the country. No matter what the challenge, the demands that come our way or the time constraints imposed, I always have full confidence that the job at hand will be completed in a way that exceeds expectations. The public may not see what we do on a daily basis, but we can be proud that communities are safer because of your service to our citizens. At our Annual Awards Ceremony this week we will formally recognize the excellence of those who have gone above and beyond in their daily duties. I also hope you will enjoy the meal and activities that are offered at our facilities in appreciation of your endeavors. Every role in our agency is vital and serves as the foundation of our continued success. I am grateful for your dedication today and your commitment to the future.

With PRIDE,

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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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## Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2005 Appreciation Luncheon

In a room adorned with yellow smiley faces DOC employees who have fostered a special mentoring relationship with young people gathered to celebrate the success of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. A number of "Littles" joined their "Bigs" for the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Appreciation Luncheon on Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development. The theme for the event was "I'm Happy." Commissioner Theresa Lantz opened the ceremony by stressing the importance of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. "We are proud that our agency is able to provide the children within the State of Connecticut with so many valuable mentors," she said. Staff from the Department of Correction account for one fifth of all the state employees who are mentors within the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program."

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Commissioner Lantz added, "Research has shown that mentoring makes a huge difference for the youth it serves. Little Brothers and Little Sisters are 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 26% less likely to begin using alcohol, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip class, they are more confident in their schoolwork performance and are able to get along better with their families."

The keynote speaker for the event was the Reverend Hector Mendez, Religious Service Coordinator at Osborn CI. He began his talk with the following quote; "It is better to build a fence at the edge of a cliff than to build a hospital at the bottom." Reverend Mendez stresses that we must always try to teach our children by our actions and always be mindful of the fact that we never know how many people are really

watching us. We need to be the people that kids look to for guidance, hope and peace.

Staff were recognized and presented with certificates and tokens for their years of



(Above L-R) Officer Betty Moody(Osborn CI) speaks to Captain Heather Ziembra (Central Office) as her "Little" Ashley looks on.

The event was organized by Mary Dunn, BBBS Liaison for the agency, and her committee members, Ed Alicia (Manson YI), Charlene Baskerville (Corrigan-Radgowski CC), Jan Beauregard (Central Office), Angela Elder (Webster CI), and Lorraine Harp (New Haven CC).



(Above L-R) Director Dennis Jones, "Little" Joe , Commissioner Theresa Lantz and "Big" Officer Dan Gilloti (Webster CI).

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participation within the program. Betty Moody, Correction Officer at Osborn CI commented when she received her recognition. "It is rewarding to be able to share monumental events with her and it is an honor to be honored," she said Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters recognized Officer Moody in April as "Volunteer of the Year." Her "little" Brandie shared these words " I get to have fun with my Big Sister."

# QWL Committee Elects New Officers

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Warden Charles Lee and the staff of the Hartford Correctional Center recognized the newly elected leadership of the facility's Quality of Work Life Committee. Electrician Juan Gonzalez is the Chairman and Officer Dennis Jalbert is the Vice-Chairman of the QWL Committee. Major Scott Erfe is the administrative designee and oversees the committee.

Shown at a recent "International Luncheon" are QWL members (Left to Right) Lieutenant C. Bengston, Officer E. Sanchez, Major S. Erfe, Electrician J. Gonzalez, Officer R. Perez, and Officer R. Brisson.



## 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 Greg Fitzpatrick who can be reached at 860.692.7897. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860.692.7554.*



### DID YOU KNOW – Scrap tires are useful?

Waste tires are occasionally deposited on DOC property. This creates breeding grounds for potentially disease carrying mosquitoes, a sanctuary for vermin, and is an eyesore. It also requires that someone collect the tires and properly dispose of them.

