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(Springfield, IL) -- The Illinois Department of Corrections is hosting the Summit of Hope in Decatur on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Summit is designed to give ex-offenders a better chance at finding a job and taking control of their lives. More than 350 parolees and probationers have been invited to attend the event, where they will also have an opportunity to meet with local employers, get a driver's license, and have a health screening.

The Summit is geared toward reducing the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers the tools they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

The Summit is being held at the Kings Orchard Community Center, located at 815 North Church Street.

### MEDIA ADVISORY

**WHAT:** The Summit of Hope, an expo organized and run by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). This is a one-stop opportunity for ex-offenders, parolees and probationers to get services and information which greatly help with reentry to society.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Media should arrive by 9:30a.m.

**WHERE:** Kings Orchard Community Center, 815 North Church Street, 62521

**WHO WILL PARTICIPATE:** State Representative Sue Scherer, United Way of Southern Illinois, SIU Employment Reentry Program, The Women's Center, the Urban League, and more.

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