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IDOC annual 2008 report

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Department of Corrections is to protect the public from criminal offenders through a system of incarceration and supervision which securely segregates offenders from society, assures offenders of their constitutional rights and maintains programs to enhance the success of offenders' reentry into society."

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Director

Director's Message

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) is committed to operating a safe and secure prison system and enhancing prison-based treatment, prevention programs and the successful reentry of inmates into society.

The agency operates 28 adult correctional centers as well as various work camps, boot camps and eight adult transition centers. IDOC is responsible for the management of 45,000 inmates and the supervision of 35,000 parolees.

Safety is at the forefront of the agency's operations. The department's emphasis is placed on front line staff to protect and control inmates. A number of initiatives designed to ensure the safety of employees and inmates have yielded significant results. Among those are control and order. Security level designations, controlled line movement, inmate property boxes and the increased monitoring of security threat groups have created a more secure prison system.

A number of programs strengthen and enhance successful reentry of inmates back into the community. These programs include Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Program that addresses public safety through the expansion of IDOC's parole program. The program enhances parole supervision on the streets through increased monitoring and graduated sanctions. All 35,000 parolees receive direct supervision in the community. As part of the program, the agency has opened eight Spotlight Centers located in high-impact regions that serve as resource centers. The centers work with nearly 8,000 parolees annually to help reduce their risk to communities and provide case management services to support their transition into society.

IDOC's parole compliance check operations continue to be conducted throughout the state. The early morning operations help to ensure parolees are complying with the requirements of their parole. Through this concentrated effort of IDOC and other law enforcement teamwork, parolees are brought in to local police stations and processed through parole interviews and drug testing.

Other noteworthy programs include the Sheridan National Model Drug Prison and Reentry Program at Sheridan Correctional Center and the National Model Meth Prison and Reentry Program at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. Nearly 69 percent of the state prison population is incarcerated for a drug-involved crime. Inmates in both programs access intensive prison-based drug treatment programs, vocational training, job preparation and mental health services. In addition, their treatment continues upon completion of their sentence under a highly supervised transition back to their communities.

IDOC also assists veterans who are currently incarcerated through the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program. The program serves to support reentry by accessing the strengths and needs of veteran offenders and identifying programs and services to support their transition into society. The program is a collaboration between IDOC, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Federal Department of Labor. About 18 months prior to release, incarcerated veterans are offered the opportunity to participate in the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program. The program includes educational modules, employment workshops and counseling and linkage to other benefits and programs, such as health services, housing arrangements and obtaining I.D. cards.

Additionally, IDOC is holding Reentry Summits throughout the state at its correctional facilities. The summits help address reintegration and recidivism by promoting relationships between incarcerated offenders, community service providers, policy experts and government agencies. Topics covered include finance and economics, religion, spirituality, mental health and physical well-being, employment, housing and education as it relates to offenders. Resource fairs during the summits introduce offenders to agencies that can help them with jobs, housing, life skills and other needs. In addition, IDOC officials explain the facets of parole. The agency's goal is to hold summits at least once a year at each facility and provide resources onsite that will be conducive to offender reentry and help them become productive members of society.

Fiscal Year 2008 also marked the first anniversary of the Moms and Babies Program at Decatur Correctional Center. The program, which can currently accommodate five mothers and their babies, allows qualified mothers to keep their newborn babies with them to help strengthen the special bond that is critical to a healthy mother and child relationship. The Women and Family Services Division promotes a variety of programs and services to strengthen and reinforce the bonding between mothers and their children.

In Fiscal Year 2008, IDOC also participated in significant disaster recovery projects. From December 2007 through March 2008, staff and inmate work crews logged in 6,000 hours helping cleanup Illinois communities following severe ice storms and flooding. In June 2008, the agency also provided nearly 18,000 hours in flood relief protection to save farmlands and towns from being devastated by flooding. IDOC staff and inmates have performed an outstanding job in helping hundreds of communities achieve successful conclusions to demanding emergency relief projects. IDOC is proud to play a significant role in helping provide stability and restore normalcy when nature plays havoc to communities. Citizens are able to see inmates working and giving back to the community as well as seeing taxpayers' money at work. Through these efforts, our employees build a good rapport with communities, who are grateful for our services. I have always been extremely proud of IDOC staff and this is just one more example. I commend those employees who are called out on a moment's notice to organize, coordinate and supervise inmate work details. Their leadership and professionalism serve as an example for all to follow.

IDOC continues to stand strong in its commitment to the successful reentry of inmates by providing programs, improving access to services, removing barriers and building partnerships to reduce recidivism and increase the likelihood that inmates become productive citizens. Through this effort, inmates and parolees today are given more opportunities for successful reentry into society than ever before.

I am proud to serve as director of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The agency's employees perform excellent work in their commitment to public safety. Being in law enforcement and corrections since 1972, I know that when people come together to work as a team, it certainly makes a difference in how we do our jobs. I have worked with some of the finest and bravest men and women in the field. As a team, we must look at challenges as opportunities and work toward the common goal of responsible management, dedication and purpose to guide us in our mission. It's through this determination and commitment that IDOC operates as one of the safest, securest prison systems in the nation.

Thank you for a job well done.

Director Roger E. Walker Jr.

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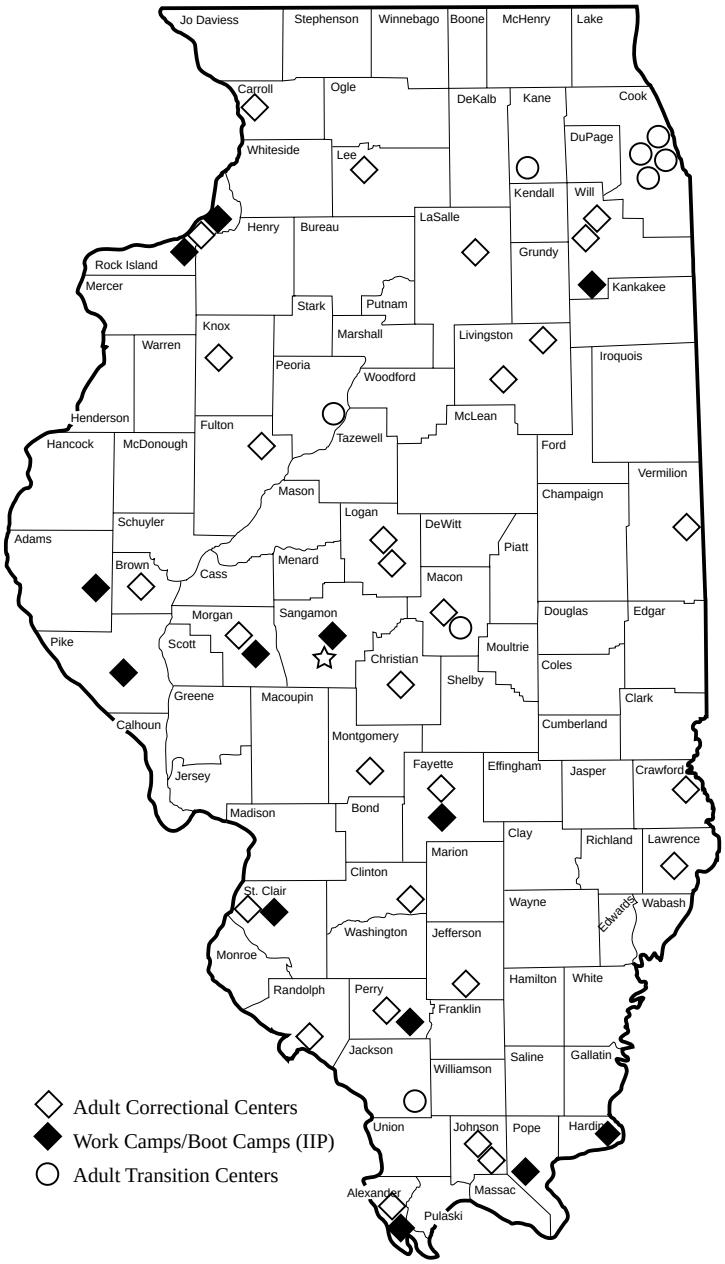

Level 1 - Maximum Security
Level 2 - Secure Medium Security
Level 3 - High Medium Security
Level 4 - Medium Security
Level 5 - High Minimum Security
Level 6 - Minimum Security
Level 7 - Low Minimum Security
Level 8 - Transitional Security

*TSM/TSF - Transitional Security Male/Female

FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Institutions [1]	Security Level	County	Year Opened	Gender	June 30, 2008 Population	FY08 Expenditures (in thousands)[2]	Average Daily FY08 Population	Per Capita [3]
Big Muddy River CC	**3**	**Jefferson**	**1993**	**male**	**1,838**	**$30,046.8**	**1,836**	**$16,365**
Centralia CC	**4**	**Clinton**	**1980**	**male**	**1,531**	**$32,724.2**	**1,515**	**$21,600**
Crossroads ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1983**	**male**	**326**	**$6,996.9**	**325**	**$21,529**
Danville CC	**3**	**Vermilion**	**1985**	**male**	**1,840**	**$30,795.7**	**1,810**	**$17,014**
Decatur ATC	**8**	**Macon**	**1979**	**male**	**107**	**$2,279.4**	**109**	**$20,912**
Decatur CC	**4**	**Macon**	**2000**	**female**	**534**	**$20,116.0**	**527**	**$38,171**
Dixon CC	**multi**				**2,145**	**$53,253.4**	**2,108**	**$25,263**
Level 3 facility	*3*	*Lee*	*1983*	*male*	*1,555*			
Dixon Psychiatric Unit	*1*	*Lee*	*1997*	*male*	*180*			
Dixon Special Treatment Center	*3*	*Lee*	*1983*	*male*	*410*			
Dwight CC	**multi**				**1,176**	**$38,700.2**	**1,139**	**$33,977**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Livingston*	*1930*	*female*	*715*			
Reception & Classification Center	*1*	*Livingston*	*1997*	*female*	*385*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Kankakee)	*7*	*Will*	*1993*	*female*	*76*			
East Moline CC	**multi**				**1,075**	**$25,402.3**	**1,084**	**$23,434**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Rock Island*	*1980*	*male*	*988*			
Work Camp (East Moline)	*7*	*Rock Island*	*1980*	*male*	*87*			
Fox Valley ATC	**8**	**Kane**	**1972**	**female**	**120**	**$2,244.1**	**123**	**$18,245**
Graham CC	**4**				**1,833**	**$37,715.6**	**1,816**	**$20,769**
Level 4 facility	*4*	*Montgomery*	*1980*	*male*	*1,518*			
Reception & Classification Center	*4*	*Montgomery*	*1997*	*male*	*315*			
Hill CC	**2**	**Knox**	**1986**	**male**	**1,839**	**$29,393.3**	**1,801**	**$16,321**
Illinois River CC	**3**	**Fulton**	**1989**	**male**	**1,982**	**$33,178.2**	**1,950**	**$17,014**
Jacksonville CC	**multi**				**1,497**	**$38,855.0**	**1,490**	**$26,077**
Level 5 facility	*5*	*Morgan*	*1984*	*male*	*1,014*			
Work Camp (Pittsfield)	*7*	*Pike*	*1996*	*male*	*338*			
Work Camp (Greene County)	*7*	*Greene*	*1993*	*male*	*145*			
Jessie Ma Houston ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1980**	**male**	**108**	**$4,947.2**	**110**	**$44,975**
Lawrence CC	**2**	**Lawrence**	**2001**	**male**	**1,921**	**$37,982.1**	**1,959**	**$19,389**
Lincoln CC	**4**	**Logan**	**1984**	**female**	**960**	**$22,666.5**	**972**	**$23,319**
Logan CC	**4**	**Logan**	**1978**	**male**	**1,894**	**$33,389.8**	**1,883**	**$17,732**
Menard CC	**multi**				**3,476**	**$71,871.3**	**3,466**	**$20,736**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Randolph*	*1878*	*male*	*2,972*			
Reception and Classification Center	*1*	*Randolph*	*2003*	*male*	*73*			
Medium-Security Unit (Menard)	*3*	*Randolph*	*1996*	*male*	*431*			
North Lawndale ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**2000**	**male**	**198**	**$4,856.1**	**194**	**$25,031**
Peoria ATC	**8**	**Peoria**	**1972**	**male**	**199**	**$4,315.1**	**195**	**$22,129**
Pinckneyville CC	**multi**				**2,235**	**$40,565.6**	**2,210**	**$18,355**
Level 2 facility	*2*	*Perry*	*1998*	*male*	*2,047*			
Impact Incarceration Program (DuQuoin)	*7*	*Perry*	*1994*	*male*	*188*			
Pontiac CC	**multi**				**1,647**	**$53,245.9**	**1,612**	**$33,031**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Livingston*	*1871*	*male*	*1,186*			
Mental Health Unit	*1*	*Livingston*	*2001*	*male*	*61*			
Medium-Security Unit (Pontiac)	*3*	*Livingston*	*1937*	*male*	*400*			
Robinson CC	**5**	**Crawford**	**1991**	**male**	**1,197**	**$24,361.4**	**1,187**	**$20,524**
Shawnee CC	**multi**				**1,967**	**$34,395.1**	**1,944**	**$17,693**
Level 3 facility	*3*	*Johnson*	*1984*	*male*	*1,822*			
Work Camp (Hardin County)	*7*	*Hardin*	*1980*	*male*	*145*			
Sheridan CC	**4**	**LaSalle**	**1973**	**male**	**951**	**$41,121.3**	**943**	**$43,607**

FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Institutions [1] (continued)	Security Level	County	Year Opened	Gender	June 30, 2008 Population	FY08 Expenditures (in thousands)[2]	Average Daily FY08 Population	Per Capita [3]
Southern Illinois ATC	**8**	**Jackson**	**1970**	**male**	**61**	**$1,629.2**	**62**	**$26,277**
Southwestern Illinois CC	**multi**				**682**	**$27,245.3**	**672**	**$40,544**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*St. Clair*	*1995*	*male*	*616*			
Work Camp (Southwestern Illinois)	*7*	*St. Clair*	*1995*	*male*	*66*			
Stateville CC	**multi**				**3,330**	**$109,751.7**	**3,357**	**$32,693**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Will*	*1925*	*male*	*1,567*			
Reception & Classification Center	*1*	*Will*	*2004*	*male*	*1,656*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Stateville)	*7*	*Will*	*2003*	*male*	*107*			
Tamms CC	**multi**				**407**	**$27,698.0**	**432**	**$64,116**
Closed Maximum-Security Unit	*1*	*Alexander*	*1998*	*male*	*252*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Tamms)	*7*	*Alexander*	*1995*	*male*	*155*			
Taylorville CC	**5**	**Christian**	**1990**	**male**	**1,163**	**$23,760.6**	**1,186**	**$20,034**
Thomson CC	**multi**				**144**	**$6,307.6**	**144**	**$43,803**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Carroll*	*N/A*	*male*	*0*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Thomson)	*7*	*Carroll*	*2006*	*male*	*144*			
Vandalia CC	**multi**				**1,505**	**$34,326.8**	**1,459**	**$23,528**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Fayette*	*1921*	*male*	*1,129*			
Work Camp (Vandalia)	*7*	*Fayette*	*1996*	*male*	*376*			
Vienna CC	**multi**				**1,541**	**$31,630.9**	**1,527**	**$20,714**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Johnson*	*1965*	*male*	*1,284*			
Impact Incarceration Program (Dixon Springs)	*7*	*Pope*	*1990*	*male*	*231*			
Impact Incarceration Program (Dixon Springs)	*7*	*Pope*	*1990*	*female*	*26*			
Western Illinois CC	**multi**				**1,954**	**$34,221.9**	**1,963**	**$17,433**
Level 2 facility	*2*	*Brown*	*1989*	*male*	*1,862*			
Work Camp (Clayton)	*7*	*Adams*	*1993*	*male*	*92*			
West Side ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1993**	**male**	**131**	**$6,977.1**	**156**	**$44,725**
INSTITUTION TOTALS					**45,514**	**$1,058,967.6**	**45,266**	**$23,394**
DEPARTMENT TOTALS (including Federal, Other State's inmates, Women's Treatment Center)					**45,548**		**45,297**	

[1] Historical intra-institution comparisons are affected by how the funtional use of the institution has changed over time (i.e., security level is different, population may have housed juveniles or a different gender, primary role of the facility regarding program services has been altered, etc.)

[2] Expenditures among satellite facilities cannot be extracted from parent facilities for a host of reasons as administrative, dietary, medical, staffing, services costs, etc. are shared. Also, the expenditures here only include correctional facilities; some expenditures such as parole, general office, shared services, etc. are not included. The FY08 General Revenue Fund expenditures for the Department of Corrections were $1,208,473,900.

[3] Per capita costs are calculated as expenditures divided by average daily population. For the same reasons listed in footnote #1, the historical intra- and inter-institution comparisons are affected. Further, per capita costs are a function of economies of scale which further limits an objective comparison between correctional sites; especially higher security level sites or sites with a small number of inmates.

Illinois Department of Corrections features large display at Illinois State Fair

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) featured a large display located near Gate 2 (Peoria Rd. and Sangamon Ave.) at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Aug. 10 through Aug. 19, 2007.

Displays featured the Governor's Operation Spotlight Reentry Program, Sheridan National Drug Prison and Reentry Program, National Model Meth Prison and Reentry Program, Women and Family Services programs, Illinois Correctional Industries, Volunteer Services, Victim Services and Recruitment as well as the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).

The Honor Guard, K-9 Unit and Helping Paws provided performances. The Honor Guard is a statewide team with members from IDOC and IDJJ facilities. The Honor Guard provides details to present colors at funerals and graveside services, groundbreakings and dedications as well as other agency events. The K-9 Unit is used to assist with the operational needs of the department during routine and critical incidents. Helping Paws Program is a service dog training program where offenders train dogs for individuals who havespecial needs.

The Honor Guard presented colors on Aug. 10, opening day of the Illinois State Fair, at the IDOC tent as well as on Aug. 15. Other performances during the fair included the K-9 Unit and Helping Paws.

Illinois Department of Corrections kicks off 2007 SECA Campaign, holds training for SECA ambassadors

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Sept. 14, 2007, kicked off the 2007 State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign. The campaign, which ran through Nov. 9, 2007, provides state and university employees the opportunity to support participating charities of their choice through payroll deduction or a one-time donation. To support the kickoff, training also was conducted at IDOC General Headquarters in Springfield for employees who will serve as ambassadors at their respective facilities to commence the 2007 SECA Campaign.

"I'd like to thank all of the department's SECA ambassadors and everyone who has come on

board to help make this year's SECA Campaign a success," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Many of us know and appreciate how these organizations have helped by seeing first hand how friends, neighbors and even our own families have received assistance from such charitable organizations."

"Not everyone can serve their country in uniform, but everyone can serve in one way or another," said Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director Tammy Duckworth, who is serving as honorary chair for this year's campaign. "By contributing to these charities, you can help enhance the lives of individuals who need help, and that in itself is service. I encourage everyone to give from their heart and serve their country - help the people who need it."

Walker also praised Corrections employees for their longstanding history of kindness and goodwill.

"The generosity of IDOC employees over the years is truly inspirational," said Walker. "The agency's employees year after year step up to the plate by donating to organizations that help make a positive difference in the lives of others."

During the 2006 campaign, IDOC raised $382,000 and won the highest award, the Capitol Cup, for the sixth consecutive year. The award is given to an agency for the most staff participation and exceptional giving. Staff from correctional centers, work camps, boot camps, adult transition centers, juvenile centers, parole offices as well as its General Headquarters, School District No. 428 and Correctional Industries joined together to contribute to one or more charities that provide health and human services to thousands of people in Illinois.

For the 2007 SECA Campaign, IDOC's goal, with participation from the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, is to raise $371,000.

To learn more about SECA, visit its website at www.secaillinois.org.

Women in Corrections-Illinois holds inaugural conference

Conference attracts nearly 250 attendees

The Women in Corrections-Illinois Inaugural Conference was held Sept. 4-5, 2007, at Pere Marquette State Park Lodge. The two-day event in September attracted nearly 250 attendees who included participants, presenters, sponsors and vendors. This year's theme, "Empowering Women in Corrections-Different Strategies, Same Goals," focused on the diversity of women in corrections, the vital role they play and the importance of professional development.

Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Col. Jill Morgenthaler served as keynote speaker. Her presentation, *Dare to be a DAME*, highlighted how women can obtain personal growth through components such as getting involved or *Do it*, as well as *Attitude*, *Mentoring* and *Education.*

Director Roger E. Walker Jr., Assistant Director Deanne Benos, Executive Assistant to the Director Sergio Molina, Chief of Operations Rick Bard, Chief of Community Outreach-Special Assistant to the Director Shelith Hansbro and Deputy Director of Programs and Support Services Roberta Fews also addressed the attendees by pointing out the expanded and important role women play in the corrections field.

"Your professionalism and leadership continue to demonstrate excellence in building a safer, stronger and more solid correctional system. I thank you for the dedication and commitment that you bring to the job each and every day," Walker said.

Fews, who served as conference chairwoman, said the conference had been a vision of hers for several years.

"I have seen extraordinary women in the corrections field serve as exemplary role models and mentors," said Fews. "The women are from all facets of corrections, yet we stand strong in sharing a commitment to excellence on the job."

Fews also noted that as the number of women increase in the field, so does the need for professional development, career planning and networking opportunities. The conference served as the cornerstone in achieving that common goal.

Conference topics included Changing the Face of Corrections, Multi-Generational Workforce, Women's Health Issues and Investing for the Future. A number of IDOC employees served as presenters for panel discussions.

Other highlights included Fews receiving the Distinguished Woman in Corrections award for her commitment to excellence on the job. Fews, a 24-year veteran at IDOC, has held various positions including correctional officer, correctional counselor, casework supervisor and unit superintendent at Stateville, warden at Sheridan, and assistant deputy director of District 1 until being named to her present position.

Deputy Director of Programs and Support Services Roberta Fews (left) and Chief of Community Outreach-Special Assistant to the Director Shelith Hansbro are featured at the Women in Corrections-Illinois Inaugural Conference. Both served as mistress of ceremonies throughout the event.

The Women in Corrections executive committee is in the planning stages for next year's conference and is looking forward to another successful conference.

