

# Giving Back

2018



More than 150 inmates at Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield volunteered their time Dec. 8 to package 60,000 meals for Orphan Grain Train. That organization distributes the meals to hungry people in the U.S. and around the world. For more on Orphan Grain Train see their website at <http://www.ogt.org/>.

This was the 6th year in a row for MDSP inmates participating with the project.



Inmates from the Women's Prison in Pierre helped decorate the many trees for the Christmas at the Capitol display.

Inmates at the Women's Prison recently donated \$912 to the Susan G Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer! The money was raised during a pizza fundraiser.

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**SDSP Restrictive Housing Unit Manager Jeannie Bertsch recently delivered nearly 3,500 inmate-made adult and baby stocking caps to various charitable organizations and law enforcement agencies in the Sioux Falls area.**

**Among the groups receiving hats were the Salvation Army, Children's Inn, Teddy Bear Den, Union Gospel Mission, Family Connections, The Banquet, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Boys and Girls Club, elementary schools, Sioux Falls Police Dept, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department, and Highway Patrol.**

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**Women's Prison inmates donated several hundred pumpkins to the Boys & Girls Club in Pierre oct. 16! The pumpkins were grown at the Pierre Community Work Center.**

**Todd Taylor and Terri White assisted with the delivery.**



**Director of Prison Operations and SDSP Warden Darin Young is pictured at left presenting a check to Julie Becker, the Executive Director of The St. Francis House in the amount of \$3300.**

**The money came from an inmate pizza fundraiser.**

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SDWP inmates raised \$674 July 28 as part of a fundraiser! The inmates ordered 337 pizzas with \$2 from every pizza going towards the fundraiser. PAWS Animal Rescue was chosen to receive the donation.

**Yankton Community Work Center Unit Coordinator Chris Pearson presents a check for \$252 to the River City Domestic Violence Center!**

**The money came from a recent inmate Pizza Ranch food fundraiser.**



**State Penitentiary inmates raised \$1,712 for the Holy Innocents Diaper Ministry, a special project of the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Sioux Falls. Their drop-in diaper assistance program serves children newborn through age 4.**

**Pictured left to right: Jean Lipetzky of Holy Innocents, SDSP Associate Warden Troy Ponto, and Mary Montoya.**

**Inmates were allowed to purchase pizzas from an outside business with the profits from the sales going to charity.**

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Jennifer Giedd, MDSP Administrative Intern, is pictured with a representative of the Heartland Humane Society in Yankton.

MDSP inmates recently raised \$1,529 during a recent food fundraiser and donated the money to Heartland!



SDSP Associate Warden Troy Ponto is pictured at left presenting a check in the amount of \$1,850 to Director Fran Stenberg at the Union Gospel Mission.

The money came from a recent inmate pizza fundraiser.

SDSP Associate Warden Troy Ponto presents Lou Vogt of Family Connection of Sioux Falls with a check for \$1800 from a recent inmate pizza fundraiser.

Family Connection operates hospitality houses and provides programming for family and friends of incarcerated individuals.

