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A note from the President



Greetings FCCD Family, Colleagues and Friends,

I am so honored and humbled to serve as the 2022-2023 State President of this great Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) organization. I am very committed and passionate as we foster inter agency collaboration of all criminal and juvenile justice entities, provide relevant training, and encourage community service throughout the State of Florida.

First, thank you for your dedication and commitment to impact families in your local communities. Each of you provides countless volunteer hours to make a difference in your respective areas. FCCD would not be the success that it is without each of you and the work you do everyday. Again, thank you Team FCCD for your support as I embark upon my presidency.

As we prepare for the 93rd Annual Training Institute, August 21-24, 2023 at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, our theme is "Celebrate, Honor and Respect Families by Leaving a Family Legacy". Our motto is ***"Family: We may not have it all Together, but Together We have it All."***

Our main colors for the Institute are yellow, black and white and our community service projects are the Florida Alliance of Boys and & Girls Club and Prodigy Cultural Arts Program.

This year, our goal is to Promote Strong Families by providing the necessary tools and resources to strengthen the family bond. We will specifically highlight and celebrate fathers and the importance of their role in the family structure. As criminal and juvenile justice practitioners, we have to look through different lenses to better serve all families. We must realize that all family cultures are different and we must add tools in our tool belt to ensure we are reaching and serving all families where they are!

I am asking each of you to commit to be ALL IN as we build and empower families in the following areas:

- Be 100% ALL IN to Value and Celebrate Diversity
- Be 100% ALL IN to Promote Cultural Competence
- Be 100% ALL IN and Commit to the Dynamics of Difference, and
- Be 100% ALL IN to Adapt to Diversity

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting and in the community. Always remember that Prevention is the Key to crime and delinquency and we will dedicate this year believing that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

God bless, take care and stay safe.

Alice B. Sims, State President
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resident Alice B. Sims has picked her theme for 2022–2023 as "Celebrate, Honor and Respect Families"; her motto is "Leaving a Family Legacy", and her community service project is with two organizations, Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs and Prodigy Cultural Arts Program. As FCCD had a ZOOM meeting for the first board meeting, the plan was to offer a choice for chapters to pick either organization for their project and then we focus on one organization at the February and May Board meetings and both organizations at the conference. However, with the arrival of Hurricane Ian in September, the board changed the focus for the November 2022 project, and we focused on hurricane relief efforts. The February Board meeting will focus on Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, the May Board meeting will focus on the Prodigy Culture Arts Program and both organizations will be the recipients of donations at the annual training institute.

By Donna Wiebe, Statewide Community Service Chairperson

For the Hurricane Ian Relief Effort, we asked chapters to collect non-perishable items, cleaning supplies, pet supplies, etc. We were advised that many Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice employees, had damage from Hurricane Ian, ranging from devastating (lost everything) to minor. Our focus was to assist those within our organizations affected by this disaster. FCCD offered, "Adopt a Family" as an option, for chapters and/or members to adopt a family that was affected by the hurricane with all items collected going directly to the identified family. We do not have the totals of what was collected as of this article, but we can advise that a number of truckloads of supplies were delivered to DeSoto CI and Charlotte CI employees. Some chapters also purchased gift cards which were given to families affected by the storm, to assist them in purchasing needed supplies. Additionally, members donated to relief

efforts of local restaurants employee assistance programs to assist employees who not only lost their incomes due to closure of their employer, but also suffered damages during the disaster.

At the board meeting in February in Jacksonville, we will be partnering with the Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, an organization located in Tallahassee, which works to secure statewide funding and resources for local Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the State of Florida. Chapters have three choices on how to participate:

1. Collect money which will go towards scholarships for local BGC youth, who would be the first in their family, to attend college (the Florida Alliance Group will match donations made by FCCD)
2. New books for middle school aged youth
3. New sports equipment for middle school aged youth

Information will be provided in the next Councilor on the items for the Prodigy Cultural Program.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Chapter 2



On December 17th, many of our Chapter 2 members and their families attended the annual Wreaths Across America Day at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Wreaths Across America was founded by Morrill Worcester, the owner of Worcester Wreath Company in 1992. When the Worcester Wreath Company found themselves with excess wreaths Morrill Worcester, remembering back to a boyhood trip to Arlington National Cemetery, found that he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans.

