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There is still time to make a difference!

The State Employees Charitable Campaign is currently underway and at the mid-point of the campaign, State of Michigan employees had already pledged \$665,298 through payroll deduction. The campaign runs through October 10, so there is still plenty of time to step up and assist those less fortunate than you and I.

Participation in the SECC through payroll deduction is easy and provides a steady stream of financial support to the charities of your choice. If you currently give through payroll deduction, now is the time to review your pledge should you not have originally signed up to be a continuous donor and need to renew your pledge. There are more than 1,200 charitable partners to choose from which support the communities where we live, work and raise our families. With so many choices, you can donate to a cause that is important to you.

I hope that each of you will consider participating in the SECC. [No gift is too small](#) and even a single dollar per week will make a difference for those in need! Pledging is easy and you can do so through payroll deduction using your [MI HR Self-Service Account](#), by telephone (877) 766-6447, [online](#) or by [check or credit card](#). You can also give back to your community by using your community leave hours to engage in volunteer activities.

Please take a few moments to learn more about the State Employees Charitable Campaign by visiting the website at <http://www.misecc.org>. Your facility/office volunteer is also available to answer any questions you may have, and if your facility/office volunteer is unavailable, feel free to contact the Department's Coordinator – Sandy Simon - at SimonS4@michigan.gov or 517-241-7238.

Thank you for your continued support of the SECC. This is just another opportunity for us to *"Help Make Things Right."*

Director Heyns



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Ambulance Addition at Duane Waters Health Center

Duane Waters Health Center recently replaced its ambulance of ten plus years that completed over a thousand runs a year. The new ambulance is a fully licensed advanced life support (ALS) unit which means it has all the same capabilities that an ambulance in the civilian world would have. The ambulance is able to transport for emergencies and non-emergent transports in the Jackson area and scheduled ambulance transports throughout the state. The 2014 Ford F-650 chassis is equipped with air brakes and state of the art LED lighting and 100 watt siren speakers. It also has a back-up camera and monitoring camera so the driver can monitor on a video screen what is occurring in the back patient compartment. The ambulance also has a top of the line radio communications system rivaled only by the U.S. Marshall Service that includes VHF and 800 MHZ frequencies. Its rear compartment controls can be monitored by mounted video screens that give information related to oxygen capacities, suction unit power, lighting, and a handful of other specialties.

The ambulance is staffed by Corrections Medical Unit Officers (CMUO) who are also licensed Emergency Medical Technicians/ Paramedics. The Corrections Medical Unit is a small facet of the Department of Corrections as there are currently only 8 officers statewide, all located at Duane Waters Health Center. If there are any corrections officers who hold a Paramedic license and are interested in joining the medical unit, contact the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Human Resources office.



Lakeland Correctional Facility Produce Donated To Local Food Pantry

Lakeland Correctional Facility was able to bless many this summer with their beautiful produce grown at the facility. The gardens were maintained by two staff and 11 prisoners. Twenty four deliveries were made to the Branch Area Food Pantry in Coldwater, MI totaling 9,671 pounds of fresh vegetables.





Richard Handlon Corrections Officers Receive Lifesaving Awards

Officers Justin Frakes and Andrew Wirth received the lifesaving award for saving a life on February 26, 2014, at Richard Handlon Correctional Facility. While on duty, Officer Frakes noticed that a prisoner could not be seen in his cell. Officer Frakes then asked for Officer Wirth to come assist and upon entry of the cell, found the prisoner was trying to commit suicide. The two officers immediately called for medical assistance and provided emergency first aid.

Officer Crispin Diaz also received the lifesaving award. On May 7, 2014, a prisoner gasping for breath approached Officer Diaz and indicated he was choking. Officer Diaz immediately positioned himself behind the prisoner and performed several abdominal thrusts until the prisoner's airway obstruction was dislodged.

The actions of these three officers provide an excellent example of dedication to their duties and responsibilities as Corrections employees.



Pictured L to R: Director Heyns, Officer Frakes, Officer Diaz, Officer Wirth, and Warden Burton

Detroit Detention/Reentry Center Donate Supplies to Local School



The Detroit Detention/Reentry Center staff purchased school supplies for the Gee White Academy located in close proximity to the facility. On the first day of school, students and parents were greeted by facility staff handing out a variety of school supplies. Gee White Academy was very appreciative of the staff's kindness and generosity.

