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President's Message

I am so impressed with the work being done by the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapters supporting our theme for this year, "Mental Health in Criminal Justice: Crisis or Opportunity?". FCCD's core principles of collaboration, community service and training are being met across the state. Chapters across the state are hosting suicide prevention training, participating in the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) walks, and supporting organizations like Victoria's Voice.

Your work, both individually and collectively, exemplifies the purpose of FCCD. As we move towards the 94th Training Institute, I am excited about the quality of presenters coming. We have invited national experts in the field of mental health, staff wellness, decriminalization of mental health, and suicide prevention to share their wealth of knowledge while we learn and collaborate to improve the criminal justice system.

Our second quarterly board meeting held in Heathrow, Florida, was a tremendous success. I was so proud to see twenty-seven chapters in attendance, one of the biggest turnouts in history! Thanks to all involved who made this board meeting educational. I appreciate the sponsors and the presentations made about the great work going on in the field.

I am so proud to be your president; thank you for supporting our mission. Please let me know how I can serve you and continue to work to make FCCD the best criminal justice organization in Florida.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Bedard, Ph.D.





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2023-2024 **STATEWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Submitted by Donna Wiebe, FCCD Statewide Community Service Chair

**FCCD President Dr. Laura Bedard chose
 Mental Health Awareness for Employees and Offenders
 as her statewide community service project for this year.**

At our board meeting on November 4, 2023, FCCD chapters raised \$3,700 which was presented to Mental Health for Heroes of Pinellas County (MHFH), an organization in Pinellas County which provides mental health services to the First Responder community. For more information on this organization, please check out their website: mhforheroes.com. We will also be partnering with MHFH as our community service project at the upcoming institute in August.



At our board meeting on February 9, 2024, we partnered with Victoria's Voice Foundation, a non-profit organization in Orange County, specializing in drug addiction services. Chapters raised \$2,020 in monetary donations, which will be presented to a representative of Victoria's Voice on March 13, 2024. For more information on this organization, please check out their website: victoriasvoice.foundation.



FCCD will be having a Zoom board meeting in May, so we are asking each chapter to partner with a mental health organization or a first responder agency, for your community service project. Think outside of the box: contact your local fire station, sheriff's office substation, or police office substation and deliver breakfast, lunch or dinner to them, in appreciation for their service. Contact your local county jail or correctional institute and see if you can provide snacks and water at shift change to show appreciation for their service. Have members write a note of appreciation, attach to a homemade cookie/brownie and drop them off at any first responder station. Please keep track of your time and costs incurred and report your project during the Zoom meeting.

FCCD members continue to be very generous and involved within our communities as it pertains to community service projects and I am confident this will continue throughout the years. Thanks to everyone within FCCD that participates in our community service projects throughout the year.

ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chapter 3

By P.J. Catalano, Vice President FCCD Chapter 3



January 25th and 26th, Chapter 3 held our annual Special Olympics Kickoff at Avon Park. I am thrilled to share the fantastic news regarding our 2-day event in support of the Special Olympics. For 3 hours, members stood at the Entrance gate of the facility collecting change from all who entered or exited the grounds. The following day we had a membership drive and hotdog and hamburger sale, and we successfully raised an impressive amount of \$800.00 to contribute towards this worthy cause.

The commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by each one of our members during these events were truly remarkable. From the cookout, Give Change to make a

Change, and the chance to win fundraising activities, their dedication and generosity were evident.

The funds raised will play a crucial role in supporting the Special Olympics and their mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This contribution will directly impact the lives of these individuals, empowering them to showcase their abilities and achieve personal victories.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all staff members who actively contributed in organizing and participating in these events. Your creativity, teamwork, and willingness to

contribute your time and resources made this fundraising effort a resounding success.

I would also like to extend our appreciation to Avon Park C.I. and Avon Park Air Force Base for their support and generosity. Their contributions, whether through purchasing hot dogs or hamburgers, giving the spare change in their car, to making direct donations, played an integral role in helping us for a great start towards our goal this year to raise over \$5000 for this Special Olympics.

