

Groveland Correctional Facility Celebrates 5th Annual Season for Nonviolence

Groveland Correctional Facility recently held the closing ceremony for its 5th annual observance of the Season for Nonviolence, designated as the 64 days between the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi. The facility was fortunate to once again be visited by Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, who founded the Season for Nonviolence at the United Nations in 1998. Throughout the Season, the education and recreation departments offered opportunities for inmates to express what nonviolence means to them, including essay contests, an art contest, and a talent show. The winners of each respective category were then offered the chance to perform their music or read their essays at the closing ceremony, where a three person judging panel chose a grand champion.

Along with encouraging spreading the message of nonviolence throughout the facility, the focus of the Inmate Organizations during the Season is to raise money that can be donated to a local charity. This year, the Inmate Organizations raised \$2,500 to donate to “It’s About Caring for Kids” (IAC KIDS), an organization that provides financial assistance to families with children who are sick.