Russian ministry meets with IDOC officials

A Russian ministry from the Republic of Karelia met with Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) officials at the department's General Headquarters in Springfield on Sept. 27, 2007, as part of the agency's chaplaincy program. Pastor Igor and Mrs. Elena Zenev and their son Ilya came to Illinois to visit with chaplains at facilities in which Berean Prison Ministry provides ministry.

Pastor Igor, Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Col. Jill Morgenthaler, Chief of Community Outreach-Special Assistant to the Director Shelith Hansbro and other IDOC and ministry representatives discussed the differences and likenesses of prison ministry in Illinois and Russia.

The Republic of Karelia, which is the size of Illinois, has four prisons and one prison hospital. Each prison holds between 1,000 and 1,500 male inmates. There are no women or juvenile prisons in the Republic of Karelia. To meet with a religious chaplain, inmates must make a special request with the warden. Pastor Igor travels 150 miles one way to visit the closest prison.

"For more than a decade, Berean Prison Ministry has provided support to IDOC in various ways by providing Bibles, volunteers, food, clothing for inmates in work release centers and for those who are close to being released as well as equipment for leisure time activity programs and religious services," said Volunteer Services Manager Marcy Morris. "We always appreciate their heartfelt donations—and the recent enlightening visit with the Russian ministry."

Berean Prison Ministry originated years ago in Illinois serving state prisons and county jails. Today it now serves every state in the U.S. and helps missionaries throughout the world.

A Russian ministry from the Republic of Karelia met with IDOC officials in Springfield Sept. 27, 2007, as part of the agency's chaplaincy program. Pastor Igor and Mrs. Elena Zenev and their son Ilya are featured middle front. Also featured left is IDOC Volunteer Services Manager Marcy Morris along with Berean Prison Ministry representatives.

IDOC holds First Annual National Association of Correctional Record Administrators and Supervisors Workshop

Workshop examines, promotes excellence in managing offender records

The Illinois Department of Corrections hosted the First Annual National Association of Correctional Record Administrators and Supervisors (NACRAS) Workshop in Springfield Sept. 25-26, 2007. More than 130 people from 28 states attended the two-day conference.

"IDOC is pleased to have played a significant role in creating NACRAS," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "The efforts of this association are a vital component to public safety and interest. Those who perform these functions serve an important role as gatekeepers to the institutions by managing offender records and accurately calculating offender release. This workshop served as an important tool to examine and promote excellence in the management of offender records through the sharing of ideas and philosophies."

"Prior to the creation of NACRAS, there was no forum that addressed issues pertinent to the profession," said IDOC Records Office Supervisor Glenn Jackson, who also serves as president of NACRAS.

Jackson noted that the forum allows representatives from across the country to discuss new technology, release protocols, extradition procedures, sentence calculation methods, immigration and deportation procedures, courtroom testimony, the Adam Walsh Act, sex offender registry and other issues important to institutional safety, programming and public safety nationwide.

"The strong representation of state agencies and participants is a clear indication for the need of this educational forum where issues are discussed and addressed," Jackson added.

In addition to Jackson, the NACRAS steering committee members from IDOC are Julie Bohler at Illinois River, Jeanne Campanella at Robinson and Stephanie Waggoner at Centralia, Margaret McDaniel and Ona Welch at Concordia Court and Deputy Chief Legal Counsel Zachery Wilson at Chicago.

More than 130 people from 28 states attended the National Association of Correctional Record Administrators and Supervisors Workshop. Featured from left are Director of Commitment and Volunteer Services Jodie Stouffer, who works for the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Corrections Services, IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and IDOC Records Office Supervisor Glenn Jackson, who also serves as president of NACRAS.

Illinois Chapters of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice holds annual conference

Theme focuses on empowering and preparing leaders

The Illinois Chapters of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) held its annual conference in Fairview Heights Oct. 10-12, 2007, hosted by the Greater Illinois Area Chapter. This year's theme was "Empowering the Leaders of Today to Prepare for the Leaders of Tomorrow."

Director Roger E. Walker Jr. welcomes attendees in his opening remarks at the Illinois Chapters National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Conference. Featured right is Marcus Hardy, president of Central Illinois Area Chapter.

"Education and mentoring uplifts the spirit," said Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Roger E. Walker Jr. in the conference's opening remarks. "It helps to guide others in making sound decisions and having a commitment to personal responsibility on their job and in their lives. But it doesn't stop there," Walker added. "Our system continues to be a place where thousands of our young are being locked up and locked out of the dream of a normal acceptable lifestyle. Our focus toward helping these individuals should be persuaded by seeing ourselves in a better light by helping each other, and in turn, helping our clients."

The conference, which was attended by some 200 people, included attendees from local law enforcement, social service and support agencies and IDOC employees representing security, education, parole, program services and administrative and executive staff.

Workshop topics included the IDOC Reentry Initiatives, Women in Corrections, The Meth Epidemic, Empowering Leadership, and Supervision for Corrections Professionals.

Deputy Director of Programs and Support Services Roberta Fews also provided remarks regarding women in corrections and conducted a panel that addressed the topic as well.

"We might lead diverse lives; however, we have something else and that is a common bond to excel and be the best that we can," Fews said. "To help develop future leaders for tomorrow, we must offer ourselves to be mentors. There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

Other speakers included Honorable Judge Laninya A. Cason, Associate Judge Duane L. Bailey and Senior Level Law Enforcement Executive Robert Moore.

The NABCJ Illinois Chapters is comprised of the Greater Illinois Area headed by President Alex Dawson, Central Illinois Area headed by President Marcus Hardy and the Windy City Area headed by President Jimmie Daniels.

Illinois Department of Corrections to conduct Operation Safe Spirits

Agency to increase monitoring of paroled sex offenders on Halloween

For the third consecutive year, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) increased surveillance of paroled sex offenders on the days leading up to and on Halloween. Operation Safe Spirits works with local law enforcement throughout the state to keep a closer eye on paroled sex offenders during this time when more kids are out in the evenings going door-to-door to trick-or-treat.

"Thousands of children participate in Halloween activities in Illinois. We want to make sure kids are safe to trick-or-treat in their neighborhoods," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "This operation is another strong example of IDOC's dedication and collaboration with law enforcement in addressing public safety."

On the days leading up to and on Halloween, IDOC conducted face-to-face contacts and spot checks with the state's 1,100 paroled sex offenders. Paroled sex offenders are on electronic or GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring and have been served with requirements of their parole. Conditions include that they do not go outside on Halloween, dress in costume, have their porch lights on or distribute candy to trick-or-treaters. Paroled sex offenders not meeting these conditions could be returned to prison.

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has signed many laws that tightened restrictions on sex offenders. House Bill 121, which went into effect in July 2005, prevents sex offenders from preying on children during the holidays. The law provides that as a condition of probation, conditional discharge, parole, or mandatory supervised release, a sex offender may not participate in a holiday event involving children under 18 years of age, such as handing out candy on Halloween, wearing a Santa Claus costume on or preceding Christmas, being employed as a department store Santa Claus, or wearing an Easter Bunny costume on or preceding Easter.

IDOC also continues to improve community safety through Governor Blagojevich's Sex Offender Initiative, which includes a specially trained sex offender supervision unit whose main objective is to provide a high level of supervision for sex offenders on parole. Through this initiative, partnerships continue to be enhanced statewide to improve the safety of all families in Illinois.

"IDOC is committed to keeping all essential components of the system working together to ensure the safety of our communities and the effective management of sex offenders," Walker said. "However, it is still important for all parents to educate themselves with information regarding the locations of registered sex offenders."

Director's Combined Weapons Match attracts 16 teams throughout the state

East Moline Correctional Center team wins first place

The Annual Director's Combined Weapons Match was held Oct. 26, 2007, at the Illinois State Police Firing Range and Training Facility in Pawnee. Despite rainy conditions, 16 institutional teams participated in the match throughout the day with East Moline Correctional Center taking first place.

"IDOC is proud of the skills and teamwork of its employees," said Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "I'd like to congratulate and thank all of the participants who helped make this year's match a success."

Until 2006, East Moline had taken first place for 11 consecutive times. In 2006, Hill Correctional Center won first and East Moline placed second. This year, the East Moline Correctional Center pistol team won the team competition with a score of 4149 - 116x out of a possible 4320 – 312x. Western Illinois Correctional Center took second place with a score of 4108 – 91x and Tamms Correctional Center placed 3rd with a score of 4092 – 76x.

Director Walker presented the first place trophy to East Moline Correctional Center team members Lieutenants Eric Thompson and Joe Arnold and Correctional Officers Chad Karenke and Gary West. Director Walker also presented the Top Shooter Award to individual match winner Lt. Joe Arnold, who had a score of 1062 - 36x out of a possible 1080 – 78x. The director presented the Second Place Award to Correctional Officer Karenke, who had a score of 1056 – 32x.

Lt. Cecil Polley, special operations commander and a coordinator of the competition, pointed out that the efforts of many employees contributed to the success of the event.

Director Roger E. Walker Jr. presents the first place trophy to the East Moline Correctional Center team. Featured from left are Lieutenants Eric Thompson and Joe Arnold, Director Walker and Correctional Officers Gary West and Chad Karenke.

"Special thanks go out to the Illinois State Police for the use of their fine facility," Lt. Polley said.

Lt. Polley also thanked the following for their efforts: Correctional Industries for providing new food items and shooting towels for participants; Marcy Morris of Volunteer Services for its generous donation of chips, water and candy; Taylorville Correctional Center Warden Sims for making available Dietary Manager Beth Little and Food Supervisor Kirk Lentz; Michelle Hunt, Missy Huber and Lori Killam of General Headquarters for their help in registration and totaling scores; and the Special Operations staff, who ran the range and scored targets all day in the rain.

"The match was well received despite the weather and the changed courses of fire," Lt. Polley added.

IDOC pays respect to former employees killed in Kosovo

Retired IDOC auditor and former warden among 47 honored

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), represented by long-time Shawnee Correctional Center Administrative Assistant Kerry Camp, paid its respects at an Oct. 19, 2007, memorial service near Washington D.C. honoring 47 DynCorp International support personnel who have died in the line of duty while supporting U.S. objectives overseas.

In a CIVPOL memorial wall ceremony held at DynCorp International's corporate headquarters in Falls Church, Va., dozens of surviving family members and spouses, current and former CIVPOL employees, government officials, DynCorp executives and other invited guests joined together for the unveiling of the memorial by DynCorp CEO Herb Lanese.

Among those honored were Gary Weston, an auditor with the IDOC who retired in 2002, and Kim Bigley, former Shawnee Correctional Center warden.

Weston and Bigley both died following a shooting attack that occurred on April 17, 2004, at a Kosovo prison where the two were serving as CIVPOL officers in support of a United Nations Mission. A third individual, Lynn Williams of New York, was also killed in the incident.

"It was an honor to represent Director Walker and the agency to pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Mr. Weston and Ms. Bigley," Camp said. "I had the privilege of working closely with both of them while in the IDOC, and they always represented the department in fine fashion. We still miss them dearly."

Nina Weston and IDOC representative Kerry Camp of the Shawnee Correctional Center met in front of the newly unveiled memorial honoring DynCorp CIVPOL officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Ms. Weston's husband Gary, a retired IDOC auditor, as well as Kim Bigley, former warden at Shawnee, were among 47 individuals honored on Oct. 19 for sacrificing their lives supporting U.S. objectives.

