

Groveland Correctional Facility Hosts Arun Gandhi

Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, recently visited Groveland Correctional Facility to speak to inmates for the facility's fifth observance of the Season of Nonviolence. Inaugurated by Arun Gandhi in 1998 at the United Nations, the Season of Nonviolence is designated as the 64 days between the deaths of Martin Luther King Jr., January 30th, and Mahatma Gandhi, April 4th. During the opening ceremony Mr. Gandhi took questions from inmates and was presented with a painting of his grandfather by inmate artist Peter Rentz and Superintendent Shawn Cronin. The observance of the 64 days will include personal commitments to nonviolence by inmates, a talent show, essay contests, an art contest, and daily meditations, all thanks to the support of various inmate organizations. With 275 inmates and 35 staff in attendance for the opening, Groveland looks forward to welcoming Mr. Gandhi back for the closing ceremony in April.

