

Livingston County News - Groveland Correctional staff makes a difference with day of projects

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Each year, in recognition of Make a Difference Day, staff of the Groveland Correctional Facility take to the streets to complete a number of service projects to assist their local communities.

While they spent Oct. 14 decorating Noyes Health facilities in Dansville and Geneseo as well as two Arc of Livingston-Wyoming group homes in Mount Morris, staff members, along with inmates, participate in a slew of service initiatives throughout the year.

The correctional facility provided plants and flowers, grown as part of its vocational horticulture program, to non-profit agencies and municipalities throughout the county as well as pumpkins, cultivated by the facility's Inmate Lifers' Organization, to Dansville Central Schools.

Other donations and service initiatives include:

- 18 flats of flowers were donated to Letchworth State Park. The flowers were used to enhance the gardens at the Glen Iris Inn, Visitor Center, park entrance gardens, and the G. Harvey Pool Complex. Also, Groveland donated pumpkins and gourds to the park.
- Boxes of clothing and food items were donated to the Steuben Council on Addictions. The donation was distributed through their Turning Point operations in Hornell and Canisteo, for community families in need.
- Food and non-food items were donated, along with 21 boxes of clothing, to Catholic Charities of Livingston County.
- The facility donated eight boxes of clothing, one box of non-food items, and six boxes of food to the Bath Hope Food Bank.
- As part of the Season for Non-Violence, Groveland's Inmate Organizations raised more than \$2,100 which was donated to Chances and Changes Women's Shelter.