"On behalf of all staff, I want to thank Mr. Camp for attending the service and sharing his experiences with us. He was uniquely suited to represent us at the memorial in honoring the brave and honorable service of Mr. Weston and Ms. Bigley as well as the other victims who gave their lives in pursuit of liberty and justice for all," said Director Roger E. Walker Jr.

Weston began his career with the IDOC in 1972. Bigley joined IDOC in 1984.

Illinois Correctional Industries recycling program wins beautification award

Program fosters community partnerships, assists in inmate rehabilitation

The Illinois Correctional Industries (ICI) community-based recycling program was announced as an inaugural winner of the "Beautify Southern Illinois Awards." The award was given based on individuals and groups who have gone above the call of duty in beautifying the region.

ICI, through its Menard Waste Removal and Recycling Program, has fostered a significant partnership with state agencies, municipalities, county government and not-for-profit organizations who are working toward a common goal of providing recycling services to local residents. The modest in-house recycling effort that was implemented four years ago has grown into a successful community-based program of high public appeal.

In addition to the Illinois Department of Corrections, three other state agencies—the Departments of Human Services, Natural Resources and Historic Preservation—participate in the program. All are customers of the waste removal service in which recyclable materials are removed from their waste streams as part of the collection process.

Currently six local communities also are participating in the ICI program. The latest community partner to join in these efforts is the Village of Prairie Du Rocher. In each of these communities, drop-off recycling containers were designed and manufactured through a cooperative agreement with the Randolph County solid waste coordinator and ICI. The containers were placed in participating communities. As they become full, city employees or volunteers transport the containers to the ICI Menard Recycling Depot for processing by offenders.

The Randolph County solid waste management coordinator also enlisted area not-for-profit organizations, such as the local Boy Scouts and Chester Memorial Hospital, who bring recyclable materials to the ICI Recycling Depot at Menard Correctional Center for processing.

Since 2003, more than 4,000 tons of recyclable and reusable materials—including paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, metal cans and barrels—have been diverted from Illinois landfills and processed for sale.

Earnings generated by the sales of recovered recyclable materials, combined with the more than $20 per ton saved in landfill costs and fees, have provided a consistent and sustainable revenue stream that has helped maintain the program's viability.

The vocational aspect of ICI's mission is a strong component of the recycling program. Offenders in the program receive a wide range of training from working with specialized processing equipment to learning how to sort various kinds of materials to bring the highest market prices when sold. The program provides offenders with marketable job skills in a fast growing industry that will assist them upon release and help them transition back into society.

"The Illinois Department of Corrections is pleased to be an integral part of this program," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "The program's success also demonstrates the importance of rehabilitation for inmates and their return journey to society as useful members of the community. A component of successful reentry management is the developing and operating of programs that will improve an inmate's ability to find meaningful employment upon release. ICI programs offer inmates the opportunity to develop useable skills and positive work habits. Ultimately, these benefits contribute to both rehabilitation and reducing recidivism. Through ICI programs, inmates are

able to build their self-esteem and become positive members of society upon release."

"ICI's recycling program has formed a strong partnership with the Randolph County Solid Waste Management Committee and other local partners," said ICI Chief Executive Officer Jim Underwood. "This relationship has fostered a program, and more importantly, a sensibility that reaches all the way to the main streets of area communities. The goal of ICI is to continue to reach out to state and local governmental entities, not-for-profits and other organizations throughout the area in a cooperative effort to identify and increase recycling opportunities in the region."

Romanian delegation meets with IDOC officials

A Romanian delegation, hosted by Berean Prison Ministry, met with Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) executive staff at the agency's General Headquarters in Springfield on Dec. 13, 2007. The visit was part of IDOC's chaplaincy program.

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and executive staff discussed and compared prison operations, programming and services with the Romanian delegation. Romania operates 32 prisons with an inmate population of 32,000 and a $300 million budget. IDOC operates 28 prisons and 8 adult transition centers with an inmate population of 45,500 and a $1.24 billion budget.

In addition to Director Walker, IDOC officials included Chief of Community Outreach / Special Assistant to Director Shelith Hansbro, Chief of Staff Jim Reinhart, Chief of Operations Rick Bard, Southern Region Security Director Randy Grounds, Chief of Labor Relations Stephanie Shallenberger, Deputy Director of Programs and Support Services Roberta Fews, Deputy Director of District 2 Ed McNeil and Volunteer Services Manager Marcy Morris.

During their visit to Illinois, the Romanian delegation also toured Lincoln and Logan Correctional Centers.

Berean Prison Ministry has hosted three delegations this fall, two from Russia and one from

IDOC executive staff on Dec. 13 met with a Romanian delegation hosted by Berean Ministry to discuss and compare prison operations, programs and services.

Romania. The ministry provides translated Bibles and religious programming for inmates in both those countries. In the U.S., Berean Prison Ministry provides 2,000 Bibles a month to inmates.

"We are always pleased to have the opportunity to meet with prison officials from near and far to exchange information and gain invaluable knowledge," said Walker. "We also appreciate the religious support Berean Prison Ministry has provided IDOC inmates over the years."

Appreciation banquet held for 2007 SECA ambassadors of IDOC and IDJJ

An appreciation banquet was held Feb. 28, 2008, for State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) ambassadors of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer commended the SECA ambassadors for their diligent efforts in making the 2007 SECA Campaign a success by educating fellow employees about the gift of giving.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm and our ambassadors are very enthusiastic," Walker said.

In his remarks, Walker talked about the importance of helping others.

"My friends, there is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up," Walker said. "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. But, if you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody. Our participation in SECA does exactly that; we help people in need and lift them up."

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Chief of Community Outreach and Special Assistant to the Director Shelith Hansbro were among those who thanked the SECA ambassadors and employees for their efforts and generosity in making the 2007 SECA Campaign a success.

For the past 25 years, SECA has made great steps by raising nearly $54 million dollars and helping millions of Illinois citizens through the generous contributions of state and university employees.

Over the years, IDOC employees have given whole-heartedly to SECA. Because of this generosity, IDOC has received the Capitol Cup for the last six years, which is the highest award for exceptional giving.

"The employees of IDOC and our SECA ambassadors are role models. They have showed us how important it is to build on the tradition of kindness and the willingness to help make a difference. We appreciate all of your efforts in making our communities a better place to live," Walker said.

Honorary guests included Director of Veteran's Affairs Tammy Duckworth, who serves as honorary chair of the 2007 SECA campaign. Chief of Community Outreach and Special Assistant to the Director Shelith Hansbro served as mistress of ceremony for the event. Others providing award presentations and remarks were Chief of Operations Rick Bard, Acting Chief of Parole Jesse Montgomery, Deputy Director of Community Corrections Barbara Hurt, Acting Deputy Director of District II Ed McNeil, Pontiac Correctional Center Warden Eddie Jones and IDJJ Acting Deputy Director of Operations Ron Smith and IDJJ Acting Deputy Director of Program Services Janice Shallcross.

SECA board members are Brigitte Smith, Marcy Morris and Cherri Gass.

IDOC staf f and inmate work crews provide cleanup following months of ice storms, flooding throughout Illinois

From December 2007 through March 2008, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff and inmate work crews logged in 6,000 hours helping cleanup Illinois communities following severe ice storms and flooding.

"I commend the leadership and professionalism of IDOC employees who report on a moment's notice to organize, coordinate and supervise work details when disaster hits communities," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "IDOC is well represented by these employees who display pride and professionalism in supporting communities during natural disasters. When the agency is called upon to provide service, the state can be assured that we will be there."

Deputy Director Ron Meek serves as IDOC's coordinator for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). Lincoln Correctional Center Warden Carolyn Trancoso and Manager of Staff Development and Training Brian Adams serve as the agency's liaisons to IEMA. Lt. John Eilers at Western Illinois Correctional Center, Lt. Jeff West at Danville Correctional Center and Sgt. Stacey McDannald at Jacksonville Correctional Center serve as IDOC field liaisons to IEMA, coordinating IDOC's resources, work crews and supervisory staff with members of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and local officials.

"IDOC staff and inmates worked side-by-side with other government agencies and civilians in providing disaster relief," said Adams. "The work crews served in the cleanup project for nearly four months bringing relief to communities throughout the state."

IDOC work crews in southern Illinois worked diligently filling thousands of sandbags to help save hardest hit areas from recent flooding.

The cleanup projects include an ice storm in December 2007 that swept western Illinois, affecting Morgan, Scott and Pike counties. From Dec. 12, 2007, through Jan. 31, 2008, IDOC provided staff and inmate labor from Jacksonville Correctional Center and Greene County, Clayton and Pittsfield work camps for debris removal in the communities of Jacksonville, Lynnville, Pittsfield, Bluffs, Griggsville, Winchester, Chapin, Meredosia and Concord.

"Debris cleanup took about six weeks to complete," said Adams. "However, according to members of IEMA, IDOT and numerous local officials in the affected areas, it would have taken several months and thousands of additional dollars to complete without the assistance of IDOC work crews."

The northern portion of the state in Livingston County and Pontiac also experienced heavy rains on top of already excessive snow melt that caused near record flooding of the Vermillion River. From Jan. 16 through Jan. 26, 2008, IDOC provided work crews from Lincoln and Sheridan correctional centers to assist in the flood relief. In just under two weeks, the agency's work crews completed cleanup of numerous city parks, streets and public areas and removed flood damaged items from homes that were hardest hit by the flood. Local officials and residents praised the agency's staff and inmate work crews

for their timeliness in completing the job. Community leaders and members also thanked IDOC for the time and money it saved their communities during the disaster.

In late February 2008, a second ice storm swept the state's southern region, causing large scale problems from debris covered streets and property to wide spread power outages. On Feb. 25, 2008, IDOC once again was called upon by IEMA. IDOC work crews reported to Johnson, Saline, Massac, Union and Williamson counties in the communities of Metropolis, Goreville, Stone Fort, Anna, Cobden, Carrier Mills, Harrisburg, Jonesboro, Creal Springs, Lake of Egypt, New Burnside, and Mountain Township. Tamms Correctional Center provided staff and inmate work crews for the project. The cleanup effort continued through mid March when heavy rains began to cause severe flooding in the same region and eventually spread to several more counties, including Gallatin, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Jackson and Pulaski. IDOC crews responded to these locations with a massive sandbagging effort. IDOC sandbagging operations were set up in Murphysboro, Karnack, Golconda, Old Shawnee Town, Equality, Olive Branch and Elkville.

"The Tamms Work Camp began a large scale sandbagging effort that allowed inmates to continue filling sand bags into the night," said Adams. "Thousands of bags were filled and loaded onto IDOT trucks and local vehicles to be sent to locations that were being hit hardest by the rising rivers and weakest levees."

Sandbagging efforts ended March 26, 2008, Adams said. On many occasions, community residents expressed their appreciation for IDOC's assistance in saving their homes and property. Tracy Jones, a local official from Equality stated, "This is our third major flood in Equality and the Department of Corrections has saved our town three times now."

Throughout IDOC, there are many opportunities for offenders to give back to communities. Details of these programs teach them invaluable lessons while increasing their self-esteem as they help people.

"The Governor and I are committed to enhancing the successful reentry of offenders into society through rehabilitative programs and services," said Walker. "Reaching out and helping those in communities that have helped and assisted them in many ways, offers countless rewards to everyone involved. Such programs not only benefit our communities and help offenders return to society, but also serve as a valuable asset to the taxpayer."

Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice name 2008 Volunteers of the Year

"Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) announced the recipients of the 2008 Volunteer of the Year awards at a recognition ceremony held April 16, 2008, in Springfield. Becky Funk at Dwight Correctional Center was named IDOC 2008 Volunteer of the Year and Deb Sundberg at Illinois Youth Center-Kewanee was named as the 2008 Volunteer of the Year for IDJJ. Funk and Sundberg were among volunteers of the state's 28 adult correctional centers, eight adult transition centers and eight youth facilities who were being honored for their outstanding leadership and efforts in providing positive change in the lives of inmates and youths.

"This year's theme, 'Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless,' is quite fitting for the world we live in today," IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. said. "In the past several years, our nation has rediscovered that reaching out to help others is essential to our well-being. These acts of kindness, no matter how great or small, are priceless to those who give and to those who receive."

In his remarks, Walker quoted Booker T. Washington, "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

"In times of need, whether at a national or community level, or in our prison system, we see examples of volunteers who come from near and far to do just that—to lift people up," Walker said. "I am very proud of our employees and volunteers alike. Together, we stand strong as one family and move the department forward by providing positive change in the lives of inmates."

"Volunteers play a vital role in mentoring incarcerated youth," said IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer. "Through their volunteer efforts, they provide positive guidance in helping youths gain valuable life skills that in turn help them become productive citizens when they return to their family and community. Their teachings and words of encouragement are priceless in shaping the future of our youths."

Becky Funk

Becky Funk was instrumental in the initiation of chapel services for the female offenders in the intake unit at Dwight Correctional Center. She helped supply additional volunteers and acquired a portable sound system for the service. Her hands-on ministry at intake consists of distributing Bibles and religious materials and praying door-to-door with the female offenders. She also conducts one-on-one ministry with a Bible-based program called "Time to Heal," which helps women who have trouble opening up in a group setting. She brings a message of hope and healing to these offenders. In addition, she assists with the Crop Hunger Walk, which supports world hunger, and conducts special activities for the offenders in the Mental Health Unit, such as cookie decorating and holiday activities. She also has helped acquire donations for the annual Christmas musical program. In addition, she has been the liaison for the recent chapel remodeling project. Through her efforts, the chapel at Dwight Correctional Center is receiving much needed repairs and cosmetic restoration. Funk has a joyful character, which is so infectious that she causes a room, and all of those in the room, to light up with joy.

Featured are Deputy Director of Women and Family Services Debbie Denning, Dwight Correctional Center Warden Mary Sigler, IDOC Volunteer of the Year Becky Funk, IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and IDOC Chief of Community Outreach Shelith Hansbro.

Featured are IDOC Chief of Community Outreach Shelith Hansbro, IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer, IDJJ Volunteer of the Year Deb Sundberg, IDJJ Superintendent of IYC-Kewanee Lisa Nordstrom , IDJJ Acting Supervisor of Programs Janice Shallcross and IDJJ Acting Supervisor of Operations Ron Smith.

Deb Sundberg

Deb Sundberg has logged in more than 330 hours at IYC-Kewanee and works primarily with students who are non-readers or emergent readers. She works with students who are also working toward their GED and who need assistance with their comprehension skills. According to their teachers, the students with whom Sundberg has been working with have improved dramatically. Sundberg's patience, caring and respectful attitude toward her students is evident. If a student refuses to attend a tutoring session with her, she meets with them to find out why and has rearranged her schedule to help accommodate the student's needs. From a testing perspective, the overall youth Terra Nova scores have seen great improvement. Teachers at the center agree she is a definite asset to the Educational Program. Sundberg has generously donated books that are received through her efforts with the Literary Volunteers of America, which has been an asset to the youth library. As one student noted, "She has helped me a lot and I now make the honor and high honor rolls."

More than 5,000 volunteers provide programs and services that otherwise would not be available to the incarcerated men, women and youth located within the IDOC and IDJJ. During the past year, volunteers have donated more than $2 million in time and goods to the incarcerated.

At IDOC and IDJJ, volunteers assist in various ways ranging from mentoring and meeting the religious needs of inmates to offering alcohol and drug rehabilitation such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Volunteers tutor, hold church services and Bible studies as well as parenting, art, music, poetry and literacy classes.

IDOC operates 28 adult correctional centers, eight adult transition centers as well as various work camps and boot camps. The agency is responsible for managing more than 80,000 inmates and parolees.

IDJJ operates eight youth centers and oversees 1,300 incarcerated juveniles. By creating IDJJ in July 2006, young offenders receive individualized services including educational, vocational, social and emotional services that will help enable them to become productive adults. In addition to the services provided inside juvenile facilities, the

new department also provides transitional and post-release treatment programs for juveniles, including counseling, mental health and substance abuse services.

If you are interested in the Volunteer Services Program at IDOC, contact Marcy Morris, volunteer services manager, at 217-558-2200 ext. 6101.

IDOC raises nearly $341,000 for 2007 SECA Campaign, wins top honors for seventh consecutive year

The Illinois Department of Corrections won top honors in the 2007 State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign at the SECA Awards Reception held April 17, 2008, at the Executive Mansion in Springfield. IDOC received the highest award, the Capitol Cup, for the seventh consecutive year. The award is given to an agency for the most staff participation and exceptional giving. IDOC also was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award. During the 2007 campaign, IDOC raised nearly $341,000. Staff from correctional centers, work camps, boot camps, adult transition centers, parole offices, General Headquarters and Correctional Industries contributed to one or more charities that provide health and human services to thousands of people in Illinois.

For the third year in a row, State of Illinois employees donated more than $3 million to charities. The 2007 contributions increased by $148,670 from last year. The SECA Campaign is a once-a-year fundraising drive that allows state and university employees to contribute to participating charities through either payroll deductions or a one-time donation. Through the campaign, employees direct their contributions to up to 11 member charities, which in turn represent more than 2,200 charitable organizations.

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Tammy Duckworth served as the 2007 SECA honorary chair and has agreed to serve as the honorary chair for the 2008 SECA Campaign. In reaching the goal of $3 million to meet important social service needs in 2007, SECA achieved a significant milestone of raising more than $56 million since its inception in 1983.

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Director and SECA Honorary Chairperson Tammy Duckworth presents IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. with the highest award, the Capitol Cup, which is given to an agency for the most staff participation and exceptional giving. IDOC has received the Capitol Cup for the seventh consecutive year.

"Today we join together to recognize the remarkable showing of kindness and generosity from our state employees. Their contributions will have a great impact on hundreds of thousands of lives and the environment," said Duckworth.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "The agency's employees are always enthusiastic about stepping up to the plate and

giving to such a noble cause. Time and time again, I have said that I am extremely proud of the department's employees. Their dedication and longstanding history of kindness and goodwill are truly inspirational in demonstrating that we will and can make a difference in the lives of others."

In demonstrating the importance of giving, Walker quoted Calvin Coolidge, who once said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

"Receiving the Capitol Cup, especially for the seventh consecutive year, is indeed an honor," said Walker. "As director of IDOC and on behalf of all those who gave, this award is sincerely appreciated and will be proudly displayed as a reminder of our tradition of joining together and reaching out to help thousands of people in Illinois."

Illinois Department of Corrections and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice recognize Correctional Officers of the Year for 2008

Five front line employees awarded top honors

Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer May, 6, 2008, honored five outstanding front line employees as 2008 Correctional Officers of the Year at a ceremony in Springfield.

The winners were chosen from a field of 51 nominees, who were nominated for the award by their colleagues. The overall winners were chosen by the departments' executive staff.

Director Walker and Acting Director Friedenauer commended the efforts of front line staff within their respective agencies.

"In recognizing excellence during Correctional Officers' Week, and in recognizing correctional workers, your contributions extend well beyond prison walls," Walker said. "Many of you are leaders in your communities and many of you have served our country. You bring distinction to the job each and every day and we thank you for that. Through this steadfast support, IDOC continues to meet the challenges in operating one of the safest, largest prison systems in the nation."

"The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice is committed to providing treatment and educational, vocational, social and emotional services to the state's young offenders to assist them in becoming responsible adults," said Friedenauer. "The employees being recognized today are commended for their commitment and support in this goal."

Nominations for this year's award recognize front-line staff at each of the state's 28 prisons, eight juvenile centers, eight adult transition centers and five parole districts. This year's top

The Honor Guard pays tribute to the agency's fallen heroes, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The May 6 ceremony was a day of honor, recognition and remembrance.

five front line employees were presented with recognition letters from the governor and IDOC and IDJJ directors and a $500 check from the Employee Benefit Fund. The nominees are judged on leadership, initiative, professionalism and service to their community and career.

Employees receiving top honors during a ceremony at IDOC and IDJJ General Headquarters in Springfield are:

Correctional Officer Sisawat Singmuongthong of Sheridan Correctional Center
Correctional Officer Singmuongthong is a primary training instructor for Sheridan, delivering all aspects of cycle and firearms training. He serves on the Tactical Response Team and has served in statewide tactical functions, transporting high-level inmates through the state and responding to tactical callouts.

Correctional Officer Sisawat Singmuongthong of Sheridan Correctional Center was named IDOC Correctional Officer of the Year for the Adult Division. Featured are Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Jennifer Ricker (left), Chief of Operations Rick Bard, Director Roger E. Walker Jr., Sheridan Warden Michael Rothwell, C.O. Sisawat Singmuongthong and Community Corrections Deputy Director Barbara Hurt.

Correctional Officer Lynn Hodge of Dwight Correctional Center was named IDOC Correctional Officer of the Year for the Women & Family Services Division. Featured are Dwight Warden Mary Sigler (left), Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Jennifer Ricker, C.O. Lynn Hodge, Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and W&FS Deputy Director Debbie Denning.

Correctional Officer Lynn Hodge of Dwight Correctional Center
Correctional Officer Hodge continually shows her leadership skills, vast knowledge and versatility, allowing her to be assigned to any position and completing any task that is asked of her. She volunteers ways to improve methods, techniques and daily operations. She has established an outstanding, dependable and solid work ethic and has gained respect from her fellow peers.

CRCI Jonathan Stewart of Southern Illinois Adult Transition Center
Correctional Residence Counselor I Stewart maintains an exemplary work record and has not used any sick time in more than 12 years. He has a professional rapport with staff and inmates and his appearance is neat and professional. His constant steady demeanor maintains the highest standards.

Correctional Residence Counselor I Jonathan Stewart of Southern Illinois Adult Transition Center was named overall winner of IDOC ATC front line staff. Featured are Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Jennifer Ricker (left), Southern Illinois ATC Supervisor Yolanda Harrington, Community Corrections Deputy Director Barbara Hurt, Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and CRCI Jonathan Stewart.

Parole Agent James Stiers of the Sex Offender Supervision Unit, District 2

Agent Stiers sets high standards for himself and sets a good example as a manager. He is self-motivated in his every day-to-day operation. He has coordinated the establishment of a sex offender treatment group in LaSalle County where none has previously existed. This alone has assisted parolees who live in that area and the U.S. Probation Department to allow their probationers to use the services of the offender therapist.

