KDLT-TV aired a story on inmates from the Sioux Falls Community Work Center filling sandbags for the City of Sioux Falls March 19. You can view the story here: https://www.kdlt.com/2019/03/19/inmates-help-with-flood-preparations/

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.


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.