Connecticut no longer permits the landfilling of waste tires. Most waste tires in Connecticut are burned in a dedicated tire-to-energy facility, Exeter Energy Limited in Sterling, Connecticut. In 2000, this facility consumed 10.13 million "tire equivalents," while it is estimated that Connecticut generates approximately 3.41 million waste tires per year (the additional tires come primarily from other New England states). The energy content of tires (by weight) is approximately equal to, and sometimes exceeds, that of coal. In addition to burning, some other uses of waste tires include:

- Road building material, chiefly as an additive or supplement to asphalt;
- Engineering applications such as lightweight fill to support road base material and as fill behind retaining walls; as drainage material in landfills and leachate systems in septic system design;
- Paving material to occupy the space between and around railroad tracks;
- As rubber matting for playground surfaces and in cow and horse barns;
- As surfacing for equestrian arenas;
- Retreading into usable tires.

At one time in Connecticut, a \$2.00 fee was added to the retail price of commonly used motor vehicle tires to help address tire disposal problems. This fee was repealed on July 1, 1997. Some retailers still add a waste handling surcharge to the price of new tires, but this is no longer required nor is it prohibited. Tire retailers are not required to accept waste tires when new tires are purchased, but most will.

Please help the Department and Connecticut by properly disposing of waste tires, as well as all waste. If you happen to notice discarded tires on Department property, in an effort to reduce breeding grounds for disease carrying mosquitoes and vermin, please take the tires to a vehicle maintenance garage, or contact the facility maintenance supervisor.

# Nightingale Award Winner

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Correctional Head Nurse Ken Avery of the Hartford Correctional Center has been selected to receive the Florence Nightingale Award. Avery has been with the Department of Correction for over eight years and was chosen as the Agency's 2005 Health Services Employee of the Year. He is one of 370 staff involved in nursing to receive this nationwide award this year which is designed to celebrate unsung and often extraordinary efforts of nurses.



Warden Charles Lee boasted, "Hartford CC is mighty proud that one of their staff was selected for this honor."

## Around the cell block



### North Carolina-

Lawmakers who can still legally smoke inside state office buildings are considering banning smoking in the state's prisons.



### Norway-

A prison has abandoned yoga classes for inmates because instead of calming them down it made them more aggressive.



### California-

The co-founder of the Crips gang, who is on death row, received the "Outstanding Character of America" Award from President Bush.



### Alabama -

A prison and a church will split \$110,000 found in a bucket on the church's property during an escape exercise.

## Years of Sevice

### Employees with 20 Years of Service as of May 2005

Walter Champion, Jr.	Captain	OCI
Bruce Clarke	Correction Officer	CRCI
Thomas Cummings	Captain	McWCI
Lancelot Edwards	Parole Officer II	CO
Philip Faiella	Correction Officer	WCI
Thomas Gallagher	Correction Officer	OCI
Thomas Grady	Correctional Food Service Supv. II	McWCI
William Harris	Correction Officer	CRCI
Nevonia Holly	Correctionoanal Counselor	MYI
Kelvin Jones	Captain	MYI
Richard Kubetin	Lieutenant	McWCI
Daniel Lafontaine	Correction Officer	CRCC
Daniel Martin	Warden	CCI
Michael Nowak	Correctional Stores Supervisor	CO
Mark Pacheco	Lieutenant	CRCC
Darius Pakalnis	Correction Officer	MYI
Diane Sienkiewicz	Major	HCC
Charles Sims	Lieutenant	HCC
Sylvester Toney	Correction Officer	McWCI

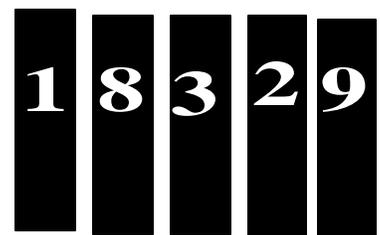
### Employees with 20 Years of Service as of June 2005

Debra Brodersen	Office Assistant	NCI
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### Employees with 25 Years of Service as of June 2005

Dennis Barry, Jr.	Mail Handler	HCC
Susan Shepherd	Correctional Record Specialist I	McWCI

## Supervised Population on August 10,



On August 10, 2004 the population was 18,543.