Parole Agent James Stiers of the Sex Offender Supervision Unit, District 2, was named IDOC Parole Agent of the Year for the Parole Division. Featured are Deputy Director of Parole Operations and Security Jason Garnett (left), Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Jennifer Ricker, Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Chief of Parole Jesse Montgomery.

Youth Supervisor II Dario Gonzalez of Illinois Youth Center-Joliet

YSII Gonzalez began his career at IYC-Joliet in 1996 and has worked several posts as a YSII including the WRIT Team, institutional screening, assignment supervisor, fire safety officer, intel/investigator, drug & alcohol testing, S.C.B.A./respirator maintenance, toxic substance abuse coordinator and Spanish speaking/reading interpreter. His attendance is excellent and he wears his IDJJ uniform with pride and dignity. He is a team player and leads by example. Counseling staff describe him as instrumental in assisting youth who are hesitant to listen to reason, in making common sense decisions regarding their future plans.

Youth Supervisor II Dario Gonzalez of Illinois Youth Center-Joliet was named IDJJ Youth Supervisor of the Year. Featured are IYC-Joliet Superintendent John Rita (left), Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety Jennifer Ricker, Supervisor of Programs Janice Shallcross, Director Kurt Friedenauer, YS II Dario Gonzalez and Supervisor of Operations Ron Smith.

Other facility nominees include:

Nominee list for 2008

Adult Correctional Centers

Big Muddy River	C.O. Perry Severs
Centralia	C.O. Amy Carnes
Danville	C.O. Marty Lenfesty
Dixon	C.O. John Hess
East Moline	C.O. William Brackett
Graham	C.O. Michael Kellow
Hill	C.O. Gary Powless
Illinois River	C.O. Shane Donelson
Jacksonville	Sgt. Stacey McDannald
Lawrence	C.O. Lisa Walters
Logan	C.O. Laurel Mendenhall
Menard	C.O. Eddie Rump
Pinckneyville	C.O. Jason Olkoski
DuQuoin IIP	C.O. James Jorgenson
Pontiac	C.O. Dion Sullivan
Robinson	C.O. Tony Lockhart
Shawnee	C.O. Steve Cagle
Southwestern Illinois	C.O. Stacy Williams
Stateville	C.O. Cleo Johnson
Tamms	C.O. Bradley Hoehner
Taylorville	C.O. Dennis Gideon
Thomson	C.O. Jared Batson
Vandalia	C.O. Roy Garrett
Vienna	C.O. Bart New
Western Illinois	C.O. Diana Collison

Adult Transition Centers

Crossroads	CRCI Yesenia Deoca
Decatur	CRCII Keith Warnsley
Fox Valley	CRCI Tamara Switzer
Jessie “Ma” Houston	CRCI Raymond Smith
North Lawndale	CRCI Diane Bass
Peoria	CRCI Charlotte Lewis
West Side	CRCI Alvin Hendrix

Women and Family Services

Decatur	C.O. Michael Sullens
Lincoln	C.O. Steve Owens

Illinois Youth Centers

IYC-Chicago	YSIV Jeffrey Brown
IYC-Harrisburg	YSII Marvin Atkinson
IYC-Kewanee	YS II Troy Jacobs
IYC-Murphysboro	YSIV John Barber
IYC-Pere Marquette	YS IV Stacy Kempf
IYC-St. Charles	YSII Katrina Patton
IYC-Warrenville	YS II Geroska Gay Jr.

Parole

District #1
Senior Parole Agent Jorge Ortiz

District #2
Senior Parole Agent Robert Cagle

District #3
Senior Parole Agent Kelly Harvey

District #4
Parole Agent William Reed

District #5
Senior Parole Agent Dennis Hicks

IDOC celebrates the first anniversary of the Moms and Babies Program at Decatur Correctional Center

Program helps strengthen family structure and enhance successful reentry back to the community

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Women and Family Services Division May 19, 2008, hosted a special ceremony to mark the first anniversary of the Moms and Babies Program at the Decatur Correctional Center. Since the program's inception in 2007, two mothers and their babies have completed the program and returned home. Currently, there are five moms and their children in the program.

The Moms and Babies Program allows qualified mothers to keep their newborn babies with them to help support the incarcerated mother in developing and nurturing a bond with her infant through effective programming along with a safe and supportive living environment.

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. praised the dedication and support for the new program, quoting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who once said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

"It is truly inspirational to know that so many people have committed themselves to ensuring the program's success," Director Walker continued. "The Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, as well as other community organizations, have provided meaningful services for this new program. We also appreciate the support of all the center's employees, who have embraced the philosophy of the Moms and Babies Program."

The Moms and Babies Program is a pilot program that can currently accommodate five mothers and their babies, with a long-range goal of housing up to 20 mothers and babies. The Moms and Babies Program continues to be in the forefront of gender-responsive programming by providing opportunity for the incarcerated mother and her newborn to bond in a setting that nurtures physical and emotional health. Such programming helps to reduce recidivism and the chances of children someday continuing the cycle of incarceration.

The Moms and Babies Program allows qualified mothers to keep their newborn babies with them to help strengthen the special bond that is critical to a healthy mother and child relationship . The program currently can accommodate five mothers and their babies.

"The Moms and Babies Program provides a holistic approach for the female offender and her newborn and the opportunity for the offender to increase her personal and parental growth and development," said Deputy Director Debbie Denning of Women and Family Services. "This program is designed to emulate the dynamics consistent with an indigent, single, expecting mother in the community while ensuring proper protocol is followed for a correctional environment."

Selected candidates with a release date projected to be within about 24 months of their delivery date are screened for the program. After delivery, the incarcerated mothers and their babies have their own room in the correctional facility to

accommodate the needs of the mother and baby. The program also has a specially designed Infant Development Center to provide daycare for infants while their incarcerated mothers attend programming classes and report for job assignments within the prison.

According to a May 2004 study by the National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work, early attachment patterns are predictive of social behaviors. Keeping incarcerated mothers and their babies together can work preemptively against future psychosocial problems for the child and their associated burdens on the state. It can also motivate the mothers to better themselves, both in prison and in their lives beyond it.

The Women and Family Services Division promotes a variety of other programs and services to strengthen and reinforce the bonding between mothers and their children. Children and families play an important role in the management of offenders in custodial settings. All facilities within the Women and Family Services Division offer parenting programs. At the Decatur , Dwight, Lincoln and Fox Valley facilities, family activities range from day camps, video visiting, storybook and summer read programs as well as holiday activities for mothers and children.

Individuals or groups interested in supporting the program can contact the Women and Family Services Division at Decatur Correctional Center at (217) 877-0353, ext. 300.

Gov. Blagojevich announces historic reduction in repeat crimes by ex-offenders, slower rate of growth in state's prison population

Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich on May 19, 2008, announced that statewide reforms have led to historic reductions in crimes by former offenders and significant savings for taxpayers. An intensive effort launched by the governor in Fiscal Year 2004 to provide incarcerated offenders and parolees with access to education, job training, substance abuse treatment and counseling has led to the lowest conviction rate among parolees in state history, a 23 percent reduction in arrests among the general parolee population, and a 40 percent reduction in repeat incarceration among parolees with substance abuse histories, who graduated from the Sheridan Drug Prison and Reentry Program. The drop in recidivism has saved the state an estimated $64 million in incarceration costs since 2004. As new statistics show that the murder rate in Chicago is up by nine percent and the violent crime rate is up by six percent for the first quarter of 2008, the governor released a Blue Ribbon report with additional recommendations for further reducing recidivism and committed to pursuing implementation.

"Being tough on crime means being smart about fighting crime. The reality is that offenders who are sent to prison are most likely going to be back in our communities sooner or later. And when they return, if they don't have the skills and support to lead clean and productive lives, they are most likely going to end up committing crimes again. The vicious cycle of recidivism weakens communities, destroys families and puts a huge burden on the state's finances. That's why back in 2004 we launched an aggressive new approach to preparing offenders for reentry into their communities," said Gov. Blagojevich. "I am pleased to announce that we have achieved record reductions in the state's recidivism rates due to groundbreaking initiatives. But the latest crime statistics for Chicago show that violent crime is on the rise, so it's critical that we continue building on our progress and making sure we give offenders who are coming in to the prison system the tools they need to put crime behind them for good." Recognizing that the majority of offenders being sent to Illinois prisons in record

numbers were eventually going to be returning to our communities, Gov. Blagojevich directed his administration to develop and implement the most comprehensive recidivism reduction plan in state history.

The plan had three components: 1) The Sheridan National Model Drug Prison & Reentry Program that addresses offenders with substance abuse problems and provides intensive treatment, job training and counseling during incarceration and substantial support during the reentry process. Last year, the state built on the success of Sheridan and opened a 200-inmate model Meth treatment program at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. 2) Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Plan, which put 100 more parole agents on the streets statewide and significantly improved the scope and level of case management services for parolees. Today, eight Spotlight Reentry Centers work with nearly 8,000 parolees annually to reduce their risk to their communities and provide case management services. The state also launched one of the largest transitional jobs programs in the nation to move more than 800 ex-offenders annually toward employment. 3) Community Safety & Reentry Commission created by Gov. Blagojevich to develop a statewide plan for reducing recidivism in 10 target regions with high ex-offender populations.

New statistics from IDOC show that since the launch of the plan, the state has successfully rolled back recidivism rates from their record levels, reduced the rate of new crime among parolees and slowed the rate of growth of the prison population.

- Reforms have led to the lowest conviction rates for parolees in state history. The number of new convictions for crimes among parolees has decreased by more than 18 percent from 4,567 in Fiscal Year 2004 to 3,742 in Fiscal Year 2007.

- Total arrests among parolees experienced a 23 percent decline from Fiscal Year 2004 to Fiscal Year 2007.

- Participants in the Sheridan Drug Prison & Reentry program have exhibited recidivism rates up to 40 percent lower than comparison groups.

- Despite record high admissions for lower felony class drug offenses and long-term Truth-in-Sentencing for serious offenses, the prison population has increased by only 4.5 percent since the end of Fiscal Year 2002, which is the slowest rate of growth over any similar time frame since IDOC's establishment in 1970.

- Because of the reduction in repeat crimes, taxpayers have saved an estimated $64 million in prison costs since 2004.

The governor also released the "Inside Out: A Plan to Reduce Recidivism and Improve Public Safety" report compiled by the Community Safety & Reentry Commission. The 22-member Commission was Co-Chaired by Rev. Jesse Jackson and Peoria County State's Attorney Kevin Lyons.

The commission's report is a blueprint for a statewide system that has four phases of implementation to ensure that the reentry process begins from the day that an offender is admitted to prison, that every day spent in prison is focused on preparing for a crime-free and drug-free reentry, that all parolees have a well-supervised and supported reentry that moves them away from drugs and crime and toward honest work and citizenship, and that community capacity is developed to sustain success. The governor has already begun work to implement several of the commission's recommendations:

- Building Community Capacity: The report calls for working with smaller, community-based organizations that work to prevent crime and reduce risk among formerly incarcerated persons. As a result, IDOC expanded the number of community-based contracts in its base budget by approximately $1 million and proposed another increase of $500,000 in Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

- Statewide Job Preparation & Placement Program: The report calls for a larger focus on preparing inmates for honest employment while incarcerated and supportive services to identify employment while on parole. As a result, the state launched a Statewide Job Preparation & Placement Program operated by the SAFER Foundation and working with community colleges to provide all inmates with job preparation in all prisons statewide, and then a referral program to SAFER offices in the community for job placement programs.

