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Inmates make, donate winter clothing for needy

Pierre, S.D. - State prison inmates are once again donating hand-made stocking caps to those in need and to various organizations that help others.

Nine hundred stocking caps were recently distributed to people who serve as Tribal Liaisons to the Department of Corrections (DOC) for the Crow Creek, Oglala, Rosebud, Sisseton-Wahpeton and Yankton Sioux Tribes. Those caps will be given to those in need on the reservations.

Stocking caps will also be given to various community organizations and programs such as the 'Coats for Kids' program and the Juvenile Detention Center in Yankton and the Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center in Pierre.

Inmates are also able to give caps to their children as they visit the inmates at a DOC facility.

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

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