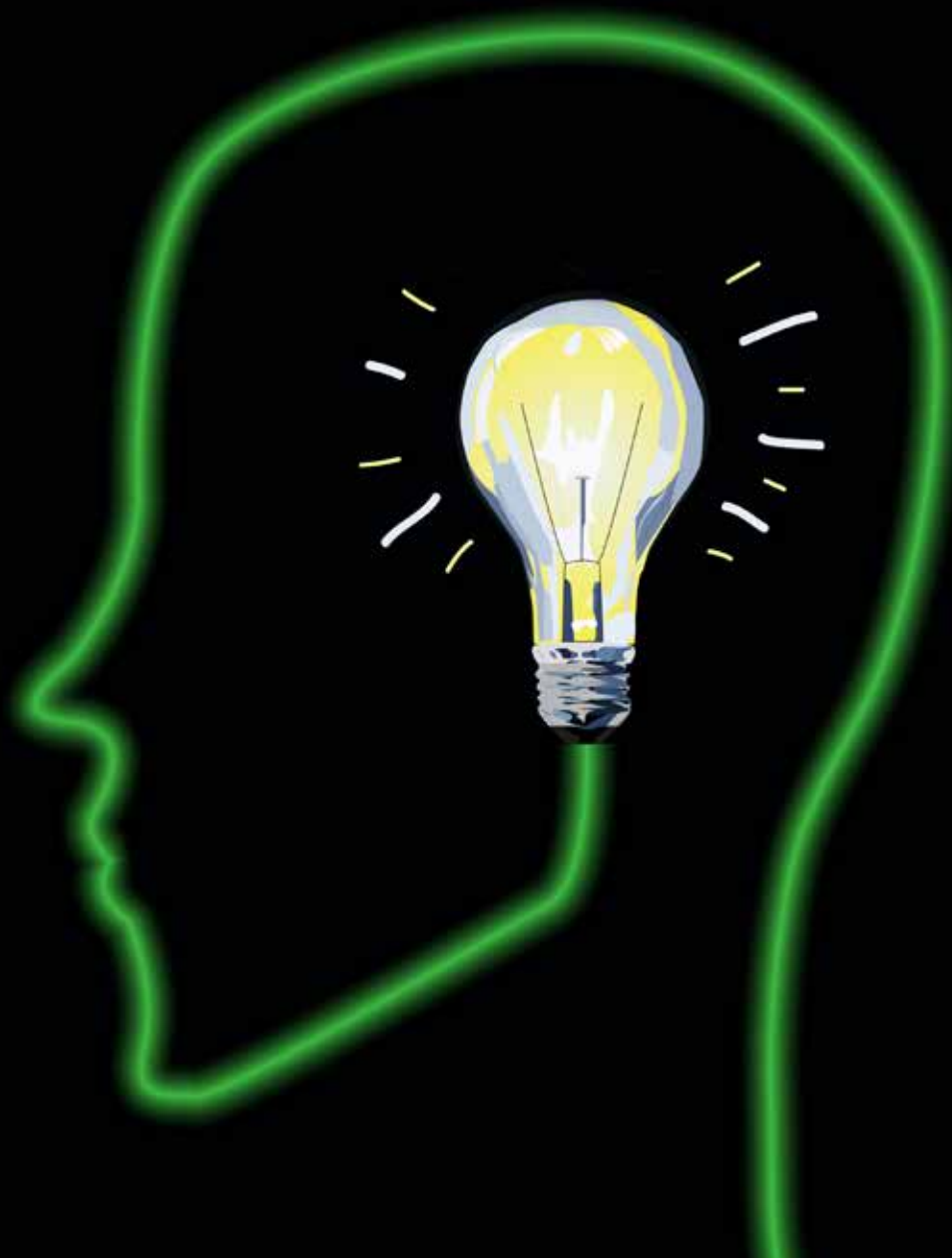


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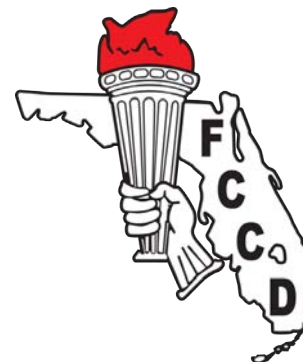


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President's Message



I am honored to serve as the President for the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency for the 2023–2024 year. With mental health issues on the rise, the theme for this year is Mental Health in Criminal Justice: Crisis or Opportunity.

As criminal justice professionals, we have an obligation to provide the best opportunities for success for those in our care suffering from mental health issues. That said, the jobs we do are quite taxing whether you work in juvenile justice, corrections, policing, courts or another branch of the criminal justice system. Not only do our clients need assistance, but staff do as well. Staff wellness is important, as our staff are our greatest asset. We will focus on staff wellness and mental health for them as well.

I look forward to working with you all to make this year productive and educational on mental health. Our 94th Annual Training institute is scheduled at the beautiful Tradewinds resort in St. Petersburg Florida and I look forward to seeing you all there.

My door is open for innovative ideas on how we can improve FCCD.

Sincerely,
Laura E. Bedard, Ph.D.