- A Safer Return: The report calls for implementing more model programs that build capacity in high impact communities. A recent partnership with the MacArthur Foundation and the SAFER Foundation, called "Safer Return," will roll out a model this summer.

- Transition Units: The report calls for ensuring that all inmates move through a Transition Unit phase within the last three to six months of their sentences to ensure that they receive intensive preparation for their reentry to their communities. IDOC is targeting the launch of a new Transition Unit program at six prisons by August, and is working on the gradual rollout of this program to all prisons statewide.

"I was very proud to have my department helping to lead this process. Until we began to implement the governor's plan, we were only experiencing increases in prison admissions, the prison population and recidivism rates. As a former sheriff, I will say that did not help improve public safety. I strongly support the approach we have taken, and am looking forward to continuing our work to implement the governor's report," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr.

"Ultimately, this is an issue about public safety and communities. We have made tremendous progress in driving down recidivism rates among our parole population in recent years, largely due to the fact that the governor provided early, greatly needed resources to invest in several of the report recommendations that are helping us to achieve a stronger balance between strengthening supervision and strengthening community capacity," said IDOC Assistant Director Deanne Benos. "We are looking forward to implementation of more of the recommendations."

Illinois Correctional Industries hosts Central Region National Correctional Industries Association Conference

Illinois Correctional Industries (ICI) hosted the Central Region National Correctional Industries Association Conference June 23-25, 2008, in Bloomingdale.

"It is indeed an honor and a pleasure for Illinois Correctional Industries to host this year's conference," said Illinois Department of Corrections Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Correctional Industries plays an important role for inmates returning to society. It teaches them marketable skills, the responsibility of holding a job and increases their ability to become successful citizens. For many years, this has been a guiding goal. And, for many of these inmates, this is the first time they have been held accountable for

their work performance. Today, inmates better understand what is required of them when they are released from prison."

Goals of the conference included networking and developing relationships with colleagues, vendors and business partners, learning about new products and services as well as problem solving and developing educational skills.

Varieties of workshops focused on the reentry of incarcerated individuals that help prepare them for release and reduce recidivism. Topics included vocational, educational and social preparation.

Other workshops focused on the "greening" of the industries programs as well as the awareness and attention to sustaining the environment. Correctional Industries strive to ensure programs are environmentally friendly, therefore preparing the inmate labor force to gain useful employment upon release. The Menard Correctional Center conducted a demonstration using waste vegetable oil from corrections facilities to produce biodiesel fuel.

Other training included the application and use of the World Wide Web in the sales and marketing of industry products as well as goal achievement and maintaining motivation in the workplace.

Featured are IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. (left), U.S. Congressman Danny Davis, CEO IDOC Correctional Industries Jim Underwood and President of NICA Central Region Cary Adranga. Congressman Davis was presented a plaque recognizing his support of correctional industries and his sponsorship of the Second Chance Act.

U.S. Congressman Danny Davis (D-Illinois) served as keynote speaker and discussed the "Second Chance Act," a new federal law he sponsored, which requires states to develop reentry plans and authorizes federal funding to support such plans.

IDOC staff and inmate work crews revisit floodwaters of 1993

Agency supports communities, provides thousands of hours of relief efforts

From mid June to June 23, 2008, Illinois Department of Corrections staff and inmate work crews racked up nearly 18,000 hours providing flood relief protection to save farmlands and towns in Western Illinois from being swallowed by the flooding. Many of the efforts mirror the infamous Great Flood of '93, where staff and inmates battled the rising waters from sunrise to sunset by filling and throwing sandbags along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, working diligently in Cass, Adams, Hancock, Pike, Mercer, Henderson and Calhoun counties.

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Executive Assistant to the Director Sergio Molina toured Indian Graves Levee in Ursa, near Quincy. Walker met with staff and inmate work crews in the area and thanked them for the vital services they are providing to local communities.

"IDOC's staff and inmates have performed an outstanding job in fighting the turbulent flooding from engulfing farm lands and towns," said Walker. "Our goal has always been to support our communities in times of great need and work with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) in providing emergency assistance. The department is proud to play an important role in helping provide stability and restore normalcy when nature plays havoc to communities. This system allows citizens to see inmates working and giving back to the community as well as seeing taxpayers' money at work."

While hours pile up in combating the relentless rivers, many offenders have stated that it is a gratifying opportunity to help the communities. Even though the rivers have crested in many areas, staff and inmates continue to provide maintenance to boils in levee walls to help prevent breaks.

"Disaster relief details teach inmates invaluable lessons by raising their self-esteem as they help people whose lives have been devastated by the flood," said Walker . "Through these relief efforts, IDOC employees also build a good rapport with communities who are grateful for our services. I have always been very proud of IDOC staff and this is just one more example. I commend our employees who are called out on a moment's notice to organize, coordinate and supervise inmate work details. Their leadership and professionalism serve as an example for all to follow."

Nearly 280 work crews from East Moline Correctional Center, Illinois River Correctional Center, Clayton Work Camp, Pittsfield Work Camp, Greene County Work Camp, Vandalia Work Camp and Southwestern Correctional Center have been involved in the most recent work details by sandbagging levees and dealing with levee maintenance issues. Sandbag filling operations also were conducted at Robinson Correctional Center, Jacksonville Correctional Center and Pittsfield Work Camp. Inmates filled more than 300,000 sandbags that were used by surrounding communities. IDOC staff and inmate work crews provided disaster relief efforts in the following communities and drainage districts of Keithsburg, Gladstone, New Boston, Niota, Warsaw, Hunt Drainage District, Indian Graves Drainage District, Quincy, New Canton, Sny Island Levee District and Hamburg.

The agency's help is significant and appreciated throughout affected areas. Incident Commander for the Indian Graves Drainage District Toni Slater stated that if it were not for IDOC's quick response and assistance, they would have never saved the northern section of the Indian Graves Drainage District. According to the Sny Island Levee District, IDOC inmates and the Illinois National Guard completed work in eight days what it took volunteers three and a half months to complete in 1993. Director of the Cass County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency Wayne Nelson also was quoted in the *Journal Courier*, thanking corrections officers and the work camp crews for their efforts.

Deputy Director Ron Meek serves as IDOC's coordinator for the IEMA. Lincoln Correctional Center Warden Carolyn Trancoso and Manager of Staff Development and Training Brian Adams serve as the agency's liaisons to IEMA. Lt. John Eilers at Western Illinois Correctional Center, Lt. Jeff West at Danville Correctional Center and Sgt. Stacey McDannald at Jacksonville Correctional Center serve as IDOC field liaisons to IEMA, coordinating IDOC's resources, work crews and supervisory staff. Eilers spent much of the relief effort assigned to the Unified Area Command in Quincy, representing IDOC.

The partnership between IDOC and IEMA has been unique. For many years, Illinois was one of only several states in the country using inmates on disaster relief crews. As a result, IDOC and IEMA have helped hundreds of communities achieve successful conclusions to demanding emergency relief projects.

Statistics for FY08

Number of Correctional Facilities on June 30, 2008 by Type

	Number
Correctional Centers	28
Reception and Classification Centers	4
Medium Security Units	2
Minimum Security Units	4
Work Camps	7
Impact Incarceration Programs	2

Prison Population on June 30, 2008

Type of Sentence	Number	Percent
Determinate Day-for-Day	35,484	77.9%
Determinate Truth in Sentencing	7,667	16.8%
Impact Incarceration Program	445	1.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	149	0.3%
Life without Parole	1,465	3.2%
Life with Parole	7	0.0%
Death	13	0.0%
Indeterminate	246	0.5%
Reception and Classification, In Transit, etc.	72	0.2%
Total	45,548	100.0%

	Number
End-of-Fiscal Year Population	45,548
FY08 Average Daily Population	45,297

Fiscal Year 2008 Admissions

	Number	Percent
Direct from Court or Discharged and Recommitted	24,782	70.8%
New Offense Parole Violator	3,691	10.6%
Technical Parole Violator	6,510	18.6%
Total	34,983	100.0%

Fiscal Year 2008 Exits

	Number
Total Exits	35,066

Average Length of Stay (in years)	Prison Stay	Including Jail
Court	1.2	1.6
New Offense	1.4	1.7
Technical Violators	0.8	----
Total	1.2	1.9

Average Time in Days Awarded per Exit	Days
Meritorious Good Conduct Credit	75
Supplemental Meritorious Good Conduct Credit	61
Educational Good Conduct Credit (Pre EGCC)	0
Earned Good Conduct Credit	14
GED Completion	1
Total	151

Parole Population on June 30, 2008

	Number
End-of-Fiscal Year Population	32,594
FY08 Average Daily Population	33,354

Prison Population on June 30, 2008

Offense Class	Number	Percent
Murder	7,287	16.0%
Class X	11,019	24.2%
Class 1	7,989	17.5%
Class 2	9,858	21.6%
Class 3	3,900	8.6%
Class 4	5,343	11.7%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	149	0.3%
Unclassified	3	0.0%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Sex Offender *	Number	Percent
Yes	7,319	16.1%
No	38,229	83.9%
Total	45,548	100.0%

* Sex offenders are defined as either having to officially register according to statute or as having any sex offense conviction noted on the mittimus (sentencing order).

Offense Category	Number	Percent
Homicide	9,139	20.1%
Kidnaping	281	0.6%
Sexual Assault	4,424	9.7%
Sexually Dangerous	149	0.3%
Other Sex Offenses	711	1.6%
Assaultive	2,572	5.6%
Home Invasion	820	1.8%
Robbery	1,447	3.2%
Armed Robbery	2,594	5.7%
Weapons	1,852	4.1%
Disorderly Conduct	38	0.1%
Armed Violence	233	0.5%
Controlled Substance Act	9,778	21.5%
Cannabis Control Act	574	1.3%
Theft	934	2.1%
Retail Theft	1,110	2.4%
Fraud	609	1.3%
Burglary	3,088	6.8%
Residential Burglary	1,650	3.6%
Arson	238	0.5%
Damage to Property	170	0.4%
Vehicle Code Violation	553	1.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	999	2.2%
Government Offenses	299	0.7%
Escape	190	0.4%
DUI	1,096	2.4%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Prison Population on June 30, 2008

Committing County	Number	Percent
Adams	267	0.6%
Alexander	52	0.1%
Bond	52	0.1%
Boone	144	0.3%
Brown	9	0.0%
Bureau	80	0.2%
Calhoun	10	0.0%
Carroll	29	0.1%
Cass	46	0.1%
Champaign	1,173	2.6%
Christian	115	0.3%
Clark	72	0.2%
Clay	43	0.1%
Clinton	76	0.2%
Coles	281	0.6%
Cook	23,611	51.8%
Crawford	73	0.2%
Cumberland	17	0.0%
DeKalb	153	0.3%
DeWitt	61	0.1%
Douglas	76	0.2%
DuPage	1,353	3.0%
Edgar	77	0.2%
Edwards	13	0.0%
Effingham	92	0.2%
Fayette	103	0.2%
Ford	57	0.1%
Franklin	136	0.3%
Fulton	60	0.1%
Gallatin	16	0.0%
Greene	22	0.0%
Grundy	50	0.1%
Hamilton	27	0.1%
Hancock	35	0.1%
Hardin	14	0.0%
Henderson	16	0.0%
Henry	287	0.6%
Iroquois	73	0.2%
Jackson	180	0.4%
Jasper	26	0.1%
Jefferson	161	0.4%
Jersey	86	0.2%
Jo Daviess	27	0.1%
Johnson	42	0.1%
Kane	1,194	2.6%
Kankakee	518	1.1%
Kendall	148	0.3%
Knox	130	0.3%
Lake	1,176	2.6%
LaSalle	490	1.1%
Lawrence	52	0.1%
Lee	135	0.3%

