



DOCCS staff continues to show their dedication by raising awareness about Domestic Violence and fundraising for the elderly and cancer research.

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Bare Hill staff doing great things for the Franklin County community

October was declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month and DOCCS staff across the state took part in a unique way to help shine the light on Domestic Violence. The members of the Bare Hill (Franklin County) Domestic Violence Awareness Committee sponsored several awareness events. These events included: an informational display about the facts and the different support options available for victims, 'Wear Purple Day', they collected items for a local Safe House and a guest speaker from the local Domestic Violence program spoke to staff about the proper ways to assist victims.



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Along with these events, two fundraisers occurred: raffles of two fall baskets and a bake sale. The efforts enabled the Bare Hill Domestic Violence Awareness Committee to present a check for \$900, on behalf of DOCCS and Bare Hill to the local STOP Domestic Violence Program. The Bare Hill staff did not stop there. The Make a Difference Day Committee collected and donated \$2,500 to the local Senior Citizen's program to assist in paying for shingles vaccines. Their incredible fundraising efforts were noted in [The Malone Telegram](#).

Downstate employees walk in the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer 5K

On Sunday October 20, 2013 employees from Downstate Correctional Facility (Dutchess County) gathered at Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets in Central Valley to participate in the annual breast cancer 5K. The event brings together men, women, survivors and warriors in battle against an illness that has impacted many families. The Downstate staff raised a total of \$1,115 for breast cancer research.



The fundraising efforts by the staff at Bare Hill, Downstate and all other DOCCS facilities shows the commitment DOCCS has to assisting the communities and maintaining the relationships with those who live within.