This achievement highlights the compassion and community spirit that exists within our team. It is a testament to our shared commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Once again, thank you FCCD Chapter 3 Members for your outstanding efforts in supporting the Special Olympics. Your generosity and commitment to giving back are truly commendable.



SPREADING SOME CHEER

Chapter 4

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 4 President



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For the holiday season, Chapter 4 helped spread some holiday cheer to families in need in our community by collecting toys for Project Magic School Bus. Project Magic School bus is a project driven by the School Social Work Program of Broward County Public Schools. All of the toys went to students in need of assistance. The generous donations of toys and gift cards brought hope and joy to children during the holiday season. A special THANK YOU to WENDY MARR, Chapter 4 FCCD member and Senior Probation Supervisor of the 17-2 probation office for spear heading this wonderful community service project for our Chapter!

UPDATES ON GIVING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Chapter 5

By Naomi Jones, Chapter 5 President

On November 18, 2023, Chapter 5 members donated approximately 100 books and over 51/2 gallons of soda pull tabs to Ronald McDonald House Charities of North Central Florida. These books were collected from Baker Re-Entry, Columbia CI, Lawtey CI, FSP, RMC, Region II Office, UCI and Chapter 5 Members.



On Saturday, November 25, 2023, Chapter 5 members went to the Robert H. Jenkins Veterans Domiciliary where we conducted our 2nd annual meet and greet with the veterans. We provided drinks and snacks and even decorated two trees for them to get in the holiday spirit. These veterans live there year-round, and most do not have family outside of each other. So, Chapter 5 also conducted our 2nd annual Secret Santa Event and on

Tuesday, December 19, we distributed a hand-made card (made by the inmates at Columbia CI, Baker RE, and UCI's Veteran's Programs and Peer to Peer Program) along with a \$20 gift card to Walmart and a soft blanket for each of them. All donations for the gift cards and blankets were received from our local institutions and 3 large donations from Southern Ingenuity, Mr. Bill Seto, and Ms. Connie Loyd.

On November 13, 2023, Lawtey CI and local Chapter 5 Members gathered food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. All donations were given to the local church in Lawtey.



On November 21, 2023, FSP, UCI, RMC, Region II office and FCCD CH5 members donated enough food for all of the residents at the local Women's Domestic Violence Shelter - The Chessed House to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner. We sponsor two of these rooms year-round as a Chapter by keeping it supplied with toiletries, sheets/blankets, cleaning supplies and whatever other needs a new incoming woman and any children she may have need. (For more information on how you can help please contact fccd.ch5@gmail.com)





On Friday, December 1, 2023, Chapter 5 teamed up with Columbia CI, Union CI and Capital Northeast Region and delivered 200 gifts to the Circuit Three Guardian ad Litem office in Lake City.



On Monday, December 4, 2023, Chapter 5 teamed up with Baker ReEntry, Florida State Prison, Lawtey CI, Reception Medical Center, and Region II Office and delivered 138 gifts to Guardian ad Litem.



Chapter 5 has been doing amazing work with the Guardian ad Litem offices for years now and we hope to continue for many years to come.



Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency
94th Annual Criminal Justice Institute

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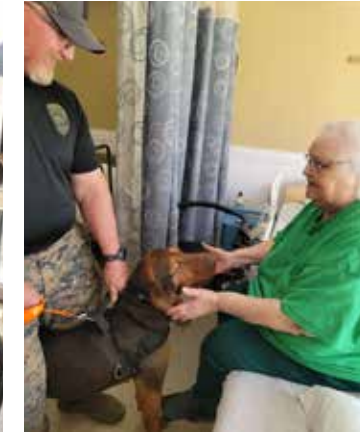
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On Friday, December 15, 2023, Mary Taylor, Pat Honour, and Dawn McKinney from Bradford Sheriff's Office along with multiple other Chapter 5 members and Sheriff's Office staff, delivered gifts to the children at Starke's Episcopal Children's Services. (Formally known as Starke's Head Start Program.) Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Pat, and Ms. Dawn worked with staff to ensure that the children received the items that they needed, along with a few toys for Christmas. These ladies have worked together to ensure that The Angel Tree program is successful year after year helping these families in their time of need.