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FLORIDA COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY CONTRIBUTES \$3,700 TO MENTAL HEALTH FOR HEROES

St. Petersburg Florida — The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) proudly announces its recent donation of \$3,700 to Mental Health for Heroes, a charitable organization committed to providing essential mental health services to those who dedicate their lives to public safety, including law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, and others who endure traumatic events.

In recognizing the profound impact of their work, the FCCD understands the critical importance of supporting the mental well-being of those who serve our communities. Mental Health for Heroes exemplifies dedication to addressing the unique challenges faced by these individuals, offering vital resources and assistance.

This generous contribution from the FCCD reaffirms the commitment to the welfare of those who tirelessly protect and serve. The \$3,700 donation will directly contribute to Mental Health for Heroes' ongoing efforts to provide accessible and effective mental health services, ensuring that our heroes receive the care they deserve.

"We believe in the well-being of those who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe. This donation reflects our commitment to supporting organizations like Mental Health for Heroes, who play a crucial role in addressing the mental health needs of our heroes," stated Laura Bedard, President of FCCD.

Mental Health for Heroes expresses deep gratitude to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency for their generous contribution. This collaboration emphasizes the importance of community support in fostering the mental resilience of those who selflessly protect and serve.

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WHEN A FAMILY COMES TOGETHER!

Chapter 2

By Past President Alice Sims



The 93rd Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute is one for the history books! August 21st through August 24th, over 600 registered attendees were in Orlando at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel as the conference theme, *Celebrate, Honor and Respect Families, "Leaving A Family Legacy"* was featured throughout the week. President Alice Sims set a goal to promote strong families by providing the necessary tools and resources to strengthen the family bond. She specifically wanted to highlight and celebrate fathers and the importance of their role in the family structure. With that goal as the foundation of the training, plenary speakers and training presenters focused on spotlighting men and showcasing them as the nucleus of the family. Their presentations went to the heart of erecting men to their proper status of importance. President Sims compassion to make families complete and healthy across the State of Florida was consistently represented during the institute. Her



vision to spotlight saving our young men and building stronger fathers to make the state a better place for everyone was accomplished. Families are like branches on a tree. We grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one. Because of President Sims leadership and seeds planted our FCCD family will continue to grow in different directions yet our roots and commitment will remain as one. Every vision, mission and goal set by the leadership team exceeded all expectations. Every committee chair, committee member, executive board member, and chapter president went above and beyond to take this year's institute to a level of pure excellence! We learned how to "Dance in the Rain" when facing and encountering adversity, obstacles and challenges. We were able to add tools to our tool belt and enhance our ability to impact the children, youth, and families in our local communities. Thank you to all who attended, collaborated, and networked to make the institute a huge success! Now Go Forth and Serve! God bless you and your families.

CHICKEN COOP PROJECT

Chapter 3

Chapter 3 Project Presenters

Valerie Stoner (President), Paulajean Catalano (Vice President), Zachary Hortert (Secretary), Anwynette Brown (Treasure), Shermanda Anderson (Newsletter/Reporter) and Mrs. Mong (FCCD Lifetime Member)



Sgt. J. Hoskins, Mr. Jones, Mr. R. Viets, Ms. P. Catalano-VP, Ms. C. Mong, Ms. V. Stoner-President, Mr. B. German-Principal, Mr. Z. Harvard-Ast. Principal at Park Elementary, Sgt. Z. Hortert, and Mr. Jones-Park Elementary Maintenance.

Avon Park, FL - In a heartwarming display of community support and collaboration, Park Elementary has successfully replaced its destroyed chicken coop with two new ones thanks to the partnership with Avon Park Correctional Institution's community outreach organization Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) Chapter 3.

The school built its first coop approximately, five years ago. The project has great potential to be integrated into various subjects and grade levels within the school's curriculum. Students can learn about the cycle of chickens, their nutritional needs, and more. They also have the potential of gaining insights into the daily care requirement including feeding, cleaning, and providing a safe and comfortable environment for the chickens to thrive.

Beyond the tangible benefits, the chicken coop creates a positive impact on the students' emotional well-being. It has been proven that interacting with animals reduce stress levels, increase empathy, and instill a sense of responsibility and compassion. Students connect with the natural world and nurture a deeper appreciation for life in a unique way by being exposed to opportunities such as this.

The unfortunate incident of the chicken coop being destroyed by wild dogs, left the students and staff disheartened and bewildered, and became an opportunity for the community to rally together in support of one of their beloved schools. The news of the incident was shared with the FCCD Chapter 3 by of Avon Park CI employee who has a grandchild at the local school. Chapter 3 FCCD



in turn saw the opportunity to make a positive impact through their services. Upon learning of the school’s misfortune, they immediately reached out to Park Elementary with an offer of assistance.

Mr. Blake German, the school’s principal, expressed his gratitude for the remarkable partnership, stating, “This is awesome, and our children will be elated upon their return for the new school year. I’m very thankful for your generous support and contribution to our school. I’m truly excited for our students.”

The unique partnership between the school and the local prison not only enables the replacement of the destroyed chicken coop but also serves as a catalyst for profound learning experiences. Upon our arrival to deliver the Chicken Coop we also discovered that the fence around the agricultural area was in need of replacement and dug into the ground to help prevent the wild animals from entering the area. The collaboration by the FCCD provides a foundation for communication between the community and the Department of Corrections.