Committing County	Number	Percent
Livingston	140	0.3%
Logan	135	0.3%
McDonough	41	0.1%
McHenry	221	0.5%
McLean	701	1.5%
Macon	932	2.0%
Macoupin	93	0.2%
Madison	817	1.8%
Marion	272	0.6%
Marshall	16	0.0%
Mason	62	0.1%
Massac	61	0.1%
Menard	26	0.1%
Mercer	35	0.1%
Monroe	28	0.1%
Montgomery	112	0.2%
Morgan	106	0.2%
Moultrie	25	0.1%
Ogle	66	0.1%
Peoria	1,069	2.3%
Perry	51	0.1%
Piatt	14	0.0%
Pike	91	0.2%
Pope	9	0.0%
Pulaski	26	0.1%
Putnam	12	0.0%
Randolph	75	0.2%
Richland	75	0.2%
Rock Island	377	0.8%
St. Clair	710	1.6%
Saline	132	0.3%
Sangamon	802	1.8%
Schuyler	23	0.1%
Scott	2	0.0%
Shelby	104	0.2%
Stark	11	0.0%
Stephenson	228	0.5%
Tazewell	331	0.7%
Union	41	0.1%
Vermilion	496	1.1%
Wabash	34	0.1%
Warren	32	0.1%
Washington	31	0.1%
Wayne	52	0.1%
White	99	0.2%
Whiteside	270	0.6%
Will	1,365	3.0%
Williamson	156	0.3%
Winnebago	1,569	3.4%
Woodford	93	0.2%
Out of State	43	0.1%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Prison Population on June 30, 2008

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	42,722	93.8%
Female	2,826	6.2%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Average Age (in years)	35.0

Race	Number	Percent
Black	26,772	58.8%
White	12,935	28.4%
Hispanic	5,626	12.4%
Asian	139	0.3%
American Indian	67	0.1%
Other	9	0.0%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Age	Number	Percent
17	77	0.2%
18	463	1.0%
19	836	1.8%
20	1,161	2.5%
21	1,304	2.9%
22	1,430	3.1%
23	1,553	3.4%
24	1,471	3.2%
25	1,636	3.6%
26	1,699	3.7%
27	1,702	3.7%
28	1,824	4.0%
29	1,639	3.6%
30	1,601	3.5%
31	1,533	3.4%
32	1,407	3.1%
33	1,395	3.1%
34	1,298	2.8%
35	1,330	2.9%
36	1,377	3.0%
37	1,412	3.1%
38	1,314	2.9%
39	1,260	2.8%
40	1,187	2.6%
41	1,167	2.6%
42	1,175	2.6%
43	1,089	2.4%
44	1,095	2.4%
45	1,013	2.2%
46	1,012	2.2%
47	929	2.0%
48	823	1.8%
49	730	1.6%
50	587	1.3%
51	606	1.3%
52	504	1.1%

Age	Number	Percent
53	430	0.9%
54	366	0.8%
55	319	0.7%
56	269	0.6%
57	232	0.5%
58	231	0.5%
59	164	0.4%
60	148	0.3%
61	123	0.3%
62	105	0.2%
63	70	0.2%
64	76	0.2%
65	70	0.2%
66	39	0.1%
67	48	0.1%
68	38	0.1%
69	36	0.1%
70	26	0.1%
71	22	0.0%
72	23	0.1%
73	15	0.0%
74	15	0.0%
75	8	0.0%
76	5	0.0%
77	10	0.0%
78	7	0.0%
79	2	0.0%
80	4	0.0%
81	3	0.0%
82	1	0.0%
83	1	0.0%
84	1	0.0%
85	1	0.0%
85	1	0.0%
Total	45,548	100.0%

Parole Population on June 30, 2008

Offense Class	Number	Percent
Murder	732	2.2%
Class X	3,068	9.4%
Class 1	5,278	16.2%
Class 2	8,632	26.5%
Class 2	8,632	26.5%
Class 3	3,798	11.7%
Class 4	9,757	29.9%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	21	0.1%
Out of State	1,308	4.0%
Total	32,594	100.0%

Sex Offender *	Number	Percent
Yes	882	2.7%
No	31,712	97.3%
Total	32,594	100.0%

Offense Category	Number	Percent
Homicide	1,200	3.7%
Kidnaping	111	0.3%
Sexual Assault	520	1.6%
Sexually Dangerous	21	0.1%
Other Sex Offenses	282	0.9%
Assaultive	1,743	5.3%
Home Invasion	260	0.8%
Robbery	1,152	3.5%
Armed Robbery	1,216	3.7%
Weapons	1,769	5.4%
Disorderly Conduct	71	0.2%
Armed Violence	67	0.2%
Controlled Substance Act	11,396	35.0%
Cannabis Control Act	699	2.1%
Theft	973	3.0%
Retail Theft	1,526	4.7%
Fraud	730	2.2%
Burglary	2,595	8.0%
Residential Burglary	1,033	3.2%
Arson	116	0.4%
Damage to Property	230	0.7%
Vehicle Code Violation	920	2.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	889	2.7%
Government Offenses	370	1.1%
Escape	195	0.6%
DUI	1,202	3.7%
Out of State	1,308	4.0%
Total	32,594	100.0%

***** Sex offenders are defined as either having to officially register according to statute or as having any sex offense conviction noted on the mittimus (sentencing order).

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	29,148	89.4%
Female	3,446	10.6%
Total	32,594	100.0%

Race	Number	Percent
Black	20,159	61.8%
White	9,569	29.4%
Hispanic	2,733	8.4%
Asian	78	0.2%
American Indian	48	0.1%
Unknown	7	0.0%
Total	32,594	100.0%

Average Age (in years)	34.4

Age	Number	Percent
17	15	0.0%
18	173	0.5%
19	565	1.7%
20	920	2.8%
21	1,139	3.5%
22	1,202	3.7%
23	1,336	4.1%
24	1,278	3.9%
25	1,339	4.1%
26	1,288	4.0%
27	1,335	4.1%
28	1,268	3.9%
29	1,175	3.6%
30	1,007	3.1%
31	958	2.9%
32	887	2.7%
33	875	2.7%
34	836	2.6%
35	978	3.0%
36	934	2.9%
37	941	2.9%
38	913	2.8%
39	821	2.5%
40	822	2.5%
41	858	2.6%
42	803	2.5%
43	822	2.5%
44	836	2.6%
45	740	2.3%
46	760	2.3%
47	628	1.9%
48	583	1.8%
49	582	1.8%
50	464	1.4%
51	417	0.9%

Age	Number	Percent
52	370	0.8%
53	297	0.7%
54	251	0.6%
55	218	0.5%
56	163	0.4%
57	128	0.3%
58	124	0.3%
59	93	0.2%
60	92	0.2%
61	73	0.2%
62	41	0.1%
63	31	0.1%
64	28	0.1%
65	34	0.1%
66	14	0.0%
67	22	0.0%
68	16	0.0%
69	13	0.0%
70	17	0.1%
71	3	0.0%
72	11	0.0%
73	7	0.0%
74	6	0.0%
75	1	0.0%
76	3	0.0%
77	6	0.0%
78	2	0.0%
79	1	0.0%
80	2	0.0%
82	1	0.0%
83	2	0.0%
85	2	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
Missing	23	0.1%
Total	32,594	100.0%

Parole Population on June 30, 2008

Residence County	Number	Percent
Adams	168	0.5%
Alexander	21	0.1%
Bond	27	0.1%
Boone	66	0.2%
Brown	2	0.0%
Bureau	53	0.2%
Calhoun	8	0.0%
Carroll	21	0.1%
Cass	47	0.1%
Champaign	533	1.6%
Christian	97	0.3%
Clark	24	0.1%
Clay	37	0.1%
Clinton	62	0.2%
Coles	141	0.4%
Cook	18,140	55.7%
Crawford	34	0.1%
Cumberland	16	0.0%
DeKalb	89	0.3%
DeWitt	38	0.1%
Douglas	38	0.1%
DuPage	697	2.1%
Edgar	65	0.2%
Edwards	11	0.0%
Effingham	60	0.2%
Fayette	67	0.2%
Ford	33	0.1%
Franklin	62	0.2%
Fulton	58	0.2%
Gallatin	17	0.1%
Greene	16	0.0%
Grundy	47	0.1%
Hamilton	16	0.0%
Hancock	19	0.1%
Hardin	9	0.0%
Henderson	6	0.0%
Henry	86	0.3%
Iroquois	31	0.1%
Jackson	84	0.3%
Jasper	25	0.1%
Jefferson	96	0.3%
Jersey	51	0.2%
Jo Daviess	13	0.0%
Johnson	16	0.0%
Kane	697	2.1%
Kankakee	320	1.0%
Kendall	78	0.2%
Knox	107	0.3%
Lake	859	2.6%
LaSalle	286	0.9%
Lawrence	46	0.1%
Lee	83	0.3%

Residence County	Number	Percent
Livingston	63	0.2%
Logan	70	0.2%
McDonough	34	0.1%
McHenry	207	0.6%
McLean	364	1.1%
Macon	604	1.9%
Macoupin	83	0.3%
Madison	569	1.7%
Marion	179	0.5%
Marshall	13	0.0%
Mason	39	0.1%
Massac	41	0.1%
Menard	10	0.0%
Mercer	14	0.0%
Monroe	19	0.1%
Montgomery	84	0.3%
Morgan	71	0.2%
Moultrie	25	0.1%
Ogle	64	0.2%
Peoria	746	2.3%
Perry	36	0.1%
Piatt	14	0.0%
Pike	41	0.1%
Pope	10	0.0%
Pulaski	28	0.1%
Putnam	8	0.0%
Randolph	53	0.2%
Richland	63	0.2%
Rock Island	278	0.9%
St. Clair	603	1.9%
Saline	57	0.2%
Sangamon	653	2.0%
Schuyler	104	0.3%
Scott	4	0.0%
Shelby	49	0.2%
Stark	9	0.0%
Stephenson	141	0.4%
Tazewell	236	0.7%
Union	27	0.1%
Vermilion	297	0.9%
Wabash	24	0.1%
Warren	23	0.1%
Washington	27	0.1%
Wayne	42	0.1%
White	37	0.1%
Whiteside	193	0.6%
Will	982	3.0%
Williamson	149	0.5%
Winnebago	974	3.0%
Woodford	31	0.1%
Missing	379	1.2%
Total	32,594	100.0%

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Danville CC 217-446-0441
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121 N. Campbell, Chicago, IL 60612

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West Grand Parole Office 773-292-3344
3490 West Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60651

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Area South ..... Administrative Office

Chicago Heights Parole Office 708-709-3073
1010 Dixie Hwy, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

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Area East ..... Administrative Office

Back of the Yards Parole Office 312-633-3900
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119 North Church, Suite 201, Rockford, IL 61101

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