On Friday, January 19, 2024, Chapter 5 hosted a Domestic Abuse training at RMC's training building. Tina Morgan, Zach Barlow, and Mark Williams worked hard all morning preparing our fantastic meal. Meanwhile our guest speaker Dr. Theresa Beachy from the Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network delivered a training to all those that attended. The training was well received by those in attendance and many people came up to us afterwards to

express their thanks. One individual stated that "It was very insightful, and something that could be applicable to some of our staff in DOC due to the high stress environments". While P&P staff mentioned how helpful some of the training aids handed out will be for them. If any other Chapters would like to contact to Dr. Beachy to schedule a training, please reach out to us for her information at fccd.ch5@gmail.com



VALENTINE CHALLENGE

Chapter 6

Janine C. Cannon, Past President



FCCD Chapter 6 and Santa Rosa Correctional Institution staff adopted the residents of Sandy Ridge Center for Rehabilitation & Healing in Milton, Florida for Valentine's Day. Staff were challenged to a contest to see which shift or department could raise the most monetary donations or products to provide a Valentine's Gift bag to each of the residents with the winning shift/department being rewarded with a Spaghetti Dinner.

The challenge was accepted and exceed beyond our expectations, and the Warden's Office at Santa Rosa CI quickly became a major Valentine's Distribution Center for three weeks. The donated and purchased items included a reusable tote bag, a hand-made blanket, a stuffed animal (ladies), a deck of playing cards (men), 2 bottles of hand sanitizer (Bath and Body Works, GermX), chap stick, hand lotion, body wash, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a box of Little Debbie Valentine Snack Cakes, a Valentine's card and candy.

A total of 60 Valentine gift bags for the 41 women and 19 men were delivered to the residents on

Valentine's Day. FCCD Chapter 6 and Santa Rosa CI staff met with the Sandy Ridge staff and residents to hand deliver the gift bags. We also left boxes of "extras" to issue to new residents.

Shout out to the Main Unit Second Shift, Main Unit Dental Department and Work Camp First Shift for their generous donations. The Main Unit Second Shift and Dental Department were the challenge winners and will be treated to dinner in the near future. First Shift Work Camp staff are being rewarded for their outstanding efforts with a pizza party for their shift.

Special recognition to The Main Unit Dental Department for securing the generous donations of the handmade blankets. The blankets were made and "packaged with God's Love" by Women on Mission, East Side Baptist Church, Milton, Florida.

FCCD Chapter 6 invites you to get involved by becoming a member and participating in Community Service and Training events.

POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Chapter 6

Janine C. Cannon – Past President, Chapter 6



Community Service is one of the cornerstones of the organization with chapters participating in local and statewide community service events across the state. FCCD (Chapter 6) and Santa Rosa Correctional Institution are supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola, Florida by collecting pull tabs as an on-going community service project.

The collected pop tabs are re-cycled, generating much-needed funds to support the house and the nearly 1,200 families they serve each year. RMHC’s partner, United Scrap Metal buys the pop tabs at market rate and also makes an additional charitable contribution. While the price of aluminum changes regularly, RMHC receives an average of 40 to 55 cents per pound. Pop tabs help cover the electric bill each year for RMHC.

To date, we have delivered a grand total of 39 pounds and 13 ounces of pop tabs (collected by FCCD members and FDC staff at the Main Unit and Annex, staff collecting the tabs at home and inmates gathering them from discarded cans on the compound.)

