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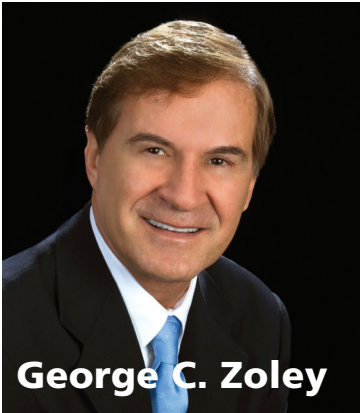
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Honoring Second Chances: *GEO Group Hosts 4th Annual Second Chance Brunch*



LETTER FROM

THE CHAIRMAN, CEO, AND FOUNDER



George C. Zoley

To the GEO Family,

During the first half of 2026, GEO's diversified business units delivered strong financial and operational performance. Our performance reflects significant growth from the contracts that we entered into throughout 2025. In 2025, we were awarded new or expanded contracts that represent up to approximately \$520 million in new incremental annual revenues, which represents the largest amount of new business we have won in a single year in our company's history.

In our Secure Services segment, we entered into new contracts to house ICE detainees at four facilities totaling approximately 6,000 beds, including three previously idle company-owned facilities in New Jersey, Michigan, and Georgia and a management services contract in Florida. We also reactivated our company-owned Adelanto ICE Processing Center in California, which was already under contract, but had been severely underutilized due to a long-standing COVID-related court case.

These facility activations represent annual revenues of approximately \$300 million and increased our total beds under contract with ICE to approximately 26,000.

At the state level, we were awarded two new managed-only contracts in 2025 from the Florida Department of Corrections, valued at approximately \$100 million in combined annual revenues, for the 1,884-bed Graceville Facility and the 985-bed Bay Facility.

We have also continued to experience a significant expansion in our secure transportation services on behalf of both ICE and the U.S. Marshals Service. In 2025, we entered into new or amended contracts to expand secure ground transportation services at four existing ICE facilities and at our three newly activated ICE facilities. In addition, in 2025, we signed a new five-year contract with the U.S. Marshals covering 26 federal judicial districts and spanning 14 states. Overall, these new and expanded transportation contracts are valued at approximately \$60 million in incremental annual revenue.

Importantly, in 2025, we also secured a new two-year contract for the ISAP V program, which is the only ICE program currently in place to provide electronic monitoring and case management services for individuals on the non-detained docket. In the fourth quarter of 2025, we were also awarded a new two-year contract by ICE for the provision of skip tracing services, valued at up to \$60 million in revenues per year. We began providing skip tracing services under this new two-year contract in March 2026.

During this year's Second Chance month, our company highlighted and recognized second chances with various programs and events. Our divisions and facilities hosted Second Chance Employer Luncheons, participated in Reentry Webinars, coordinated community events for returning citizens, and partnered with community organizations to help deliver services and resources to those reintegrating into society. Our company also reaffirmed its commitment to Second Chances and rehabilitation by donating approximately \$265,000 to Second Chance Reentry partners and community organizations.

By reducing recidivism and putting released individuals on a path to success, we can enhance the safety of our communities. As a company, we are at our best when we are helping those in our care reenter society as successful, productive, and employable citizens.



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The Long Beach Male Community Reentry Program hosted a Father-Child Dance. This event was one of many family reunification activities aimed at reconnecting fathers and their children.

HONORING SECOND CHANCES: GEO GROUP HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL SECOND CHANCE BRUNCH

In April of 2026, The GEO Group proudly hosted its 4th Annual Second Chance Brunch, an inspiring celebration dedicated to transformation, excellence, and the belief that opportunity—when paired with commitment—changes lives. Leaders, staff, alumni, partners, and community champions gathered to honor the people and programs that bring GEO's mission of Changing Lives Through Rehabilitation to life.

The event opened with a powerful welcome from Senior Vice President of GEO Care, David Meehan, who set the tone for the day with candid and heartfelt remarks.

