

Giving Back



2019



Twenty inmates from the Sioux Falls Community Work Center assisted with sandbagging efforts in Madison Sept. 14-15.

Inmates from the Rapid City Community Work Center assisted with the Broken Top Fire in Custer State Park Sept. 16-17.

SDWP Warden Wanda Markland presents a check for \$425 from a breakfast pizza fundraiser to Hannah Fleming of the Woyatan Lutheran Reentry Program on August 29.

The inmates chose to donate the money from the fundraiser to the program, which was one of the vendors at a recent job fair at the prison.





Rapid City Community Work Center staff Lt. Leo Suarez and Unit Coordinator Carli Angrimson are pictured at left with a check from an inmate pizza fundraiser.

RCCWC staff was able to present a check for \$328 to Battle Mountain Humane Society on August 9.

One of the Battle Mountain staff stated the check was "perfect timing, they needed to order dog food and it was very much appreciated."

SDSP Warden and Director of Prison Operations Darin Young, left, and SDSP Associate Warden Troy Ponto, right, are pictured presenting a check for \$3,150.50 to staff from The Banquet in Sioux Falls.

The money was raised by inmates at the State Penitentiary during a recent fundraiser. Inmates are allowed quarterly to purchase food from an outside source with money from their commissary account. Proceeds are donated to a charity or organization like The Banquet.



SDWP Warden Wanda Markland is pictured presenting a check for \$821.25 to Guthrie Ducheneaux, Executive Director of Project H3LP! Lifemanship Initiative.

Project H3LP is located on the DX Ranch on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. The program is a holistic process designed to help foster responsible development in all four aspects of life (Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual).

The money was raised by inmates who purchased burgers that were cooked for them by SDWP staff. The food was purchased from Summit Food Service.





A crew of 16 inmates and 2 staff from the Sioux Falls Community Work Center assisted with a cleanup project near DeSmet, SD July 27.

A crew of 13 state inmates from the Rapid City Community Work Center assisted with the Fork Fire near the Norbeck Visitor Center in Custer State Park July 26. A crew of 12 inmates from the Rapid City Community Work Center assisted with the Falls Fire in Fall River County near Cascade Springs July 31.

Yankton Community Work Center Unit Coordinator Laura Hagemann is pictured presenting a check for \$225 to the River City Domestic Violence Center.

The money was raised by YCWC inmates through a fundraiser partnered with Capitol Smoke Meatloaf and Neil Anderson in Yankton.





SDWP Warden Wanda Markland presents a check for \$664 to Angela Mandel of Hope Reins Outreach Center, a non-profit near Baltic, SD that helps low-income and foster care youth deal with emotional and abandonment issues through equine therapy. The group also works with youth with autism, post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder.

The money was raised by inmates during a recent sub sandwich fundraiser.

SDSP Warden Darin Young and Associate Warden Troy Ponto present a check for nearly \$1300 to Call to Freedom, which provides services for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

SDSP inmates raised the money as part of a pizza fundraiser.



SDWP Warden Wanda Markland is pictured presenting a check for \$310 to Jennifer Eastman, Development Manager and Renee Patton, Assistant Director of the White Buffalo Calf Women's Society.

The money was raised by Women's Prison inmates during a recent meal fundraiser.

The White Buffalo Calf Women's Society is a non-profit organization in Mission, SD that provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Their primary purpose is to offer safe shelter to victims of violent crimes on the Rosebud Reservation.

Inmates from the Women's Prison assisted with the City of Pierre Go Green and Clean project May 14.

Twenty inmates cleaned up trash along the roadside in the city and along Highways 14 & 34.



Women's Prison Warden Wanda Markland, pictured at far right, presented a check for \$678 from the SDWP inmates pizza fundraiser to Angela Lisburg, the director of Central South Dakota Child Assessment Center.

Chief Warden Darin Young is pictured at right presenting a check for \$8,248 to Marla Mayer, CEO of the Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts. Christina Oey of Feeding South Dakota is also pictured.

The money came from a fundraiser in which inmates housed all over the state were able to purchase up to five boxes of Girl Scout cookies each. Inmates purchased a total of 2,062 boxes. For every box purchased by the inmates, the Girl Scouts matched and donated a box to Feeding South Dakota.





SDSP Warden and Director of Prison Operations Darin Young is pictured presenting a check for \$3,300, some wooden toys and handknit stocking caps made by inmates to Dana Brave Eagle from the Oglala Sioux Tribe education department.

The money was raised by inmates at the State Penitentiary during a recent fundraiser. Inmates are allowed quarterly to purchase food from an outside source with money from their commissary account. Proceeds are donated to a charity or organization like the tribal education department.



Inmates from the Sioux Falls Community Work Center assisted the City of Renner with sandbagging as part of flood mitigation efforts during March 2019.



Below: Inmates from the Yankton Community Work Center assisted with flood mitigation efforts in Jefferson and Elk Point.





MDSP Cultural Activities Coordinator Jonathan Fleek is pictured presenting a check for \$2,256 for the Springfield Parent and Teacher Organization (PTO). The money was raised recently by inmates at Mike Durfee State Prison during a food fundraiser.

The PTO's goal is to enhance our students' education by providing activities and experiences in conjunction with teachers and staff. This includes supplementing the snack cart on the days that the school doesn't provide snacks; working alongside the student council to provide family fun nights such as bingo, a Valentine's ball, and game night; providing supplies not covered through the school so the teachers don't have to pay out of pocket; assisting with Read Across America day and celebrating Dr. Seuss or providing a meal for the teachers during the long day of parent/teacher conferences, etc. They have been looking into updating the water fountains to the ones that make it easy to refill a water bottle, end of year party, teacher appreciation gifts and providing more family friendly activities.

Inmates at the Women's Prison raised \$846 from a pizza fundraiser in February! The money is earmarked to assist Feeding South Dakota.



SDSP inmates donated nearly \$3,200 from a pizza fundraiser to the Tree of Life organization on the Rosebud reservation. Tree of Life provides meals for up to 300 people per day in Mission, SD. SDSP Warden Darin Young is pictured above left making the donation. Also included in the donation were handknit stocking caps and mittens and wooden toys made by inmates from scrap lumber.

KELO-TV did a story on the donation. You can watch it here:

<https://www.keloland.com/news/local-news/sd-inmates-donate-money-to-rosebud-non-profit/1779707793>



Yankton Community Work Center Corporal Cade Newland is pictured at left presenting a check for \$497.40 to the River City Domestic Violence Center.

The money was raised through a pizza fundraiser partnered with Domino's Pizza in Yankton.