That is approximately **57,200 POP TABS** an impressive amount collected! The staff at the Ronald McDonald House were excited and grateful for this donation.

Chapter 6 is having an amazing year with FCCD and would love to see you at future community service events. If you haven’t already, please consider starting a “collection” box/bucket for pull tabs in your Chapter.

There is no match to the strength of our community when we work together and support one another.



PARTNERSHIP

Chapter 7

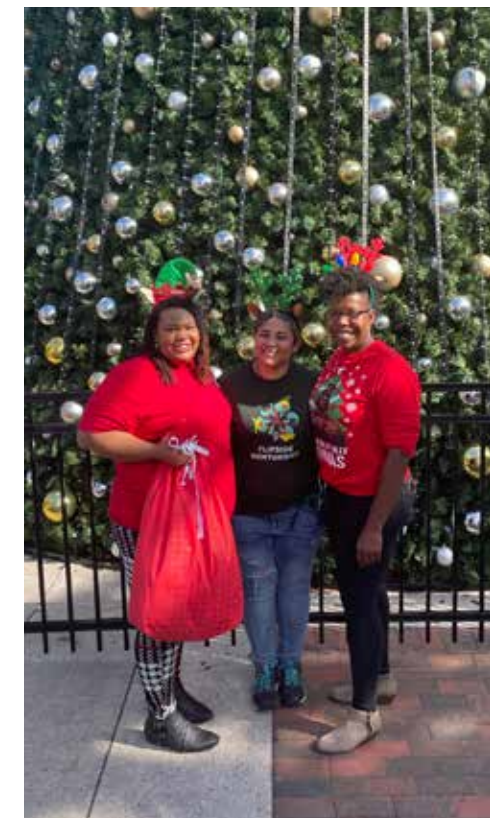
By LaKisha Dunkley, President

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 7 partnered with Flipside Mentorship for their annual Adopt-A-Grandparent Day. Volunteers donated socks, blankets, robes and their time to the residents of the Conway Lakes Health and Rehabilitation Center in Orlando. Over 125 residents both long term and short term called Conway Lakes their home for the holidays.

Santa’s Helpers both big and small exemplified the “true season of giving and holiday cheer.” Christmas carols were song, smiles of gratitude were given. Great time was had by all.

The turn-out for donations were so overwhelming that afterwards, Santa’s helpers were able to donate to the local homeless community of the Downtown Orlando/Lake Eola Park.

I was truly impressed by the selflessness and joyfulness displayed by the children who understood “that to give is a greater gift than to receive.”



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS GAME

Chapter 12

By Angelica Pennington, President-Elect Chapter 12



FCCD Chapter 12 participated in the “Play for a Cure” girls’ basketball game on February 1, 2024 at Ridge Community High School. The basketball game donated all tickets, concessions, and additional donations to the United Breast Cancer Foundation. The game earned \$300 matched by Chapter 12, for a total of \$600 raised in support of the efforts of the United Breast Cancer Foundation. President-Elect, Angelica Pennington is an assistant girls’ basketball coach at Ridge Community High School. As a program and as a member of FCCD, we are proud of the partnership to bring awareness to a cause that has touched us all.



BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

Chapter 12

By Angelica Pennington, President-Elect Chapter 12



Circuit 10 Florida Department of Corrections, Community Corrections hosted their annual Black History Program and Training in collaboration with Chapter 12 FCCD. The Black History Program’s theme mirrored the 2024 National Black History Month Theme of “African Americans and the Arts.” The program consisted of singing of the Black National Anthem by Pansy Mitchell along with special readings and informational literature concerning Black History and the significance and importance of celebrating not only the achievements and sacrifices of those who have come before us, but to also provide empowerment and motivation to the next generation of leaders, way-makers, and innovators.