His efforts of laying wreaths on the gravestones of our country's veterans went largely unnoticed until 2005, when a photo of the decorated stones at Arlington National Cemetery circulated around the internet, gaining national attention.

This year, our chapter members and their family members worked to keep this tradition

going by organizing wreaths to be laid on the gravestones in Tallahassee National Cemetery, and ultimately laying wreaths on the stones of those individuals who didn't have family representation. We are so thankful for the service of each of the individuals interred at our cemetery, and it's an honor for us to continue to participate in this tradition year after year.



FCCD State Board President Alice Sims, FCOR Chairman Melinda Coonrod, Fred Schuknecht, Michelle Jordan, Christopher Goodwin, and others at the 2022 Wreaths Across America Day.

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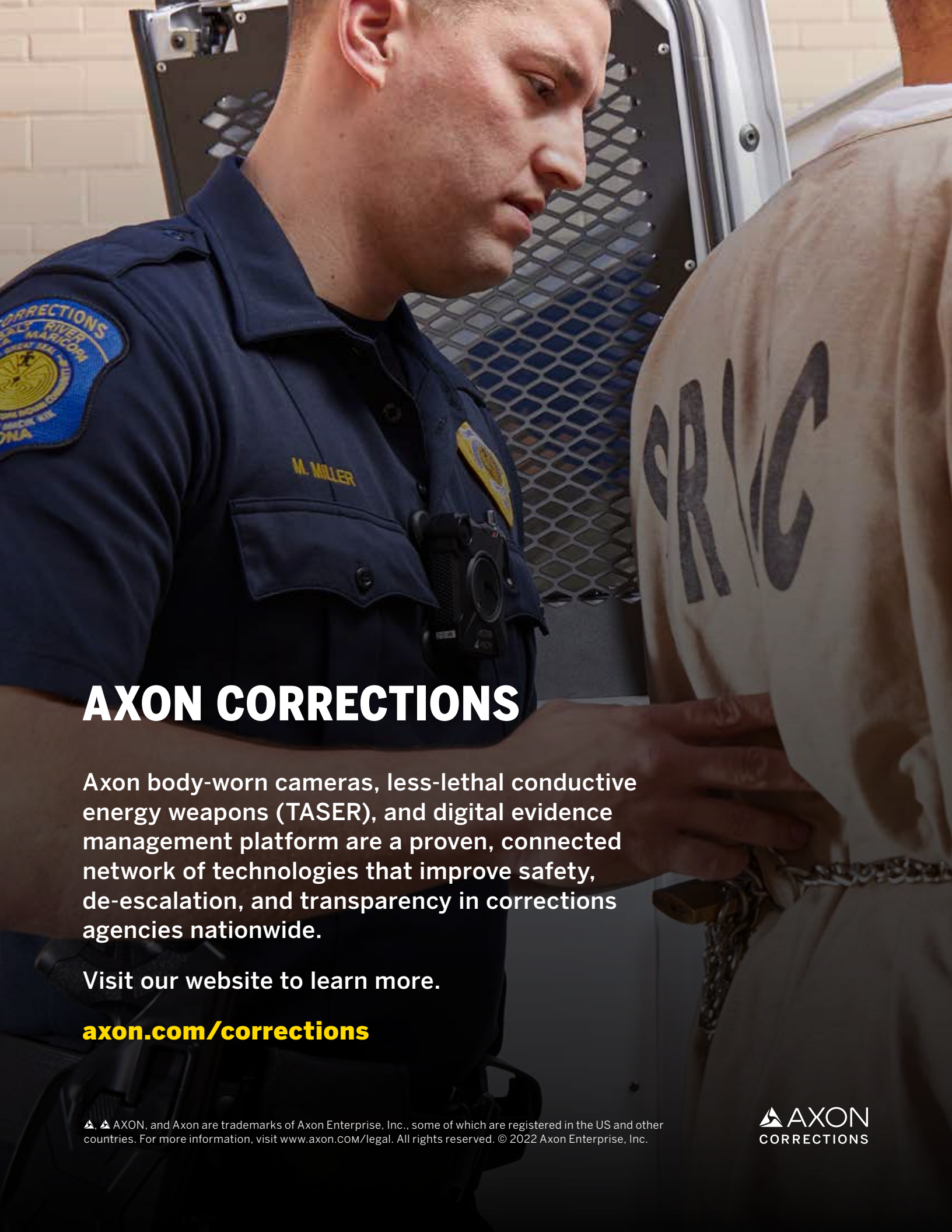
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ANGEL TREE Chapter 2