This remarkable initiative not only bridges the gap between the school and the community but also highlights the talents of our men and women that serve the Department of Corrections.

The chicken coop will undoubtedly become a hub of learning and discovery, enriching the educational journey of the students at Park Elementary.





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DONATIONS

Chapter 4

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 4 President



In observance of Domestic Violence Month (October), FCCD Chapter 4 members along with Circuit 17 Community Corrections staff wore purple and collected ten boxes of food and personal hygiene items to donate to the AVDA Women’s Abuse Shelter in Palm Beach. Chapter 4 donates items to the women’s shelter several times a year to replenish their food pantry to help women and children who have sought refuge at a safe shelter so they can build a better home life for themselves and their children. A special THANK YOU to Senior Probation Officer Sherri Cole who picks up all the items and delivers them directly to the shelter.

Also, in the month of October, FCCD Chapter 4 members Sherri Cole and Tammy Marcus participated in the Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma (LLS) and raised over \$600 for LLS. Thank

you to all the members who donated to this great cause.

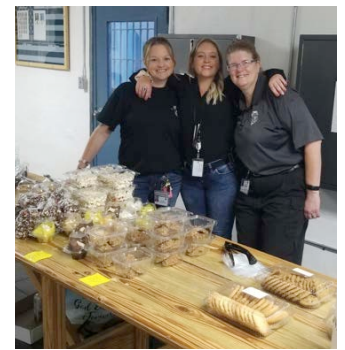
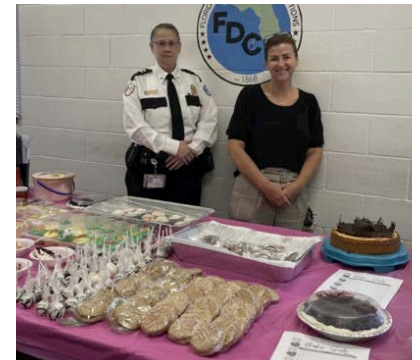
On November 4th at the first quarterly board meeting in St. Pete, Chapter 4 held a 50/50 chance to win drawing where the winning ticket won \$85 in cold hard cash and a probation officer challenge coin. Congratulations to Circuit 3 DCA, Amber Crews who was the lucky winner!



FUNDRAISERS, TRAINING, AND EVENTS

Chapter 5

On Friday, October 6th FCCD Chapter 5 held a variety of quarterly fundraising events at Baker Re-Entry, Lawtey CI, Reception Medical Center. In addition, Union Correctional Institution and Columbia Correctional Institution held events on Friday, October 20th. Lawtey, RMC and UCI each held a bake sale, raising a total of \$2018.58. Lawtey and Columbia branched out to try something new by making breakfast for staff which raised a total of \$349. FCCD Chapter 5 members at each institution worked hard putting these fundraising events together. The staff at the institutions always appreciate our efforts.



On Friday, October 27th Chapter 5 held its first training event of the year at Union Correctional Institution. Our guest speaker was fellow FCCD member Ron Shute, Statewide Training Manager with the Bureau of Professional Development & Training. The focus of the training was Intergenerational Communication. The training is designed on communication techniques in a generational diverse work environment. If you have not gotten the chance to hear this training, I encourage you to contact Ron to come and present his training for your Chapter.



On Saturday, October 28, 2023, Union Correctional EBTF along with FCCD Chapter 5 assisted the Reception Medical Center (RMC) in their Annual Fall Festival. The festivities began at 5:00 PM and went through the latter part of 8:45 PM. As usual, UCI EBTF and Chapter 5 went all out decorating the house we have been assigned each year graciously by Warden Travis Lamb and his committee members. The children were in awe of all the decorations, photo props and most of all, the candy.

FCCD Chapter 5 would like to give a shout-out to UCI EBTF staff who worked diligently and to Warden Barry Reddish for allowing EBTF to donate candy for the event. UCI EBTF staff members Sergeant Rachelle “Shelly” Parrish and Officer Courtney Stanton went above and beyond with decorations and candy. Also, we would like to give a great big shoutout to family members who were there to assist and enjoy the event also, Dustin Parrish, Leni Clingerman, Cameron Jones, and Dalton Morgan.

This event is looked forward to each year by the UCI EBTF, along with Chapter 5, and as usual, we are already planning on making next year even more “Spook-Tac-uler.”





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BAKE SALE FUNDRASIER

Chapter 6

Cierra Allen, President



On September 22, 2023, FCCD Chapter 6 held a bake sale at Okaloosa Correctional Institution. This event doubled as a fundraiser and a membership drive in the hopes to recruit new members. Staff from Santa Rosa C.I., Walton C.I. and Century C.I. were invited to attend. Many staff contributed by baking items for the bake sale. A total of 75 people attended and FCCD recruited 30 members during the week of the bake sale. The Chapter was able to raise \$370 for its general fund during this event. Chapter 6 appreciates all the support shown to our FCCD Chapter and organization.