We were privileged to welcome our guest speaker Darrell “Coach D” Andrews. He is a renowned consultant, strategist, and motivator in the field

of workforce development. He is a sought-after speaker at conferences on workforce development and education, not only in the United States but also in Canada and the Caribbean. He is also an accomplished author of several books, and he brought forth a compelling and motivating training on the topic of “Self-Care in the Workplace.” To conclude a day of valuable training, we enjoyed a full southern-style meal prepared by some of Circuit 10’s staff.

Additionally, we closed our raffle drawing and held a membership drive at the conclusion of the program. The winner of a \$100 gift card was from Polk Correctional Institution!



ROAD CLEANUP

Chapter 14

Chapter 14 has taken an early initiative in community improvement through its quarterly road cleanup to set the standard for the anticipated youth shelter, which will cover Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties. In a display of commitment, Chapter 14 members and their families have dedicated two Saturday mornings to this cause, with an average of 12 individuals turning out each time; a third cleanup is scheduled for February.

The initiative is not only about removing litter from our streets; it's about sending a message to the youth while they are there: we care you are here, and you are visible to us. Construction on the new facility is projected to start in mid-2024.

The concept for a road cleanup came from one of the first chapter meetings, and working on the plan ignited when the purpose behind the idea acquired a bigger purpose: show those entering our community who are going to the youth shelter that we care about the youth being here and we want their welcoming to start before they enter the shelter. When someone looks out the window, we don't want them to see the clutter of vaping cartridges, fast food wrappers,



and other rubbish that can diminish their hope for a better future.

In partnership with the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful (KSCB) program, FCCD Chapter 14 has received generous support through cleanup supplies and official road adoption signs. These signs serve not just as markers of the FCCD's commitment but also as beacons inviting other agencies to join in and maintain the aesthetic and morale of our community.

The road cleanups serve as a melting pot for interagency dialogue, where we have shared successes and challenges to expand our knowledge base to help accomplish our goals. It's a testament to the FCCD's core values of fostering collaboration and promoting high professional standards within the criminal justice system.



STEPPING UP FOR OTHERS

Chapter 17

By Josh Lynn, Chapter 17 President

We had a busy Holiday Season here at Chapter 17. Chapter 17 teamed up with its members for several worthy causes. We teamed up with "Toys for Tots" and were able to collect many toys that surely brighten up children's Christmas this year. We teamed up with Ms. Margo Rivera (Chapter 17 Member) at Atlantic High School Academy of Law and Government in Port Orange collecting items for the "Cram the Cruiser" Hygiene drive for at risk teenagers. These items are given to those in need at the high school and for area Police Officers to hand out as they encounter those in need. We also participated in conjunction with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office's "Shop with a Cop" in Palm Coast. Several of our members were able to shop with youth in our community, but all will say it more about the time spent with them than buying the gifts with them. I can't thank our members enough for their selfless service and generous hearts for our community here in Flagler and Volusia Counties.



KEEPING BUSY

Chapter 18

By David LaCob, Treasurer



Chapter 18 kept busy during the second quarter with many different community service events and a training event. November started out with Chapter 18 providing Thanksgiving baskets to five families of students attending Reddick-Collier Elementary. We also were able to provide three baskets to some of our members who were in need. The Chapter also donated 30 turkeys to Fessenden Elementary School for their teachers and staff. On November 20, 2024, Chapter 18 conducted its first training. The theme was mental health, and focused on staff and their overall well-being. In December we had two different Toys for Tots projects. The first one was the collection of toys amongst staff at FWRC, Lowell and Marion.

Together we were able to fill eight collection boxes full of toys. We also assisted the Ocala Moose Lodge in their annual Toys for Tots Cornhole Tournament. At Christmas time we assisted Reddick-Collier Elementary with providing five full boxes of food to assist families in need through the holidays. We also assisted two families at a local church with providing Christmas gifts to five children. We wrapped up a busy November and December with participating in Shop with a Cop in conjunction with Silver Springs Boys and Girls Club and Silver Springs Walmart. Our members are looking forward to future community service events and assisting our community!