18 years ago, Carol Butler created the first “Senior Angel Tree” at the Department of Corrections Central Office. Her idea was to assist seniors during the holidays who live in health care facilities and have no family. This cause was near and dear to her heart and for the past 18 years, Chapter 2 has commitment to helping those less fortunate by sponsoring those Senior Angels so they can share in the Christmas joy.

This year, we added Senior Angels from two additional homes to our rosters so we could spread the love just a little bit further than we have before. We now adopt Senior Angels from five different facilities, spread across Leon County, Jefferson County, and Wakulla County.

We are so blessed to be able to continue this tradition with the support from our chapter members, co-workers, family, and friends and we are thankful for the continued support within our community!



FCCD State Board President Alice Sims, Chapter 2 Treasurer Laura Buen, and DJJ staff who contributed to Angel Tree 2022.



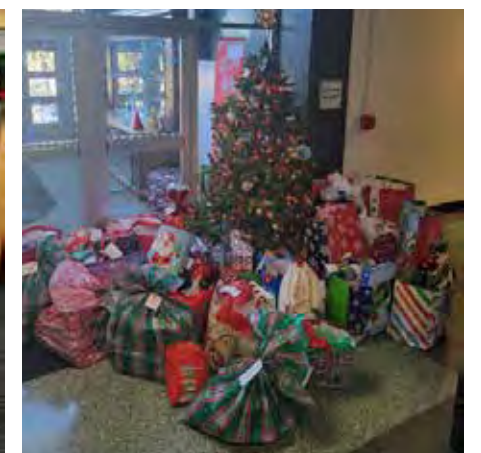
Chapter 2 President Courtney Booth, Joy Ailstock, and Capitol Police Officers Ormerod and Helton with the Activities Director of Eden Springs Nursing Home in Wakulla County.



DJJ tree with presents.



FCOR tree with presents.



FDC tree with presents.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



Chapter 3

By: R. Wise, FCCD Chapter 3 Secretary

On August 6, 2022, FCCD Chapter 3 held a Back to School Bash for the children of AVPCI employees. Over 130 backpacks packed with essential school supplies were handed out, and a great time was had by all with water slides, face painting, yard games, popcorn and snow cones.

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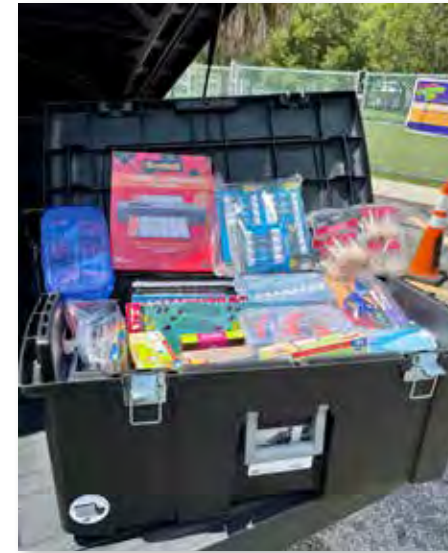
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Chapter 4

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 4 President

Holiday greetings and Happy New Year from Chapter 4! Our chapter has been busy with community outreach events and community service projects. We started off the 2022 year with a back-to-school drive and donated a truck full of school supplies to the Paul Turner Lauderhill Elementary school in Broward County, Florida. Kindergarten teacher Susan Griffin was

thrilled to receive every item on her teacher wish list, including a cricket and numerous items for her kindergarten class to create projects and have much needed supplies for the school year. Some of the items donated included backpacks, various art supplies, composition books, dry erase boards with lines, and motivational stickers. Probation



Supervisor Tammy Marcus and Senior Probation Officer Dixon organized the school drive and delivered the supplies to the teacher at the school on September

1, 2022. Ms. Griffin and her school administrators were thrilled with the donations from everyone.

