

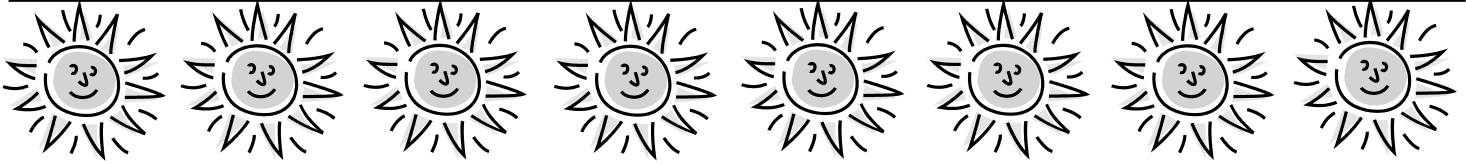


**Strafford County Department of Corrections**

# **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

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## **Family Reception Center Barbecue**

The Family Reception Center Barbecue for all family and loved ones of those incarcerated will take place on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Strafford County Department of Corrections.

There will be hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, cookies, and lots of fun for the kids. Please stop by before or after your visit. We'll be right outside the building as you come in and leave. You can't miss it!

There will be volunteers available to answer questions and provide a fun time. We look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

### **Family Newsletter Information**

We would like to be able to incorporate into the family newsletter stories and/or information by families of the incarcerated. We feel that this information would be extremely beneficial to the other families that come in to the Family Reception Center, especially if it is their first time. They may be looking for ways to cope with their current situation and in need of some advice. Please send information to:

Marilyn Allen  
Strafford County Family Reception Center  
266 County Farm Rd.  
Dover, NH 03820

On May 26, 2006 an inspection of the general population housing units was performed by Assistant Superintendent Bird. This was done to support the concept of rewarding inmates for outstanding behavior. The results were as follows:

Direct Supervision Division – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Unit J (HP3)

Indirect Supervision Division - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Unit W2 (Female Therapeutic Community)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Unit W1 (Male Therapeutic Community)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Unit C (HP1)



Above mentioned winning units received chocolate bunnies for each inmate. Overall the facility looked immaculate - which is a testament to all inmates and staff who participate in keeping the institution clean.

## The Quiet Room Dedication

The Quiet Room at Strafford County Department of Corrections was dedicated on May 12, 2006. The Quiet Room offers staff and inmates the opportunity to spend time in a quiet, reflective atmosphere where they can nourish their spirituality.

Shown on the next page is the dedication program. Thanks to Julien Olivier who provided this program and coordinated the speakers. We hope that the small room will be a blessing and comfort to staff and inmates alike.



Pictured (left to right) at the dedication are: Rev. David McKnight, Spiritual Care Board Member; Julien Olivier, Board Member; Mayor John LaRochelle, Board Member; Commissioner George Maglaras; kneeling, Rev. Bob Ervin, Board Member; Jane Olivier, former Board Member; Ralph Flodin, Board Member; Commissioner Paul Dumont; Jake Collins, Education Director; Marilyn Allen, Board Member; Commissioner Ron Chagnon.

Assistant Superintendents Jeff McPherson and Sid Bird were also in attendance.



*Dedication*

# *The Quiet Room*

*Strafford County Department of  
Corrections*  
*May 12, 2006*

**Welcome**

**Opening Remarks**

**Reading from Sacred Writ**

The LORD said [to Elijah], "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. *(1 Kings 19:9-12)*

**Prayer**

O Lord, the Scripture says, "There is a time for silence and a time for speech." Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.

*-This is a 16<sup>th</sup>-century prayer whose source is unknown.*

**Benediction**

**Comments**

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**Superintendent:** Warren Dowaliby  
**County Administrator:** Ray Bower  
**County Commissioners:** George Maglaras, Ron Chagnon, Paul Dumont  
**Current members of the Advisory Board for Spiritual Care:** Marilyn Allen, Ray Bower Robert Ervin, Ralph Flodin, Dave McKnight, Julien Olivier

Sincere thanks are also extended to former members of the Advisory Board for Spiritual Care. Finally, the Quiet Room really owes its existence to the persistence of **Marilyn Allen.**



## **Bid Of My Life**

**By D.M.**

As I sit here doing my time  
attitude as sour as a lime  
trying not to cry  
cause I'm doing the "Bid of My Life".

My father in the hospital not sure to survive  
I sit in my cell everyday trying to hide  
all alone trying not to cry  
cause I'm doing the "Bid of My Life".

Missing the one I love most  
staring at pictures of her on that boat  
trying not to cry  
cause I'm doing the "Bid of My Life".

My family is tearing apart.  
All of this getting to my heart.  
So I'm trying not to cry  
cause I'm doing the "Bid of My Life".

You'd think the turmoil of my pops  
would bring us all together  
considering it's going to effect us forever.  
So I'm trying not to cry  
cause I'm doing the "Bid of My Life".

I have gotten closer to God  
His book has "hit home"  
Jesus Christ on that cross for my sins  
got me trying not to cry again  
cause after all this is the "Bid of My Life" with Him.

***Dedicated to those that believe and have hope also for "Her" and "My Dad"***