"Reentry is not a straight line. It's a process. It is difficult. And it requires belief—belief from the individual, and belief from the system around them. Second chances only matter when someone is willing to invest in them," he said.

His words reinforced the foundation of GEO's Continuum of Care®: that success is built through persistence, partnership, and shared accountability.

A Powerful Conversation on Second Chances

One of the most meaningful moments of the brunch was the Second Chance Panel, a compelling discussion centered on lived experience, perseverance, and what reentry truly requires. Moderated by Divisional Vice President, Continuum of Care, David Burch, the panel featured:

- **Scott Teitelbaum**, GEO Reentry Alumni
- **LeeAnn Parker**, GEO Reentry Alumni
- **Oswald Newbold**, GEO Continuum of Care Alumni
- **Darrell Guilford**, GEO Continuum of Care Alumni
- **Elmo Golden**, GEO Continuum of Care Alumni

Panelists shared honest reflections on their journeys by highlighting the challenges of reentry, the value of support systems, and the importance of second chances being matched with real investment, guidance, and opportunity.



Their stories underscored that rehabilitation does not end at release; it continues through mentorship, employment, housing, and belief.

Facility and Program Excellence

The Facility of the Year award was presented to GEO's Kingman Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility, recognizing a team whose leadership and daily dedication exemplify excellence in rehabilitation:

- **Johnny Choate**, Facility Administrator
- **Louis Cartwright**, Deputy Facility Administrator, Cerbat Unit
- **Carol Bailey**, Substance Use Supervisor
- **Wendy Stroschein**, Programs Manager
- **Cecilia Hernandez-Romero**, Case Manager
- **Danny Drullard**, Correctional Officer

Their collective efforts reflect a standard of care, accountability, and innovation that drives lasting outcomes.

Senior Vice President of Secure Services, Paul Laird congratulated the Kingman CRF Team and emphasized the importance of the work inside of GEO facilities. "At GEO, we don't just manage populations; we develop people. Our work matters because it turns accountability into opportunity and structure into transformation."

Two facilities also earned recognition as "Triple Threat Facilities"- Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility and South Bay Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility - for achieving full accreditation from Cognia, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). This distinction highlights excellence across education, behavioral health treatment, and workforce development, driven by strong leadership and integrity.

The Program Partner of the Year honor was awarded to Homestead Correctional Institution, recognizing its essential role in advancing impactful programming and reentry success.

Individual Honors: Changemakers in Action

Additionally, the event celebrated individuals whose commitment elevates the mission every day:

- **Operational Excellence Award Honoree** – Darrell Guilford
- **Community Provider of the Year** – Major Wright
- **Counselor of the Year** – Cathylyn Yvonne Simpson, Homestead Correctional Institution
- **GEO Game Changers** – Sheyna Carey, GEO Reentry In Prison Treatment Homestead Correctional Institution, & Yerelyn Ronda, GEO Reentry In Prison Treatment Everglades Reentry Center, & Donna Jacobs, Riverbend Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility
- **Alumni of the Year** – LeeAnn Parker & Oswald Newbold

Each honoree represents leadership, integrity, and the power of consistency in changing lives.

Moving Forward

The fourth Annual Second Chance Brunch was more than a celebration; it was a statement of purpose. Through leadership, partnership, and lived experience, GEO continues to prove that second chances are strongest when they are supported, invested in, and sustained.





GEO's Chairman, CEO and Founder, George C. Zoley Honored by Moms for Liberty

Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**

On May 2, 2026, GEO's Chairman, CEO and Founder, George C. Zoley, was honored by Moms for Liberty during their Sea to Shining Sea Gala at Ellis Island celebrating the 250th Anniversary of

America and the fifth Anniversary of Moms for Liberty. Mr. Zoley and his family immigrated from Florina, Greece to the United States through Ellis Island on September 3, 1953. In 2002, Mr. Zoley received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. This honor is awarded to individuals who have made it their mission to share with those less fortunate, their wealth of knowledge, indomitable courage, boundless compassion, unique talents and selfless generosity. They do so while acknowledging their debt to their ethnic heritage as they uphold the ideals and spirit of America.