Chapter 4 and Circuit 17 probation officers also collected food for the AVSA women's shelter in Palm Beach. Prior to Thanksgiving, Chapter 4 members



collected nonperishable food items for the pantry of the women's shelter and Senior Probation Officer Sherri Cole delivered the much-needed items. Our chapter collected over \$300 in food and items including a coffee pot, set of knives and a water filter.

Chapter 4 members and probation staff in Circuit 17 participated in a community outreach event and collected over \$500 in clothing items for the Covenant House in Fort Lauderdale which is a shelter for runaway youths.



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HURRICANE IAN STRIKES

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall near Cayo Costa in southwest Florida as a major category 4 storm. Hurricane Ian was the deadliest hurricane to make landfall in Florida since the 1935 Labor Day hurricane. Hurricane Ian left behind a path of destruction, including 139 confirmed fatalities. Some of the hardest hit areas included Ft. Myers and Naples, leaving many people with no electricity, no homes and complete loss of their livelihood. In an effort to assist and give back to those areas that were hardest hit and impacted the most, FCCD



Chapter 5 hosted a chapter wide bake at our facilities. We were able to raise a total of \$930.00 to assist in purchasing supplies and necessities to send down

to the families in southwest Florida. Baker Reentry Center also hosted a bake sale on this day to raise funds for the widow of a recently fallen officer.

FALL FESTIVAL Chapter 5



On Saturday, October 29, 2022, Reception Medical Center in Lake Butler, FL held its annual Halloween Fall Festival. This event is open to the community and hundreds of people attend every year. FCCD Chapter 5 participated in the event this year with the help of Union Correctional Institution EBTF/Chapter 5 members.

We started decorating on Friday after work and finished up before the event on Saturday. 10-15 Chapter members were there throughout the two days setting up a multitude of decorations, passing out candy, cooking for team members, and of course taking down and packing everything up after the event was over.

This community event allowed everyone to join together in a safe family environment. While seeing children of all ages and adults walk around in their costumes. The atmosphere was one of fun and joy throughout the night.





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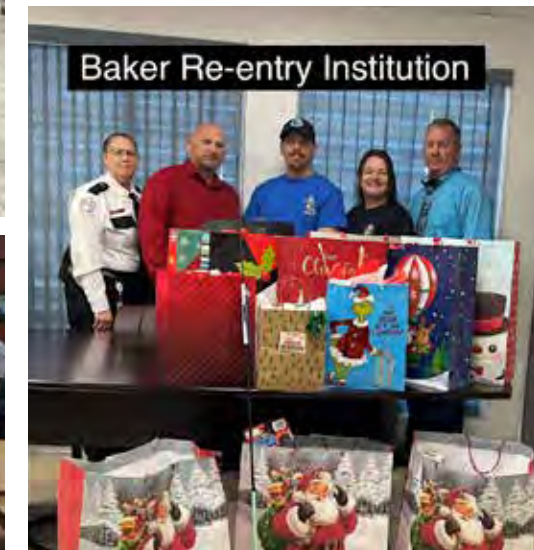
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GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Guardian Ad Litem Staff and Chapter 5 President Naomi Jones and Member Jeff Russell.



Baker Re-entry Institution



Florida State Prison

Guardian Ad Litem and Chapter 5 Between October 4, 2022, and December 1, 2022, Chapter 5 teamed up with Lisa A. Rodgers, Child Advocate Manager for the 8th Judicial Circuit, in Starke, Florida. Ms. Rodgers is responsible for the local Guardian ad Litem program and reached out to us to help over 140 children in Bradford, Baker, and Union counties celebrate Christmas. In those two months, Chapter 5 with the help from staff at Baker Re-Entry, Columbia CI, FSP, Lawtey CI, RMC, and Union CI were able to collect \$14,000 worth of gifts to provide each of those children multiple gifts. On December 1, 2022, Chapter Five presented them to Ms. Rodgers and her staff at the Starke Guardian Ad Litem office. This has been a yearly mission for Chapter 5 for years and will continue to be. All involved were so happy to be a part of this amazing and heartfelt event.