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CHAPTER 7 - BREAST CANCER 5K WALK



On Saturday, October 28, 2023, FCCD Chapter 7 participated in the American Cancer Society's Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk. The event took place at Lake Eola Park and the surrounding downtown Orlando neighborhood. For the people in attendance, it was a culmination of joy, triumph and some cases remembrance of all the warriors who have felt the tremendous impact of breast cancer.

Before the walk, survivors stood on the main stage and told their personal stories of battling this illness and the need for continued research and treatment. Local businesses, first responders from the surrounding areas as well as individuals participated in the day's festivities.

Before the walk commenced, participants gathered at the starting line with celebration in their hearts. There was definitely an air of excitement as the crowd counted down to the start of the 5K Walk. Some seasoned participants decided to run the entire distance while others choose to walk and at times danced during the event.

The beautiful weather only capped off the feeling of family, commemoration and purpose. FCCD Chapter 7 contributed to the event which raised over \$480,152.00. Thank you to the participants, sponsors and of course the brave superheroes and their families who combat this disease every day!



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Chapter 15

By President Traci Osborn

On October 13, 2023, Chapter 15 hosted the 2nd Alarm Project, a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive, evidence-based resiliency initiatives and services to first responders. During this informative training we discussed the necessity of resilience and peer support in the criminal justice field. We also covered the negative effects of the stigmas that first responders have in receiving mental health support. The 2nd Alarm Project provided resources to help our correctional staff find a counselor that is familiar with the first responder communities, as they understand those they care for. After this educational training, FEMA representatives were present to assist staff in applying for assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia. Chapter 15 extends a huge thank you to the 2nd Alarm Project for bringing awareness to mental health issues, and to FEMA for supporting our staff.





Professor Ehrenkaufner demonstrating a UAS/Drone for the class.

HOSTED TRAINING ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES)

Chapter 17

By Josh Lynn, President

On November 13, 2023, Chapter 17 had the honor to host Professor Tim Ehrenkaufner, from Emory Riddle Aeronautical University and Keiser University. Professor Ehrenkaufner is an expert on Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS or Drones) and created the 1st Emergency Services UAS Unit in Northern and Central Florida at Daytona Beach Police Department. Professor Ehrenkaufner was also hosted on Fox News Live due to his expertise on UAS/Drones and use of UAS/Drones during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Chapter 17 hosted this training since UAS/Drones are a major issue in the introduction

of contraband to our Institutions, but also recognizes the positives applications for Law Enforcement. Professor Ehrenkaufner covered how UAS/Drones work, what they can carry/deliver, law enforcement applications and demonstrated one of the Drones he uses at Daytona Beach Police Department where he is currently a Sergeant. Professor Ehrenkaufner did an amazing job with his presentation and answering questions from our membership. Chapter 17 wants to thank Professor Ehrenkaufner for presenting this training and his service to our community.

OFF TO FAST START

Chapter 18 By David LaCob

FCCD Chapter 18 has hit the ground running since the Annual Institute in August. The Chapter has signed up 63 new members, transferred in 6 members from other Chapters, and had two members sign up as Lifetime Members.

Chapter 18 has held 9 events to date. These included a back-to-school supply drive, a suicide awareness walk, a breast cancer event, a 9/11 stair climb event, a candy drive, a Fall Festival event with FWFC, Lowell C.I. and Marion C.I., a BBQ contest, a donation to a local Elementary School for an event and donation of Halloween candy bags to the Ronald McDonald House, Shands Pediatric Unit and the Marion County Boo-Bash.

We are planning some exciting events for November and December to include donations of Thanksgiving baskets, Toys for Tots and Shop with a Cop. We will also be holding our first training event, which will focus on mental health and overall wellbeing of Officers and staff.



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

FCCD Chapter 18 held a Back to School Drive, in August, that involved FWRC, Lowell C.I. and Marion C.I. Together all three institutions collected enough school supplies to donate 22 filled backpacks each to Fessenden Elementary School and Reddick-Collier Elementary School here in Ocala. In addition to the filled backpacks, several unfilled back packs and various school supplies were donated to both schools.

SUICIDE AWARENESS By Sgt. Jacalyn Mike

FCCD Chapter 18 participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide awareness that was held in Ocala at Shalom Park on Saturday, October 7, 2023. This event was open to the public to attend and participate; however, it was honor for Chapter 18 to represent & participate.

We raised funds through donations for T-shirts and pledges. Our shirts displayed our local chapter and a quote, "Shaping all minds beyond these lines" and the money we raised was donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



MEMBERS ATTEND 2023 INSTITUTE

Chapter 18

By David LaCob

Five members of Chapter 18 attended the 93rd Annual Institute in Orlando this past August. Three members were first time attendees. Jim Leeson, Jacalyn Mike and Danielle Reynolds were chosen by their facilities and sponsored by Region 3



to attend the Criminal Justice Training Institute.

Jacalyn Mike, FWRC, summed up her experience by submitting this: My experience of attending the 2023 Florida Council and Crime Delinquency Conference in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel was a great one. I have been a member of FCCD Chapter 18 for at least (15) years and had never attended a conference. This event was very motivational and informative. I learned so much while attending and was able to connect with other agencies. Connecting other agencies and seeing what events and fundraisers have been successful for them, will play a part in our upcoming events. I believe my over-all experience was definitely one I will not forget, and I can only hope to become more involved in my chapter, and maybe even be selected to attend next year's conference.

