A total of 225 inmates at MDSP as well as staff volunteered their time Dec. 9 to pack 60,000 meals for Orphan Grain Train, a charity that distributes food around the world!

MDSP Cultural Activities Coordinator Jonathan Fleek presented a check for $2,322 to a representative of the Bon Homme Snack Pack! The money came from an inmate fundraiser.
The latest inmate fundraiser at the Penitentiary raised $3,500 for the Children’s Inn! Children’s Inn provides free services for women, children and men who are victims of family violence, elder abuse, child abuse, neglect or sexual assault.

400 stocking hats handmade by MDSP inmates were given to the Make A Difference Day-Winter Wear Distribution/United Way in Yankton.

Yarn is donated by St. Dysmas ministries.

Pictured are Pastor Dave Bentz of St. Dysmas and staff of the United Way.
SDWP inmates took part in a Breast Cancer walk/education event Oct. 14 with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

SDWP staff members Justin Jones and Sierra Phelps delivered about 30 pumpkins to the Pierre Boys & Girls Club.

The pumpkins were grown by inmates at the Women’s Prison.
The Yankton Community Work Center distributed pumpkins to third graders in the towns of Avon, Springfield, Tabor and Yankton on 9/28 and 9/29/17.

There have been over 800 pumpkins delivered so far this season. The pumpkins are grown in the garden which is tended by the inmates throughout the gardening season. All produce from the garden is donated to area non-profit organizations.
SDSP Warden Darin Young and Associate Warden Troy Ponto are pictured at right presenting a check to The Banquet.

Inmates raised $3,379.50 for the Project SOS fundraiser which ensures kids in need get backpacks and supplies before heading back to school.

SDSP Warden Darin Young is pictured presenting a check to members of the family of Ric Kooistra. Ric worked for Hope Haven International and was involved in the Wheelchair program that involves Penitentiary inmates.

Ric passed away in February 2017 and the inmates requested that they be allowed to raise money for the Kooistra family and Hope Haven Int.

A recent inmate pizza fundraiser allowed for the presentation of the check for $3,464!
SDSP Warden Darin Young and Associate Warden Troy Ponto presented a check in the amount of $1,485.50 to St. Francis House Executive Director Julie Becker.

The money was raised by inmates during a pizza fundraiser.