

## **Women in Corrections Committee Gathers at Wende**

The Wende Hub of Women in Corrections and Community Supervision (WICCS) recently hosted their 13<sup>th</sup> annual training day. Over 350 employees gathered to hear guest speakers and share stories with their peers. During the event Hub Superintendent Eckert presented the Woman of the Year award to Donna Northrup, Supervisor Inmate Grievance Program at Lakeview. Ms. Northrup was nominated by her peers not only for her willingness to go above and beyond at work but for her volunteer efforts in the community.

Two college ready children of DOCCS employees received the annual Roz Killinger Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is in memory of Rosalyn Killinger, Deputy Superintendent of Health Services at Wende Correctional Facility a major supporter of the Women in Corrections and Community Supervision organization.

This year's guest speakers included Arun Gandhi from the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, Victoria Dent from the Employee Assistance Program, Susan Mager Western New York Director of the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women Inc., and Jackie Walker from WIVB-TV.

In addition, the Wende Hub WICCS organization has donated to various charities in the Western New York area. This year's selected charities were the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and Wings Flights of Hope.