Jim Leeson, from Marion C.I., had the following to say about attending the institute: During the week of August 21st through the 24th, 2023 I had the pleasure of attending the 93rd annual FCCD Conference located in Orlando. I attended with Major LaCob and Sergeant Geiger. I had the opportunity to attend the trainings held and to hear motivational speeches made by current and former staff from the FDOC and other agencies across the state. To

include the Secretary of the Department of Corrections Mr. Dixon. The training classes I attended were beneficial to me in my career and future retirement. I thoroughly enjoyed the classes and networking with staff from across the state in all facets of Law Enforcement.

During the off hours there were activities to further network and have a little bit of fun. Assistant Warden Sapp and I brought home first place in the FCCD Cornhole Tournament and won two sets of cornhole boards. I hope to be a part of fundraising efforts for the FCCD this next year so the FCCD can afford to sponsor active members with this awesome opportunity to attend the 94th annual FCCD conference which will be held in St. Petersburg Florida.

Danielle Reynolds, from Lowell C.I., had this to say about her experience: I attended this year's Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Conference at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. I did not know what to expect, as it was the first time in my twenty-two-year career, with the Department of Corrections, that I was able to participate. The event was unforgettable and very motivational. I enjoyed all the workshops and learned so much. The comradery between all the agencies working toward our shared goal was awesome. The overall experience was very inspiring, and I look forward to participating again. Other attendees included Mike Geiger and David LaCob from Marion C.I. This was Mike's second conference and David's third conference. Chapter 18's goal is to send five members to the Annual Institute next year in St. Pete Beach.

A woman with curly hair and two children are gathered around a tablet, looking at the screen together. The woman is on the left, and the children are on the right. The background is a bright green shape on the right side of the image.

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BREAST CANCER WALK

Chapter 20

By Donna Martin Bolton

Saturday October 28, 2023, was a beautiful day to walk and support Breast Cancer. There were over 1,000 walkers-supporters at the Viera Avenues at 9:00am! And, everyone was wearing PINK!

Everyone supports Breast Cancer for their own reasons. It is very meaningful to me. I walk in memory of my sister-in-law and two friends who lost their mothers to Breast Cancer.

Also, thank you to Cocoa Probation for your donations in support of Breast Cancer.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, President

Back in September, several members of Chapter 21 had a meeting with Tracy Yoder, the head of The Jackson County School Board Homeless Coalition, and she advised us that there are over 6,000 students and their family members in Jackson County who are homeless or in a transitional living situation. She then went into further detail and told us that these families were either living in hotel rooms, campers, and condemned homes.

Federal Grants limit what the Homeless coalition can do with their funding and there are certain items they can't supply these families with, due to those limitations. After

the meeting we felt compelled to figure out a way to help these families.

On November 10, 2023, Chapter 21 hosted a Golf Tournament at Indian Springs Golf Club, benefiting the Jackson County School Board Homeless Coalition. We had a quite a show of support from the local businesses in Jackson County who sponsored some of our Golf Tournament. Between cash sponsorships, prizes, trophies, plaques and donations of sponsor signs we had a total of 28 local businesses support this cause. We also had 45 players who

participated in the tournament. Many were from several institutions in Region 1 and several players who were not Florida Department of Corrections of employees.

Chapter 21 was able to raise a grand total of \$4,228 from the Golf Tournament. With a lot of planning, hard work, and dedication, this Golf Tournament was a huge success which we plan to continue annually. Chapter 21 is rising to the challenge, and it feels great knowing we are making an impact.



50/50 CHANCE TO WIN FUNDRAISER

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, President

Chapter 21 had a 50/50 Chance to Win Fundraiser from September 16, 2023 until October 6, 2023 at Jackson Correctional Institution. The staff were very excited for the chance to win half of the proceeds. We were able to raise \$1,292 in which one lucky winner received \$646 of that total. With the assistance of Warden Heath Holland and Chapter 21 Secretary Amy Clark, we held the drawing at 11:00 am on Friday October 6th in the Jackson CI conference room. Warden Holland drew Sergeant Dennis Conley's name from the box and when Sergeant Conley was notified of the results, he was ecstatic. If it weren't for the combined effort of the members from Chapter 21, this fundraiser would not have been nearly as successful. They



worked diligently on making sure everyone knew about the fundraiser. Chapter 21 is on a hot streak with fundraisers and we will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

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SPONSORED THANKSGIVING MEALS

Chapter 24

FCCD Chapter 24 at NWFRC sponsored families at our local elementary, middle, and high schools for Thanksgiving meals. These meals were made possible through a partnership with NWFRC to collect non-perishable items, as well as the monies from our chapter. We have learned there is a tremendous need in our community and while we are starting out small, we hope to grow our involvement as our chapter grows.



Pictured from left to right: AWP Keisha Jones, Amanda Justice, Sgt. Brianna Belcher and AWO Jonathan Jones

BUDDIES FOR FOSTERS

Chapter 25

Members of Chapter 25 at Holmes C.I. donated to the “Buddies for Kids in Foster Care.” The donation will help bring smiles to local children this Christmas, who are in foster care. Thank you to everyone that came together to make the above donation possible!