# Cheshire Bike Shop Donation to BBBS

On Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> Mitch Sibley-Jett Intake Coordinator for Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program went to prison. His trip was one of many, each time he comes in empty-handed, but he leaves with a minivan full of “new” bikes. The bikes were refurbished by Dom

Rossi and the inmate crew that work in the bicycle and wheelchair repair shop. In the past twelve months the shop has donated over fifty



Pictured above are (L-R) School Principal Dottie Green, Mitch Sibley-Jett,(BBBS), Warden Dan Martin, and Vocational Instructor Dom Rossi

bikes to the organization. “This last group of bikes had been donated by the staff at Northern CI,” stated Dom Rossi, “It gives the inmates a good feeling to know that they are able to assist a disadvantaged child, even while they are in prison.”

The bicycle and wheelchair repair shop is located on the grounds of the Cheshire Correctional Institution. Warden Dan Martin had nothing but words of praise; “ I commend Dom and his crew for the awesome work they do in that shop. It is a total win-win situation. The inmates are gaining a trade and the community kids benefit from their labor.” School Principal Dottie Green echoed those sentiments, “The guys are very focused and the program is structured. Everyone benefits from this type of partnership. The inmates are learning a valuable skill and the products of their training benefit needy kids in the community.” The Department of Children and Families is just one of many organizations that have received bike donations since the shop began refurbishing bikes four years ago. Wheels for the World, an international organization collects and donates bikes, wheelchairs, canes and walkers that are distributed to countries all over the world such as China, Vietnam, Peru and the Ukraine.

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## MVP's

Addabbo, Emil	GMO	YCI
Bonfoye, Louis	GMO	YCI
Boska, Robert	HVAC Tech	YCI
Butkiewicz, David	Lt	NCI
Castonguay, Peter	CO	NCI
Christodious, Charles	CO	YCI
Congelos, Steve	CO	NCI
Couture, Brian	CO	NCI
Emmelman, Brad	CO	NCI
Gallick, Craig	CC	CCI
Gargiulo, Marc	Lt	NCI
Guertin, Michael	CO	OCI
Hovanec, Derek	CO	NCI
Howes, Jeremy	CO	NCI
Hurlburt, Ellen	CS	YCI
Jackson, Brian	Lt	NCI
Keeney, William	CO	NCI
Kotsch, Sam	PFE I	CO
Lindsey, Alphonso	CO	NCI
Lyman, Mike	CHN	NCI
Marto, Paul	Electrician	YCI
Messenger, Donna	Cadet	NCI
Misiaszek, Michael	Elec Tech	YCI
Mitchell, Mari	CFSS I	HCC
Mortimer, Shane	CO	NCI
Mulholland, Charles	HVAC Tech	YCI
Perez, Carlos	CO	NCI
Pickett, Dan	GMO	YCI
Pinkman, Steven	GMO	YCI
Prince-Warinsky, Thomas	SST	YCI
Riemann, Marc	CO	YCI
Rivera, Jamie	CO	NCI
Rivera, Jose-Angel	CO	NCI
Rodriguez, Hipolito	CS	CCI
Rutchik, Robert	Capt	YCI
Ryan, Chris	CO	OCI
Salvatore, Stephen	HVAC Tech	YCI
Scott, Garth	CO	OCI
Spencer, Kingsley	CO	OCI
Summers, James	CMS	YCI
Tugie, Timothy	CO	OCI
Turowsky, Michael	CO	OCI
Williams, Tony	Lt	NCI
Wortham, James	CO	OCI
Wnuk, Donna	CS	CO

# DOC Family Day at Rock Cats Stadium

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A perfect summer night for baseball, reserved seats on the right field line and hot dogs and hamburgers made for fun filled observance of National



(Above) Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy throws the first ball as Commissioner Theresa Lantz looks on.

Correctional Employee's week on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. More than 250 DOC staff and their families came out to enjoy the American past time as the agency hosted a Family Day at New Britain Rock Cats Baseball game. The event was held in conjunction with and the NP4 Labor Management Stress Reduction Committee and featured a buffet of summer favorites.

Since the opposing team, the Trenton Thunder, is part of the Yankee's farm system it was appropriate the Deputy Commissioner Brian "Fastball" Murphy threw out the first pitch. Commissioner Theresa Lantz followed up with a pitch of her own showing off some of her college softball skills. In the end, the Thunder prevailed, 7 to 4 over the Rock Cats. But regardless of the score the event was a homerun for all who attended.

