



**Make a Difference Day 2014
December 2, 2014**



The NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision participated in the annual 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.

Staff at Attica Correctional Facility and Wende Correctional Facility donated their time to help the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Wyoming County with improvement projects at their local shelter. The crew, pictured above, painted, power washed and cleaned cages, swept floors and fixed light fixtures.

Staff at Attica Correctional Facility and Wende Correctional Facility



Shown are Bare Hill Superintendent Yelich, Ms. Wemette from The Hope Lodge, Deputy Superintendent of Administration Kemp and several Committee Members including C. O'Meara, N. Leroux, D. Willett and K. Baker.

The MADD committee at Bare Hill Correctional Facility chose The Hope Lodge in Burlington, VT, as the recipient of their donations. The Lodge provides services to cancer patients and their families. Through various events held at the facility the committee was successful in raising a total of \$3,300.00. The fundraising events included a Chinese Auction, Jean Day Fridays, holiday bake sale, a lottery tree, and gas and gift card raffles.

Shawangunk Correctional Facility staff chose a popular initiative and collected school supplies for children in need in the Wallkill School District. The relationship between Shawangunk Correctional Facility and the Wallkill School District is a strong one and staff are always willing to get behind the worthwhile cause.



From l. to r.: Shawangunk Correction Officer Schmidt, Superintendent Secretary D. Pingotti, Food Service Administrator Rapp, Shawangunk CO Karamanos, Superintendent Smith, Superintendent of Wallkill School District Mr. Castle, Asst. Superintendent for Support Services Wallkill School District Mr. Devincenzi, and Deputy Superintendent for Programs Taylor-Stewart.