Pictured from left to right: Sgt. Brianna Belcher, AWO Jonathan Jones, Sgt. Amber Hundley, and Colonel Patrick White.

LENDING A HELPFUL HAND

Chapter 25

Members of Chapter 25 and staff at Holmes Correctional Institution joined forces to gather much needed supplies for the families who were impacted by Hurricane Idalia. The items collected and donated included, Shampoo and Conditioner, Baby wipes, Diapers, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes, Soap, Clorox wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Feminine Hygiene Products, Bottled Water and Canned Food.

These items were sent to the families and individuals that suffered the impact of Hurricane Idalia. The assistance received from various members of the community, staff at Holmes Correctional, and members of Chapter 25 made a huge impact for the families in need. Thank you to everyone that came together to make the above donation possible!

CHAPTER 26 - ALIVE AND WELL

By Officer Dakota Plymel, Florida Department of Corrections

June of 2022 was FCCD Chapter 26's first month of activity after being inactive for many years. Past President Gale Zucker took the Chapter and began training the members on an individual level. She guided each and taught them the ways of FCCD. (Many of which had never heard of the organization prior to her sharing it with them.) Thanks to Chapter 26 Past President Zucker, the Chapter is alive and well.

After the last year of training and molding, Chapter 26 has already made a difference in our community.

July 7, 2023, was the first Chapter sponsored event. A training held at Putnam Correctional Institution where attendees were fortunate enough to hear Captain Silva with the Putnam County Sheriff's office speak on the impacts that Prison Security Threat Groups have on the community. Immediately following the training session, Chapter 26 conducted their meeting for the month of July. During this meeting the following board members were voted into their current roles. President Dakota Plymel, President-Elect Julie Johnson, Treasurer Chase Byers and Secretary Sheria Murray.

When that meeting took place there were 30 members of the Chapter. These newly elected Board Members wasted no time recruiting and the Chapter currently sits at over 57 members strong. Miss Murray, who accepted the role of secretary before the ink was dry on her application was asked, "Why did you join FCCD?" "I never associate my name with anything unless I've done my research first. I did my homework and I learned that FCCD stands for many of the same things that I do as an individual. Care



for the community, support of the children and most of all, training for our professionals." Said Miss Murray.

Chapter 26 has already made their presence known in the community by jumping right in where they were needed. Thanks to the compassion of Chapter 26's members, over 30 children now have uniforms to play baseball and softball in the Palatka Babe Ruth League. This

gives the children an outlet to express themselves. An opportunity to shine in a world that seems dim at times. A passion, to keep them mentally focused on bettering themselves.

Chapter 26 has not only gained the attention of the younger generation, but also our seniors. The marketer for Putnam's Region with Pinnacle Home Care reached out to Chapter 26 and offered their assistance. Pinnacle Home Care is currently the largest privately owned Home Health Care company in Florida. They provide clinicians that care for patients in the comfort of their own homes who would otherwise require admittance into a medical facility away from their families. Jana Plymel with Pinnacle, pledged that Pinnacle would match all donations raised in support of the Palatka Babe Ruth League. "It's my job to ensure our community's seniors are cared for, but it's my passion to help grow children into adults, in a manner that provides a solid road to success."

After seeing what this organization can do in such a short amount of time, I'm eager to see what the upcoming year brings. It's evident that if we continue moving forward as we are now, our community will surely see an improvement in the world around them.

PINK EMPOWERMENT BASKETS

Chapter 27

By Warden Christopher Edelen, President



We are pleased to announce that due to the outpouring of donations from staff at Lake Correctional Institution we were able to achieve our goal of completing and delivering our Pink Empowerment baskets to 12 Breast Cancer Warriors. Breast cancer is a battle that affects countless women and their families around the world. We believe that uplifting those who are going to triumph over this disease is essential in their journey towards healing and reclaiming their lives. Our Pink Empowerment baskets are thoughtfully curated to provide comfort, inspiration, and a sense of community to these remarkable women.

Each basket contains a selection of carefully chosen items designed to promote well-being, self-care, and empowerment. We included essentials such as cozy socks, throw blankets, journals for reflection, beauty and skincare products, key chains, candles, custom tumblers, and personalized notes of encouragement and support from staff at Lake Correctional Institution. These baskets will serve as a reminder that these women will never walk alone through this journey and

that Lake Correctional Institution will be walking with them.

We want to thank everyone who contributed to this meaningful initiative and making a lasting difference in the lives of these brave women. Your donations contributed directly to the creation and distribution of these baskets, ensuring each recipient feels cherished and supported during their journey.

And an extra special thanks to Sgt. Z. Miller our very own Breast Cancer Warrior and FCCD Chapter 27, for their countless hours that were put into ensuring this event was accomplished.



FALL FESTIVITIES

Chapter 27

By Warden Christopher Edelen, President

Chapter 27 also held its annual Fall Fest at Lake Correctional Institution on October 28th. Families and friends all came out and enjoyed the festivities which included a bounce house, haunted house, snow cones, popcorn, and other yummy foods. A costume contest was also done, and we had some really scary winners. It was an amazing turn out and we can't wait for our next event.