## Condolences

 Commissioner Theresa Lantz and North District Administrator Remi Acosta are saddened to announce the death of Catherine O'Keefe, mother of Major Joseph O'Keefe of Central Office and mother-in-law of Administrative Assistant Karen O'Keefe of the North District Office, who passed away on Friday, July 22, 2005.

 Director Fred Levesque and staff of the Offender Classification and Population Management Unit are saddened to announce the passing of James Sicilia Sr., father of Counselor Supervisor Janet Sicilia.

 Chairman Gregory Everett and staff of the Board of Pardons and Parole are saddened to announce the passing of Donald Robinson, father of Secretary II Dorigene LaRosa.

 Director Richard Miele and staff of the Correctional Transportation Unit are saddened to announce the untimely death of Officer John Riley due to a boating accident on August 6, 2005.

## Calendar

 **August 19** - Retirement Dinner for Paula Perchall and Doris Adamski of Webster CI 7-11 pm at Blake Street Cafe at 500 Blake Street New Haven. The cost is \$40. Please contact Walter Morton, Terrence Pierce or Phil Faiella at 203.271.5933 for tickets and additional information.

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(Above and Right) Staff and their families enjoy a picnic dinner and conversation before the start of the game.



# V.O.I.C.E.S Hear Survivor Stories

Standing in front of the Cybulski Building visiting room, packed with inmates, a woman named Diane struggled at times to hold back tears as she told the story of the murder of her six year old niece.

Everyone in the room, including the inmates, shuddered when she revealed that the child's own father had killed her. The events leading up to the crime, the taking of a young life and the aftermath were all detailed as part of the facility's VOICES (Victims



A member of Survivor of Homicide holds the photo of a murdered child

## Offenders

Incarcerated Correctional Education Services) program coordinated by Counselor Jose Febles. Diane is a member of Survivor of Homicide, a victim's advocacy group, which the Department of Correction has long supported and collaborated with. Both she and the group's president, Kimberly Sundquist, who has lost an uncle to homicide, explained the long-term effects of such a crime on those left behind. The goal of the program is to enlighten the inmate populations as to the societal, familial and ultimately human impact that violence has on each individual life and subsequently, all who are in contact with the victim. Survivors of Homicide is offering its assistance to other facilities that may need speakers for Voices or other programs. The group's website is [www.SurvivorsofHomicide.com](http://www.SurvivorsofHomicide.com).

## Agency good neighbors

**York CI** - Correction Officer Jeanette Pringle escorted the Community Outreach crew to the following community service projects this past week; Cohanzie Fire Department in Waterford, St. James Church in Preston, Salem Fire Department in Salem, and the Voluntown Fire Department in Voluntown. Officer Pringle also conducted a facility tour for the New Haven Juvenile Probation Department.

**Robinson CI and MacDougall- Walker CI** - Staff of both facilities put forth great efforts to collect 32 units of blood which were donated to the Red Cross.

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**August 26** - A Blood Drive will be held at Central Office in the fitness room from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



**August 28** - New Haven CC Cancer Research Walkathon. If you are interested in donating a small pledge of \$5.00 or participating in the walkathon, please contact Major Kearney, Lt. Knox or Capt. Martinez @ 203.974.4111.



**September 24 & 25** - 7th Annual James W. Matthews, Sr. Scholarship Fund National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Basketball Tournament will take place at Crosby High School in Waterbury beginning at 9 a.m. The deadline to sign-up, with full payment of \$500.00 is August 30, 2005. For additional information you can call James Matthews Jr. at 203.250.2633.



**September 25** - Law Enforcement Blue Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patricks's in Norwich.



**September 30** - Commissioner's Cup Golf Tournament at the Tradition Golf Club in Windsor.



**October 23** - American Heart Association's 2005 Heart Walk. For information go to [www.heartwalk.kintera.org/hartford](http://www.heartwalk.kintera.org/hartford) or contact Warden Charles Lee at 860.240.1803.