SHOP WITH A COP

By Jacalyn K. Mike

The Boys & Girls Club of Silver Springs, in Marion County, invited FCCD Chapter 18 to participate in our 1st Shop with a Cop event in our Region, on December 16th, 2023. The Walmart in Silver Springs sponsored the event and FCCD Chapter 18 members jumped at the chance to be involved and be able to give back to our community. The children and staff alike, enjoyed themselves and contributed to putting everyone in the holiday spirit. After helping the children shop for themselves and loved ones, FCCD members helped wrap their gifts and the children enjoyed lunch, cookies and pictures with Santa.



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**CHRISTMAS
 OUTREACH**

Chapter 20
 By Donna Martin Bolton

Christmas 2023, our Chapter and coworkers at Florida Department of Corrections (Probation) in Brevard County reached out to students in need. We donated three huge boxes of food from the Probation Offices in Cocoa, Melbourne and Titusville and gifted them with Chick-fil-A Gift Cards. This was organized by Christy Flannigan who is involved with Space Coast Basket Brigade. Thank you for your servant’s heart! Thank you to everyone for your donations and support and making Christmas special for the students!



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Community Service initiatives will revolve around Mental Health projects; such as NAMI and Victoria's Voice.

Activities
 Golf Tournament
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DONATION TO HOMELESS COALITION

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Chapter 21 President



On December 16, 2023 I had the pleasure of delivering a check to Miss Tracy Yoder for a donation of \$750 to the Jackson County School Board Homeless Coalition. When Miss Yoder looked at the amount that was donated, she began to cry. And of course, I had to give her a hug before she made me cry. She was in complete shock and aww by the generosity of our Chapter. Miss Yoder told me that our donation was well beyond what she ever could have imagined. The donation came just in time for her to purchase more jackets for the children of Jackson County that are not so fortunate to have one. She told me that she was absolutely grateful for our donation. With our donation she will be able to do so much more for the children and their families than what federal grants will allow her to do. I was truly honored to be able to see the pure emotion on her face when I delivered the donation. Moments like this are the reason I wanted to be a part of FCCD. We truly made a difference for the children of Jackson County and I am truly grateful that I get to be a part of the experience. Chapter 21 continues to grow and I am so proud to be a part of it!

In November of 2023, Chapter 21 held their first ever Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive. We contacted a couple of the local elementary schools and asked if they would be willing to participate in the event by having the classes collect donations of non-perishable items. I advised the principals that the class from each school that collects the most non-perishable food items would receive a pizza party. They were definitely on board and loved the idea of getting the students involved. The participating schools were Cottondale Elementary School and Malone Elementary School. To say the students did a great job would be an understatement. All of the classes including Pre-K did a phenomenal job with collecting canned foods. The students showed up and showed out with this challenge and I am so proud of the effort they put forth. My son is in 2nd grade at Cottondale Elementary School and he told me that all of his friends were so excited to participate. They all really wanted that pizza party from what I was told. With the assistance of Cottondale Elementary School and Malone Elementary School Chapter 21 was able to donate 4 large boxes full of non-perishable food items to Innovative Charities of Northwest Florida, Inc. They are so grateful for the donation and we were so happy to help. I remember doing canned food drives when I was in school and I just felt it would be a wonderful idea to work with. I was completely overwhelmed with joy by the way this event turned out!



CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

Chapter 21

By Mary Widgeon, Chapter 21 President

On February 3, 2024, Chapter 21 hosted their first ever Car Show Fundraiser, benefiting the Jackson County School Board Homeless Coalition. Along with the Car Show we had a Cornhole Tournament and a Chili Cook-Off. We had 36 cars of all types enter the car show and they were some pretty cool cars. We even had one car that was custom built by the owner. For the Cornhole Tournament we had 7 teams participate and for the Chili Cook-off we had 3 people compete. There were 10 different vendors who came out and supported our event allowing visitors a variety of options to shop and peruse. Not to mention the weather was perfect for such an event. Chris Adcock and Dwight Williams were our Special Guest Judges. Chris and Dwight are known for judging many car shows throughout the panhandle. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Car Show, 1st place team in the Cornhole Tournament and for the Chili Cook-Off winner. The winners of the Car Show were Michael Brown in 1st place with a Kona Blue 1966 Ford Mustang Fastback, Eddy Henderson with a White 1969 Chevy C10 and Heath Holland with a Holographic Brown 2014 Dodge Ram 2500. The winners of the Cornhole Tournament were Pat Hagerman and Tracy Petits. The winner of the Chili-Cook-off was our very own President Elect Ginger Lipford. Each winner received a cash prize and decided they wanted to donate their winnings back to Chapter 21. This event turned out far better than I ever could have dreamed of and I am so proud off all the hard work all of the Chapter 21 members put forth to make it so successful!



FUNDRAISING AND DONATION UPDATE

Chapter 23

FCCD Chapter 23 Pancake Breakfasts have become one of our favorite fundraising events that we do throughout the year. It is a great way to make a profit, recruit new members for our chapter and broadcast what FCCD is truly about. Thanks to everyone who comes out and supports us whether it's lending a hand or buying a plate.



Chapter 23 covers the Liberty County area in the panhandle. We have an abundance of families in our county that need help with providing Christmas for their children. We were able to donate to approximately 20 kids in the local schools with the help of staff from Liberty C.I. Without the help from the community, several of those children would have a Christmas. We always have an awesome turnout and we hope to continue this tradition yearly.

LATEST NEWS

Chapter 24

FCCD Chapter 24 held a holiday themed softball tournament December 9, 2023. We had a great turnout and beautiful weather! We were also able to contribute donated food to local blessing boxes. Chapter 24 is working hard to boost chapter membership and we are looking forward to our upcoming Spring Fling event!



THANKSGIVING MEALS

Chapter 25

Members of FCCD Chapter 25 and Holmes C.I. joined forces to bless three families this year with a full Thanksgiving meal. The donation was delivered to Bonifay K-8 school. This was handled discreetly by issuing meal tickets to the school principal, who then issued to the families in need. They then were able to go to the local Piggly Wiggly deli and pick up their meals, by presenting the tickets. Thank you to everyone who continues to support FCCD Chapter 25.



Pictured from left to right: Sgt. Brianna Belcher, Principal Tiffany Steverson, Classification Supervisor Cassandra Doster, and AWO Jonathan Jones.



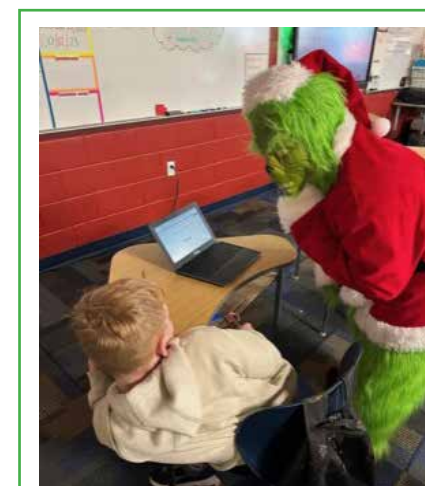
Chapter 25 held its 1st quarterly chapter meeting on February 1st, 2024. We had 16 members in attendance (14 members pictured) to present new ideas and discuss upcoming activities. The meeting was very successful, and we are most definitely looking forward to our 2nd quarterly meeting.

Past Activities

1. 50/50 Fundraiser-all funds were donated back to our chapter.
2. Thanksgiving Meals
3. Christmas Angel Tree
4. Valentine's Basket Chance to Win-most money collected on a basket.