VETERANS DOMICILIARY SECRET SANTA EVENT

On Tuesday, December 20, 2022, Chapter 5 teamed up with the Robert H. Jenkins JR. State Veterans' Domiciliary Home in Lake City, Florida to help celebrate Christmas for over 140 veterans. The domiciliary home is located on 20 acres of pristine land just outside Lake City. The Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Veterans' Domiciliary Home is a recently renovated, licensed assisted living facility that provides support services and incidental medical care to eligible veterans.



Throughout November and December, Chapter 5 members were able to collect over



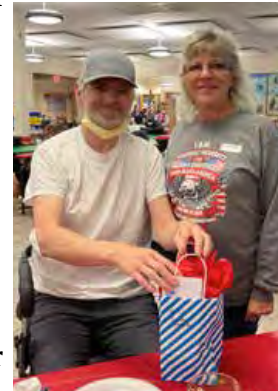
Chapter 5 members were able to collect over

\$4000 worth of gifts and gift cards to provide to these service members. Chapter 5 ensured that every veteran within the facility received a secret Santa gift, some even receiving two due to the outpouring of support. 5 members of Chapter 5 were fortunate to be present on December 20th to participate in the Christmas Party the facility hosted.

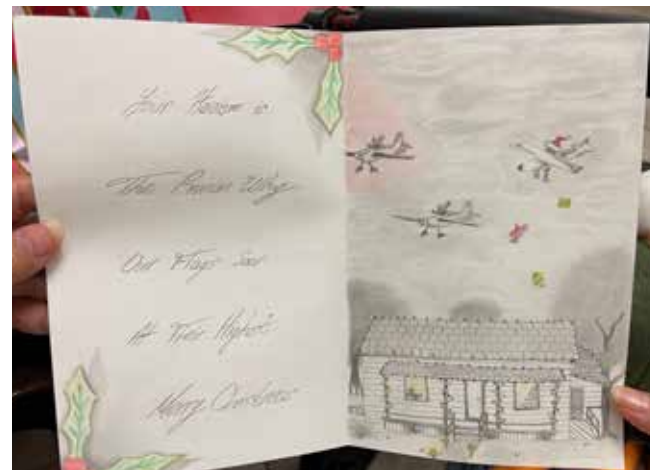


The joy and gratitude on the face of the residents made all the hard work worth it. We were able to assist in passing out the gifts

to each person with the help of Santa! Columbia CI even provided many handmade cards that were personalized with each branch of the military represented. Mr. Ed, the Activities Director, made sure to let us know just how much the men and women enjoyed having us there, and informed everyone that this was the best Christmas Party the facility has had in over 30 years.



Chapter 5 loves and supports our veterans, and it is through the hard work of each member that we hope to continue assisting those in need. We would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make this a Christmas that those veterans at the Robert H. Jenkins JR. State Veterans' Domiciliary Home will never forget!



CFRC, PROBATION & PAROLE, AND FCCD CHAPTER 7 HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Do something small, change something big was the driving force in the collaboration of Central Florida Reception Center Warden Shellie Baker, Probation & Parole Circuit 09 Circuit Administrator Colleen Brady, and FCCD Chapter 7 President Orange County Corrections Senior Community Correction Officer Hope Simpson and their facility staff. Within one week, over 400 non-perishable food items were collected to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is a private, non-profit organization that collects, stores, and distributes donated food to more than 625 feeding partners in seven Central Florida counties: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Volusia and Marion. During the tour of the Distribution Center, we were introduced to their Chef and provided with information on the Darden Foundation Community Kitchen and the Culinary Training Program. Chef advised the program provides qualified, at-risk and economically disadvantaged adults with the culinary and life skills training needed to pursue a sustainable career in the food industry. He shared his vision for the future of the program and how he would like to continue our partnership. Thank you all for your contributions in making this a success endeavour.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Chapter 18

FCCD Chapter 18 has been very busy with Community Projects this quarter. The Chapter hit the ground running after the annual FCCD Conference by having a toiletries drive. The toiletries were brought back from the conference and additional toiletries and children's books were collected locally between FWRC, Lowell and Marion Correctional Institutions. All donations were given to the Ocala Domestic Violence/ Sexual Abuse Center.

