

Arun Gandhi Opens Season for Nonviolence at Groveland Correctional Facility

Groveland Correctional Facility recently held the opening ceremony for its 6th Annual Season for Nonviolence. The Season for Nonviolence is designated as the 64 days between the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. The facility is visited frequently by Arun Gandhi, who is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. This was the 30th anniversary of this international event.

Groveland's annual observation of the Season for Nonviolence began in 2013. The opening ceremony features a speech from Arun Gandhi who then takes questions from inmates in attendance.

Groveland's Inmate Organizations choose a nonprofit organization to support during the Season for Nonviolence. In the years since its inception, inmates have raised over \$10,000 for worthy causes.

This year the population chose The Bethel Express, an after-school tutoring/mentoring program for inner city children in Rochester. Groveland welcomed Mike Peace to speak to the population about the organization. In all 250 inmates and staff enjoyed the program.



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