



Watertown Correctional Facility gives back during the holiday season December 23, 2013

Four years ago, the executive secretaries at Watertown Correctional Facility (Jefferson County) decided that in lieu of exchanging gifts, the money for those gifts would be better spent elsewhere. The employees at Watertown decided to pitch in and provide gifts for children in foster care within Jefferson County.

A relationship was built between the facility and Jefferson County Social Services and names, ages, and some gift ideas for the children were provided. The staff at Watertown could either donate money to be used to buy gifts or select a child who had a gift idea and then donate the gift. Gifts were purchased for 32 children and excess funds were donated to the Jefferson County Social Services to help fund their Christmas party for local children and their foster families.



This particular holiday event shows how Watertown staff has used the holiday season to build important relationships with the community to ultimately provide gifts and happiness to younger children with the goal of having a cheerful holiday season.

To read more about DOCCS and the holiday cheer that facilities across the state are spreading, [click here](#).

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