Also in August, Chapter 18 held a Back-to-School supply drive. All items collected were distributed to Silver River Mentoring & Instruction (SRMI) and New Leaf Alternative School, which are at risk schools here in Marion County.

In October Chapter 18 joined other Chapters statewide in collecting hurricane disaster relief supplies. Some of the items collected included:

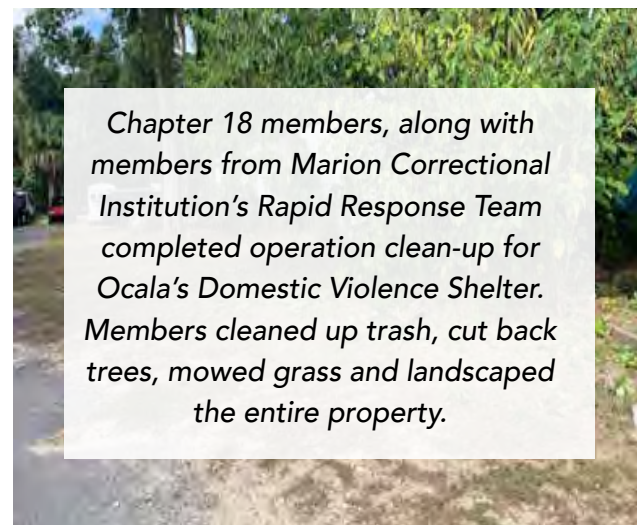
Non-perishable foods, clothing, blankets, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, children's toys, water, paper towels and toilet paper. Most items were taken

to assist staff affected by Hurricane Ian at Hardee, Desoto and Avon Park Correctional Institutions.

On December 7, 2022, Chapter 18 representatives, in conjunction with Marion Correctional Institution staff, presented Hands of Mercy with a monetary donation, as well as donations of sheets, pillow cases, baby toys and diapers. Hands of Mercy is a Christian based program in Marion County that

assists teenage girls who are pregnant or have a small child. They provide housing and assistance to the teens, which allows them to attend school during the day and care their child at night in a safe environment.

On December 10th, 2022, Chapter 18 held a cornhole tournament fundraiser that benefited the Toys for Tots Program and the Chapter. Belleview Moose Lodge hosted the event. There were two divisions: social and competitive. Fun was had by all and Marion C.I. staff, Chris Sapp, AWO and Stephen Dellefemine, CO took home first place in the social competition.



Chapter 18 members, along with members from Marion Correctional Institution's Rapid Response Team completed operation clean-up for Ocala's Domestic Violence Shelter. Members cleaned up trash, cut back trees, mowed grass and landscaped the entire property.

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BUSY! BUSY! BUSY! Chapter 25

Chapter 25 hasn't been active for quite some time, but since President Amber Hundley decided to take over the Chapter the activity has grown tremendously. First thing first was having all of our Board positions filled! Board members are as follows: **President** – Amber Hundley, **Vice President** – Brianna Belcher, **Secretary** – Evangalia Bone, **Treasurer** – Brittini Sellers

Once all the above positions were filled, we gathered together to hold a membership drive, which proved to be quite successful as our numbers grew and we were able to teach everyone about the FCCD. As our numbers grew, we made sure to get as active as possible as we have gone out in the community on several occasions to assist with activities. We've been keeping ourselves busy over the past few months and here is a few of our community service activities!



On August 5th, 2022 Chapter 25 joined forces with Holmes Correctional Institution to conduct a backpack drive to help gather all sorts of school supplies for children in need. We were able to collect 25 backpacks that were filled with various school supplies which were handed over the Holmes County Schools Superintendent to make sure they were distributed. It was a great start to getting more involved in our community.

On November 15th, 2022 through December 16th, 2022 Chapter 25 along side Holmes Correctional



Institution held a Holiday Toy Drive to help get toys for children with the sole purpose of spreading holiday cheer. This toy drive proved to be incredibly successful as the community came together better than we could have ever imagined! On top of all the donations that were received, Chapter 25 went on a very successful shopping trip where we also were able to use some of our funds to make sure there would be plenty of toys to go around for all age groups. The number of toys that were gathered overall was unbelievable as we were able to have plenty of toys to pass out to the children on two different days.



