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Staff, Volunteers Recognized for Work with Corrections Department

(Pierre) - The South Dakota Department of Corrections recognized thirteen staff members, volunteers and community groups for their service at a luncheon in Spearfish May 1st.

Those receiving awards include:

Staff

Bruce Fisher	Yankton
Harvey Rothschild	Springfield
Darin Young	Sioux Falls
Lois Gellerman	Sioux Falls
Jan Weinkauf	Sioux Falls
Tammi Archbold	Rapid City
Julie Washburn	Yankton
Kathryne Docken	Custer

Volunteers & Contributors

Judy Holzwarth	Pierre
Lowell Noeske	Pierre
Dr. Robert Schutz	Rapid City
Ralph & Phyllis Porter	Edgemont
WINGS Transition Program	Sioux Falls

Holzwarth volunteers at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre by teaching inmates to sew and make quilts. That class has evolved into a program in which inmates make quilts for children who have cancer. She also works with the Prison Fellowship program.

Noeske was instrumental in helping organize an Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous group at the Women's Prison in Pierre.

Dr. Schutz helps young people who want to change their lifestyle by conducting free tattoo removal. Dr. Schutz and his nurse volunteer their time and the needed medical supplies one weekend morning per month. Many of the young people who want to have tattoos removed are former DOC kids.

The Porter's were one of the first couples to respond to Governor William J. Janklow's call for foster homes for youth who have completed DOC programming, but didn't have a suitable home to return to. The couple has devoted eighteen years to being foster parents, including three years as foster parents for DOC youth.

The Wings program at the Joe Foss School in Sioux Falls is an alternative education program for young people under the supervision of the DOC. The program assists young people with chemical dependency issues in successfully transitioning from a DOC or private placement back into school.

Fisher is a sergeant at the Yankton Trusty Unit. He is in charge of the emergency disaster deployment crew, supervises the inmate garden project which provides produce for charity and community groups, and oversees maintenance projects on the building that houses the Yankton Trusty Unit.

Rothschadl was instrumental in converting the former college campus at Springfield into a prison. He began as the Building Maintenance Supervisor and is now the Physical Plant Director. He has worked for state government for 31 years.

Young is a Major at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. He has also served as a correctional officer, counselor, case manager and Unit manager as well as heading up emergency response teams for forest fires, tornadoes and floods.

Gellerman has taught at the Penitentiary school for twenty years helping countless inmates earn their GED's. She also has been recognized as the Correctional Education Association Teacher of the Year in South Dakota.

Weinkauf has worked for the Board of Pardons and Paroles for 36 years. She currently works as the institutional parole agent at the Penitentiary.

Archbold is one of the original Juvenile Corrections Agents (JCA), which oversee juvenile offenders from their commitment to DOC to their release. She also assists with training other JCA's.

Washburn has worked in juvenile corrections for nearly five years, serving as senior secretary in the Yankton office. She assists in training new agents and support staff.

Docken serves as a youth counselor for the Living Center B program in Custer, which provides a structured, home-like atmosphere for young men who can't return home following their initial DOC placement. Each of the award recipients received a plaque in appreciation of their work with the department.

