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Corrections News

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Collier Chosen as Department June Employee of the Month

Cynthia Collier has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for June 2010. Collier is employed as a Probation and Parole Unit Supervisor at District 7 South in St. Louis, Missouri. Collier is being recognized for going above and beyond her normal working duties.

In a letter to Collier, Missouri Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi wrote, "You are completely committed to the success of offenders. You are part of the Employment Liaison Team in Region 1, you conduct training, coordinate mock interviews for offenders, established an offender group focusing on employment, and you continually notify staff about programs or places that are hiring. You work closely with our community partners to identify new resources for our offenders. All of these things are the norm for you, but in June 2009 you went above and beyond in helping District 7S and Region 1 deal with a tragedy. When the head clerical passed away unexpectedly, the office held a fundraiser for her children. Committees were established for the fundraiser and prepared lunches were sold and delivered to other districts in the region and businesses in the area. You took the lead in ensuring the success of the fundraiser by coordinating committees and keeping everyone encouraged. Because of your efforts, over 300 lunches were prepared, raising \$2000 for the children. You then took the kids out one Saturday and bought school clothes and supplies with the money raised. Your efforts helped staff heal from a painful loss and brought everyone together for a cause.

Your work with your staff, commitment to the district and the employment needs of our offenders, leadership, and compassion for those around benefits Probation and Parole, District 7 South, and the department as a whole."

Collier has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 21 ½ years and resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

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