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#### **Inmates make, donate winter clothing for needy**

Pierre, S.D. - State prison inmates are helping make this upcoming winter a bit warmer by donating hand-made stocking caps to organizations that assist children and adults.

Inmates knit stocking caps at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield using wooden looms, which are also built by inmates at the prison. The yarn used to make the caps is either donated or purchased at a discounted rate from area retailers.

Two hundred stocking caps were distributed last week to the South Dakota Department of Social Services for kids who are in foster homes.

Stocking caps were also delivered last week to the Yankton Middle School for a Coats for Kids give-away as part of 'Make a Difference Day' on October 23rd. More stocking caps are being donated to the Yankton Middle School and to the Yankton Banquet.

"The inmates who make the caps volunteer their time," said Bob Dooley, Warden at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. "Most of them worked evenings last week to make the sixty-five caps that were donated to 'Make a Difference Day' in Yankton."

Fifty more caps were given to the Sioux Falls Banquet this week. Earlier this month, more than 200 stocking caps were donated to the Salvation Army in Sioux Falls.

"This is a very meaningful gift and is much appreciated," said Major Paul Duskin. The stocking caps will be included in their Coat Distribution Program, Christmas for Kids & The Night Watch Programs.

Stocking caps will also be given to the people who work with the Department of Corrections as Tribal Liaisons to be distributed on the various reservations across the state. Inmates will also be able to give stocking caps to their own children.