Upcoming Activities

1. Blankets for seniors
2. Easter Egg Hunt
3. Golf Tournament
4. Chance to win baskets and much, much more



Chapter 25 was very busy over the holidays. The Grinch roamed the halls at Bonifay K-8 and disrupted a few classes, only to fall flat on his backside. Miss Doster, the Classification Supervisor at Holmes C.I., was gracious enough to donate some goodies for the angel tree at Bonifay K-8. FCCD Chapter 25 also collected some cool items to donate as well. And because Santa was busy making toys, he asked the RRT Squad of Holmes C.I. to assist him and deliver all the goods to Bonifay K-8. To say we successfully completed the mission, is an understatement. Thank you to everyone who donated and bagged up the items to be delivered to the school. None of this would be possible without the support from our FCCD members and staff here at Holmes C.I.

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TEAMING UP

Chapter 28

By John Robertson

On December 15, 2023, Chapter 28 sponsored two children, ages 13 and 17, for Christmas in Desoto County with Guardian Ad Litem.

FCCD Chapter 28 teamed up with Memorial Elementary School to conduct a food drive for DeSoto Cares Homeless Services and North Hillsborough Baptist Church. WOW, what a good turnout! We would like to extend our gratitude to Mrs. Irby and to the teachers, children, and their families for making this all possible.



Warden Anthony Santiago, Colonel Cassandra Williams, President John Robertson, Vice President Casey Westberry, and representatives from Guardian Ad Litem



Warden Anthony Santiago, Warden Shane Baker, Colonel Cassandra Williams, Major Joshua Perrella, Warden Christopher Sboto, President John Robertson and Vice President Casey Westberry



President John Robertson and Vice President Casey Westberry



Principle, Mrs. Irby and President John Robertson and Vice President Casey Westberry

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Chapter 35

By Naimah Miller, President

On November 18th, 2023, FCCD Chapter 35 hosted our second Softball tournament at the Will Kendrick Sports Complex in Carrabelle Florida. During this tournament we had seven teams to play and made a \$2000 profit. Our President was out on leave, but our Vice President Jerrod Hunter, Treasurer Megan Millender, and Secretary Lauren Murray were all present during this event. The Ditch Chickens Team came in First place, the Carrabellians came in Second Place, and Franklin CI came in Third Place. This one thing that we do on the forgotten coast is a passion of many of ours. Go FRANKLIN!



Voting Instructions

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How to Vote

1. Visit FCCD's Election page on our website. <https://myfccd.org/Elections/>
2. Click on the login link in the upper right-hand corner of the site.
3. Enter your login information and click Log In. If you do not know your password, click on the "Forgot password" link and follow the instructions.



4. Once logged into the site, you will be allowed to access the ballot by following the link on the Elections page. For more information about the candidates, click on the links provided.

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Note: Candidates with an asterisk (*) after their name were nominated by the Nominations Committee for their respective positions.

To cast your vote for officers of FCCD please log into your account and click the link below.

[2024 Officers Ballot](#)

For more information on the candidates for Secretary, click on the links provided below.



[Angela Gordon](#)



[Eric Miner](#)

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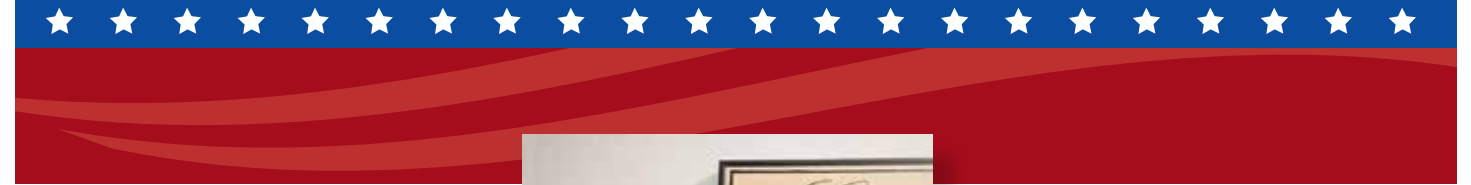


Angela Gordon

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!



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.

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