Left to Right: Students, Deputy Warden Chapman, Warden Stewart, Principal Wheeler, Sgt. Walton, and Agent Nickerson

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Kent County Parole Officer Receives Citizenship Award

Parole Agent William Decker received the Citizenship Award for his actions on May 3, 2014. William came upon a two-vehicle accident and immediately stopped to assess the situation. He found that four persons were involved in the accident and that one of the passengers had a severe head injury and was bleeding profusely from his arm. William applied direct pressure to the head wound and continued to provide aid and comfort to the victim until the paramedics arrived. William displayed compassion and acted with purpose and composure during dire circumstances and is a true testament of personal integrity.



Left to Right: Director Heyns and Parole Agent William Decker

Offender Management System (OMS)

It has been just over 30 days since OMS went live. There are many issues with the system's integration with OMNI that were being managed by and are being worked on by DTMB staff. Beginning September 12, 2014, tracking of issues with the system transitioned from DTMB managing remedy tickets to ADSS handling/processing all issues with the system.

From this point forward, please report all issues with the OMS system using the ADSS mailboxes noted below:

CFA-OMNI-Support@michigan.gov for CFA staff

CORR_OMNI@michigan.gov for FOA staff

OMNI_User_Accounts@michigan.gov for all user code and password resets

Please be aware that any issue reported since the system was brought on line is recorded and assigned to the appropriate individuals to be addressed. Monitoring of progress will be handled by ADSS staff; however, if you have not received a response or resolution to your ticket within 2 weeks of submission, please email Nancy Martin at martinn1@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.



Statewide Recruitment Meeting

The Recruitment Section held a statewide recruitment meeting on September 4, 2014, and recruiters representing all departments of state government attended. The meeting gave the recruitment section an opportunity to provide the recruiters with updated materials and inform them of changes including the new hiring process and best practices. This information was valuable to promote understanding and consistency. Chief Deputy Director Treacher addressed the audience about the importance of recruitment and training and how that is connected to the Department's strategic plan. He also talked about how the Effective Process Improvement Communication (EPIC) and the strategic plan are tied together and how recruiters can become involved in these areas which will help them obtain their goals.

The Michigan Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) attended and talked with the group about the importance of employing the men and women serving in the Guard and Reserve. Warden Steve Rivard of St. Louis Correctional Facility was awarded the Patriot Award. Warden Rivard was nominated for this award by his staff and reservist, Charles Sivik. Warden Rivard also signed a statement of support with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to display at his facility as a public sign of his support for and the value of those serving in the Guard and Reserve.



Left to Right: Chief Deputy Director Randall Treacher, ESGR State Chair Melvin Baumann, Warden Steve Rivard, ESGR State Chair Paul Ryan

OFFICER TRAINING TUITION GRANT 50% OFF TOTAL TUITION UP TO \$2,000

REQUIREMENTS { SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 240-HOUR PROGRAM
ACCEPT A JOB OFFER (CORRECTIONS OFFICER) FROM MDOC
PAID BY MDOC TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

The MDOC Tuition Grant Program will provide tuition grants of 50% of the total tuition up to \$2,000! Tuition grants will be paid by the MDOC to the respective college/university for each student that successfully completes the initial 240 hours of the program and accepts an MDOC job offer as a Corrections Officer. For more information http://www.michigan.gov/corrections/0,4551,7-119-68690_68794_68691-330829--,00.html

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Ingham County Parole Office Providing Community Service to Local School

Ingham County Parole Agent Nayatt Castelein along with parolees gave back to school districts in Lansing. In 2013, Agent Castelein became acquainted with Coye Buoyer, the Pastor at the Kingdom Life Church in Lansing and the two of them started a community service program at the church. Since then, numerous parolees have participated in cleaning out storage areas and painting hallways at the church. Their efforts became known by the community and Agent Castelein was asked if they would like to assist the Wexford School prepare for the return of children this fall. In August, Agent Castelein escorted a group of parolees to the Wexford School and helped out by painting the outside of the school and the gym. All of the parolees had a positive attitude and were excited to be involved in a project that would benefit local children.



Top photo: Parole Agent Nayatt Castelein

Bottom photo: Parolees with Parole Agent Castelein



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