Chapter 30

On November 20, 2023, Toys for Tots came by and picked their donation, thanks to chapter members and staff at Zephyrhills CI, there will be children with toys that normally would not be. Staff turned out!!



In the following pictures are: Warden Schmitt, AWO Welch, AWP Williams, Col. Graff, Major Copeland, Ms. Collins, CLS, Lt. Xavior (Vice – president) and Ms. Dobson, SCLO (President) .



President: Kimberly Strube, Vice President: John Robertson, Secretary: Tamika Jackson, Warden: Robert Mercado, Warden: Christopher Sboto, Chapter 12 President Sherrie Woody-Loud

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Chapter 28

By Kimberly Strube, President

Hello, Chapter 28 held an event for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The event began on September 29, 2023, and continued through October 30, 2023. We sold Breast Cancer Awareness pins and ink pens as well as shirts for the walk-a-thon held on October 28, 2023. The walk-a-thon was held at Desoto Correctional Institution, Training building, from 9AM to 12PM. Chapter 34 and Chapter 12 presidents along with Desoto CI's K9 team showed up to support us at the event.

All together everybody walked 60 miles for the event and we were able to donate \$500 to Moffitt Cancer Center.



Sgt Avila, Officer Anthopoulos and Bloodhound Riley

FALL FESTIVAL AND MORE

Chapter 31

By President Angelo Rifino

FCCD Chapter 31 along with Sumter Correctional hosted the Annual Fall Festival for the families of the local FDC staff on October 21, 2023. Many tricks and treats were had along the way. This year FCCD Chapter 31 hosted the Doughnut eating contest, along with the apple dunking station. As you can see there were many happy treaters along the way.

FCCD Chapter 31 also gave the community a hand with the annual “Dade’s Haunted Event” that benefitted the local youth from the Boy Scouts to the High School Drama Club, and SSSH NJROTC. This two-night event kicked off on October 27th & 28th with many activities to include the ultimate “Haunted Trail” set inside the historic Dade Battlefield. Never a dull moment when we get to join the fun in the community.

FCCD Chapter 31 partnered up with Lifesouth to host a blood drive on November 1, 2023. This blood drive resulted in 19 procedures. This has the lifesaving ability to benefit up to 38 patients in our community. Our members are devoted to the need of this mission and will continue to do our part. Lifesouth states, “Our mission is to provide a safe blood supply that meets or exceeds the needs in each community we serve, and to provide a variety of services in support of ongoing and emerging blood and transfusion-related activities.”



OVER \$60,000 WAS RAISED



Chapter 34

By Eric “Stogie” Miner, President

Chapter 34 in Hardee has been pretty active over the past couple quarters. We were able to send four representatives to the 93rd Annual Training Institute, two of which were first timers! The knowledge gained from attending this event was amazing. The first timers are utilizing it within their positions, not only in their positions with our chapter, but in their respective job assignments. With that, we thank you, Ms. Sims, Executive Board, and Committees, for a job well done!

We have been helping out with the Legion of St. Michael, LEMC, Polk County Chapter, with fundraising efforts for a young man who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Through two bike nights, we were able to give the family \$1200! This will help to offset some of the extra expenses

during his care.

Some of our members also belong to the Fraternal Order of Police, Polk County Lodge #46, who assisted with the Haunted Jail Tour at the old Polk County Jail, in Bartow. There were two weekends that volunteers were in costume or manning booths. By doing this, the United Way received over \$60,000!!!

Our chapter has been working towards making a difference with Dr. Bedard’s vision for this year, Mental Health in Criminal Justice: Crisis or Opportunity. Training our new, as well as our seasoned staff, will be the key to being successful towards crisis prevention and decreasing opportunities! We will focus on PTSD and addictions, as well as assisting to secure follow-up care.



BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

Chapter 35



Jaliyah Rochelle was diagnosed with Angiosarcoma which is a very rare type of cancer, that only 1% of people get. She was diagnosed at the age of 14 and upon receiving the diagnoses Jaliyah underwent multiple rounds of chemo and radiation along with a procedure to have the tumor removed. With her family and friends by her side Jaliyah BEAT the odds and was diagnosed cancer free in January of this year. After receiving such great news Jaliyah was able to begin living

life as a normal kid her age and began participating in theater. While preparing to begin for her sophomore year of high school Jaliyah went for a regular 3-month scan and received devastating news, the cancer had returned, and a new tumor was spotted. As catastrophic as this news is Jaliyah remains hopeful and is ready to fight and beat the odds again. After consulting with Jaliyah's doctors, her family feels the most confidence in the cancer treatment program at MD Anderson Hospital located in Houston, Texas. Jaliyah was accepted as a patient which we are overjoyed about, but unfortunately, they do not accept her insurance. As a result, this money must be paid out of pocket in order for treatment to begin.

