



**Freez'in for a Reason
January 2, 2014**

Generous staff members at the Livingston Correctional Facility (Livingston County) collected \$2,800.00 from their Fifth Annual Freez'in for a Reason Cook-Off, which was held on December 19, 2013. The money will be donated to the Genesee Valley Rotary to help fund a summer camp experience for children with special needs. This was a record breaking donation and is a testimonial to the generosity and care of the employees at Livingston Correctional.

In addition to Freez'in, the staff also raised more than \$1,981.00 for several causes at the years end. Contributions were made by purchasing raffle items made and donated by staff, including wreaths, and homemade bake goods.



Superintendent Michelle Artus & Joseph Bob, Watch Commander



(l. to r.): Debbie Eddy, C.O, Joseph Bob Watch Commander, Lisa Chidsey, C.O. & Amy Hatch, C.O.

The money raised was sent to Childhood Cancer, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Western and Central NY, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Make A Wish Foundation Western NY, Chances and Changes (Domestic Violence Program), Wounded Warrior Project, Humane Society Special Olympics and St. Jude's Research Hospital.

The horticulture class at Livingston C.F helped make wreaths for the raffle and to be donated to the Village of Mount Morris Memorial, dedicated to our fallen soldiers. The inmate population also contributed approximately \$150.00 to the Humane Society of Livingston County.



MORE DOCCS HOLIDAY NEWS:

To wrap up the DOCCS holiday season Poughkeepsie Area Office Parole Officer Faith Watson organized a holiday toy drive to benefit clients of Family of Woodstock, an organization that provides a range of services to individuals and families in need in Ulster County. The Poughkeepsie Area Office staff donated approximately 75 new toys to be distributed to children for the holidays through Family of Woodstock! DOCCS Correctional Facilities and Community Supervision offices across the state have been spreading the gift of giving in their respective communities. To read more DOCCS NEWS, [click here](#).



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