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DOC Institutions Donate Stockings to Food Pantries for Fundraising Projects

Jefferson City – Jefferson City Correctional Center, Algoa Correctional Center and the Women’s Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center are partnering with the Missouri River Quilt Guild to participate in this year’s “Fill Their Stockings” Project. Through the Restorative Justice endeavors at each institution, handcrafted Christmas stockings will be donated and utilized as fundraisers at three food pantries.

“We are very proud of our offenders and their willingness to give back to the community,” said Department of Corrections Director George A. Lombardi. “We are especially pleased these stockings will go to food pantries as a means to raise money to help those in need.”

This year the Samaritan Center, Serve Inc. and the Central and Northeast Missouri Food Bank will be the recipients of the stockings. In 2010, the effort raised \$2,000 for the Samaritan Center’s Childrens Christmas Fund and \$6,800 for the Columbia Food Bank.

Algoa Correctional Center and Jefferson City Correctional Center each donated 10 stockings.

“Fill Their Stockings’ Christmas Stocking Project started with the Missouri River Quilt Guild wanting to assist the Food Pantries in our area who are experiencing unprecedented use/need since the recession hit,” said Carolyn Cornelius, Missouri River Quilt Guild. “Can people utilize their talents, and skills to make a contribution to resolving hunger in their area? That is the Christmas Stocking question.”

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