

DOCCS Staff Honor Make A Difference Day Through Community Outreach

The Make A Difference Day Committees at correctional facilities across the state plan programs and fundraisers throughout the year to give back to the local community in a variety of ways.

On October 19, Groveland Correctional Facility's Make a Difference Day Committee decorated four local businesses, including schools and hospitals, with plants and flowers provided by both staff and inmates at the facility. A variety of plants and flowers grown at the facility were donated by Groveland's Vocational Horticulture Program, as well as pumpkins and squash donated by the Inmate Lifers' Organization. In addition, Lt B. Semmel donated straw bales and cornstalk, Vocational Supervisor, B. Patrick donated cornstalks, Correspondence Supervisor, S. Zeh donated gourds, and a local farm market donated mums, all of which were used in the Committee's decorating initiative.



On October 28, staff at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility staff renovated “Healing Garden”, a safe haven for disabled veterans at Montrose Veterans Hospital in Peekskill, New York. Staff helped to rake, weed, and even refinished furniture in order to beautify the garden as a small way to give back to those who have served our country.