In the month of September, we received word that this young lady was not doing too well, and the doctors sent her home



with her family and told them to prepare because there was nothing else, they could do for her. My heart dropped. Chapter 35 gathered and had a meeting, and we began to plan. Our team got together and created a GoFundMe and put together a dinner fundraiser. We raised \$2,800.00 on the benefit dinner, and on the GoFundMe account we raised over \$9,500.00. These funds were transferred directly to her mother's account for their needs. As a Team we make decisions to help the community and we do it with a heart of love and all of us are very passionate about it.

#JaliyahStrong
#MiracleForJaliyah

UPDATE IN CALHOUN COUNTY

Chapter 36

Greetings from Chapter 36. This year our chapter has some goals that we are trying to reach. The first is chapter effectiveness. While we don't have much to report for the first quarter there are a couple exciting things that have happened. Let me start by saying the Institute in August was

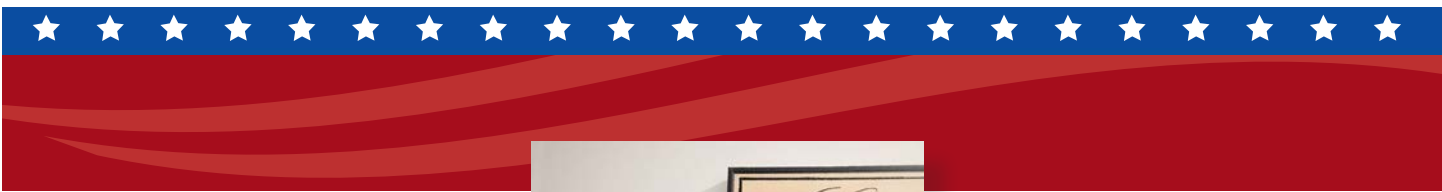
amazing. The first board meeting was a huge success, and it was amazing to be able to watch and be a part of so many people helping out for the first community service project, Mental Health for Heroes of Pinellas County.



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Eric "Stogie" Miner

Hello, I'm Eric "Stogie" Miner. At the 93rd Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute, I was nominated for Secretary to the State Executive Board. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to those brothers and sisters that don't know me. I am one that has a strong desire to complete the tasks at hand, but enjoys having fun at the same time. My personal quote is, "Make a positive impact on someone today".

I have been married to my wife Teresa, for 12 years. I am a father to two grown daughters, and a grandfather to two growing boys. My hobbies include, coordinating fund raising and sporting events, drinking a great coffee, smoking cigars, riding my Harley, and

watching Florida State University football and softball.

I've been in Law Enforcement and Corrections, in Colorado, Johnston Atoll, and Florida, for over 20 years. I currently work for the Florida Department of Corrections as the Wellness Education Specialist at Hardee Correctional Institution in Bowling Green. I am the President of Chapter 34 of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency serving Hardee County, the Polk Chapter President and the Florida State Boss for the Legion of St. Michael, Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, a Master Mason at Lake Wales Lodge #242, a member of the Fraternal Order of Police-Polk Chapter

#46, a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #72 in Mulberry. I am also an ordained minister and assist with the children's ministry and Celebrate Recovery at Christ Community Church in Winter Haven. Needless to say, I am a selfless servant that is dedicated to serving others.

If I am selected as your secretary, my level of dedication would only increase, as I strive to accept and meet any challenges. My yearning to grow our organization has already begun with my own chapter with the attainable goal of doubling our current membership. I strive to be punctual and attentive to all meetings and events. Thank you for your time.



Angela Gordon

Angela Gordon grew up in Mayo, FL and graduated from high school in 1991. She went on to attend Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, NC and graduated with a double major in Political Science and History. She began her career with the Department of Corrections September 1994 as a Correctional Officer at Mayo CI. In July 1995, she was promoted to Correctional Probation Officer at Hamilton CI. She was at Hamilton until 1999 when she was promoted to Correctional Probation Senior Officer at Mayo CI where she was first introduced to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. She attended her first FCCD Training Institute in 2002 and was hooked. In 2003, she was promoted to the first female Classification Supervisor at FSP "O" Unit, which later became part of New River CI. To further her career knowledge, she transferred to RMC to learn the

reception process in 2005. In 2007, she took the opportunity to move closer to home as Classification Supervisor at Taylor CI Annex. She was then given the opportunity to promote to Assistant Warden at Tomoka CI in 2009, where she was asked to take over as the President of FCCD Chapter 17. She served as Chapter 17 President from 2011-2013. She was promoted to the first female Warden at Marion CI in November 2013 and became President of Chapter 18, where she served as President for the year of 2013-2014. Subsequently, she moved to Lowell CI, the largest female correctional institution in the nation, as Warden in February 2015. In August 2016, she was promoted to the position of Director of Institutions in Region I. She has been encouraged over the years by many of the greats in the field of Corrections. She was

always encouraged to reach for the stars and never give up. She is active in numerous Corrections and Law Enforcement professional organizations. She obtained her degree of Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida in May 2023. She continues to be active in FCCD and has served as a committee chair for many years. In 2021, Secretary Dixon asked that she take the role as the liaison between the Department of Corrections and FCCD. She continues to work closely with Department of Corrections, FCCD State Board, and local chapters to revitalize the organization within the Department of Corrections. She is looking forward to having the opportunity to run for an official seat on the State Executive Board in the position of Secretary and hopes to continue moving the organization forward!

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