



**Make a Difference Day at DOCCS: Collins Correctional Facility
December 19, 2013**

The NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision once again have participated in the USA Weekend and the Hands on Network's "Make a Difference Day." Different events were held across the state at various correctional facilities and within the community.



In an effort to share the warmth of this holiday season, the Make a Difference Day Committee at Collins Correctional Facility (Erie County) chose to take on two holiday projects this year. The employees at Collins joined with the Village of Gowanda Police Department, Gowanda Central School District, and the Gowanda community in their Toy and Clothing Drive. Boxes filled with the donated toys and clothing were given to Officer Alessi of the Gowanda Police Department along with \$350 in gift cards. The Gowanda Police Department then distributed the packages to those who are less fortunate, in hopes that all will have a wonderful holiday this year.

In addition, Christmas gifts were purchased for two needy families: a family of four and a family of five. Employees of the facility donated clothes, gift cards, toys, and wrapping paper. Correctional facilities all across the state have participated in holiday fundraising events to show their support for the communities surrounding their facilities. To find out more about other facilities efforts, [click here](#).