On December 16th and December 17th Chapter 25 assisted the Pittman Volunteer Fire Department with getting the various toys passed out to the families of the community. Seeing the joy on the children's faces was everything for us as spreading that joy is what it's all about. On December 17th we assisted the town of Ponce de Leon as we set up at the Town Hall where we were able to watch Santa come in and we got to work as we worked to ensure that all the children that came through left with a smile on their face.



Overall, we have had such overwhelming support from the community as we're getting our Chapter back out there and active again. We're aiming for a much more successful year next year!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Chapter 26

Gale Zucker, President of Chapter 26



Left to Right: Sentence Specialist Steven Merrell (Chapter 26 Secretary), Officer Dakota Plymel (President Elect), Veterans Staff member, Melissa, and Classification Supervisor Gale Zucker, President of Chapter 26.

Chapter 26 partnered with the staff of Putnam CI to collect much needed supplies for veterans residing at Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home. This was conducted in part with the statewide FCCD event, supporting the often-overlooked group of veterans residing in state nursing facilities. Staff and residents were overjoyed at the donations claiming it was an unexpected gift of kindness. Thank you to the supporting members of Chapter 26 and Putnam CI as well as to all who supported this effort across the state.

MOVING FORWARD

Chapter 27

As you're all aware, Chapter 27 was re-established earlier this year and things started moving forward quickly. Board members were elected; **President:** Christopher Edelen, **Vice President:** Skott Jensen, **Treasurer:** Jeff Langley, and **Secretary:** Patricia Parish. Our board members wasted no time reaching out to the community and building relationships with local law enforcement and municipalities. Participating in Downtown Clermont's National Night Out and making connections with the different departments and agencies that were in attendance. Our FCCD chapter members from Lake Correctional Institution, led by

Sergeant Torry Terry, have launched a new project, "Beyond the Gate", which is a partnership with local law enforcement to provide leadership and guidance to troubled youth. We are excited to see where this

venture leads in the future, and just how many young lives will be touched through this outreach program.

Chapter 27, along with Groveland Police Department hosted the Halloween "trunk or treat" night, allowing for a safe environment for the local children to trick-or-treat and enjoy the Halloween holiday. During the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, Chapter members banded together and were able to provide 2,304 MRE's and 467 cases of water, along with over 50 packages of clothing, baby diapers, wipes, and other essential items that were prepared, and sent out to families in the areas that were most effected by Hurricane Ian. We also participated in Lake Correctional Institution's family fun day, which included food, games, bounce houses, and an opportunity to raise funds for FCCD. Lake Correctional Institution came together and raised \$271.00 to have Chapter 27 President



Christopher Edelen pied in the face. Funds raised are going to help our community. We are also proud to announce that Chapter 27's softball team participated in a local softball tournament, supporting toys for tots, and assisted in ensuring that numerous children were able to have a Christmas this year. Chapter 27 will also be hosting a softball tournament in January to raise funds for its community outreach program, as well as participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run to raise funds for the Special Olympics. We are beyond proud of our chapter members and their tremendous efforts to make a difference within the community. Stay tuned for more big things to come from Chapter 27.



RECENT OPPORTUNITY

Chapter 34

Submitted by, Eric "Stogie" Miner
Chapter 34 President

On behalf of Hardee CI and FCCD Chapter 34, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our brothers and sisters a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2023 be prosperous!

Our Chapter Executive Board has had the opportunity recently, to speak with representatives from the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of the Court, Wauchula Police Department, and the Bowling Green Police Department, regarding membership and the positive impact of the FCCD. We have also been building a relationship with the Hardee High School FFA, promoting President Sims' vision of "Celebrate, Honor, and Respect Families".



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<p>I, _____ (Name) _____ (People First ID for State of Florida or Agency ID for County/City/Other), authorize my employer to deduct \$1.00 biweekly (for biweekly agencies) or \$2.00 monthly (for monthly agencies), beginning with the warrant date _____ for FCCD membership. I understand this deduction will continue until I authorize cancellation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature</p>

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