



DOCCS Staff Host School Supply Drives for Local Schools

Staff at Sullivan, Edgecombe, and Otisville Correctional Facilities held school supply drives to help prepare local school children for the beginning of the new school year. The Make a Difference Day Committee at Sullivan Correctional Facility hosted an ice cream social for staff in appreciation of their support of MADD events. In exchange for the free ice cream, staff were encouraged to make a donation of school supplies, which were ultimately collected and delivered to Liberty Elementary School.

Staff at Edgecombe Correctional Facility hosted a monthlong school supply donation drive to benefit the neighboring Middle School 328. In all, staff collected over four boxes of backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, and other items. The donations were boxed by inmate volunteers and delivered by Supervisors of Volunteer Services, Obafemi Wright, much to the appreciation of coordinators at the school.

Otisville Correctional Facility staff held a fundraiser to benefit a Back to School Book Bag Drive for a local organization. Correction Officers J. Rodd, A. Pickett, T. Duncan, D. Lodico, J. Gallo, B. Riley, and G. Riley worked diligently to cook and deliver meals that fellow staff members had purchased in support of the fundraiser, which ultimately raised over \$900 for the Book Bag Drive. Book bags and school supplies were purchased and donated to the Children of Safe Homes in Orange County.



Sullivan Correctional Facility's generous donation being delivered



Edgecombe Correctional Facility's school supply collection



Otisville Correctional Facility staff with their donations of book bags and school supplies