The event was attended by GEO's Lead Board Member, Jack Brewer, his wife Cortney and their children Jackson and Zayah, Chris and Jackie Cottone, Alan Thomas, and Carrie Triester. Jack Brewer also provided remarks during the program. In addition, The GEO Group Foundation provided a \$50,000 sponsorship in support of Mr. Zoley being honored.

The GEO Group Supports the South Florida Charity Classic Benefiting Veterans

Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**

The GEO Group has been supporting the South Florida Charity Classic for the last four years, by sponsoring and participating in its annual golf tournament benefiting veterans. This year, GEO stepped up its support in two major ways. First, The GEO Group Foundation provided a \$10,000 donation to sponsor the golf tournament as well as a pre-event reception the evening before. Second, GEO hosted the pre-event reception at its corporate headquarters in Boca Raton, Florida.

Every year, the South Florida Charity Classic recognizes a Medal of Honor recipient. This year, Earl Plumlee, retired master sergeant in the United States Army, was recognized. Earl was presented the Medal of Honor by former President Joe Biden in 2021 for his actions in Afghanistan that took place on August 28, 2013 at the Forward Operating Base Ghazni. During the pre-event reception, Earl participated in an interview style



conversation with Jim Duffy, Executive Director of the South Florida Charity Classic. Lead GEO Board Member, Jack Brewer, and Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Chris Ryan, also provided remarks during the reception, which was attended by approximately one hundred guests.

The following day several GEO employees participated in the golf tournament, including Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Chris Ryan, Executive Vice President of Risk Management, Phil Dugger, Director of Sourcing and Supply, Todd Nadrich, Director of Post-Release Services, Craig Spatara, and Director of Corporate Relations, Chris Ferreira.



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GEO's Corporate Employees and Executives Support the Fuller Center's Think Outside the Blocks Event

Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**

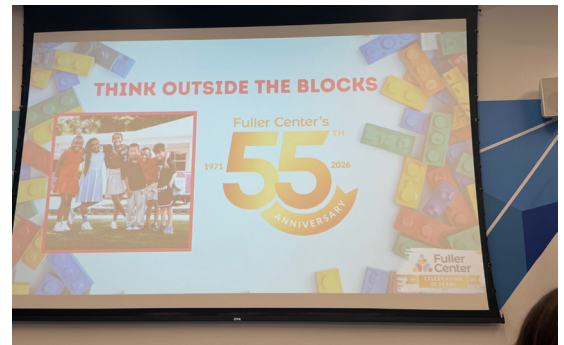


In April of 2026, the Fuller Center hosted a sold-out crowd of corporate leaders, sponsors, and community changemakers at its Think Outside the Blocks Corporate Breakfast — an innovative and energizing event held at the Boca Raton Innovation Campus (BRIC) that celebrated creativity, collaboration, and community impact.

Think Outside the Blocks embodies the essence of creativity and collaboration, inviting participating corporations to step outside the confines of traditional networking events and engage in a hands-on experience that will leave a lasting impact on both the participants and our community.

Participating corporations are provided with a box of LEGO® bricks, symbolizing the building blocks of both community empowerment and industry. Their task? To construct a race boat using a limited supply of LEGOs. These creations were raced Regatta style during the event and judged by a panel of esteemed critics: the children of Fuller Academy, Fuller Center's private choice elementary school.

GEO is proud to support Fuller's mission and the impact they're making in the community. The company supported the event as a LEGO Sponsor with a \$5,000 donation from The GEO Group Foundation. The event was attended by Selwyn Shakir, Vice President, Project Development; Manny Alvarez, Vice President, Contract Compliance and Administration; Sam Londono, Senior Director, OPR; Christa Siciliano, Director, Tax; Chris Ferreira, Director, Corporate Relations; and Cynthia Albert, Sr. Manager, Tax.



The GEO Group Provides a Helping Hand to Sanders Park Elementary School

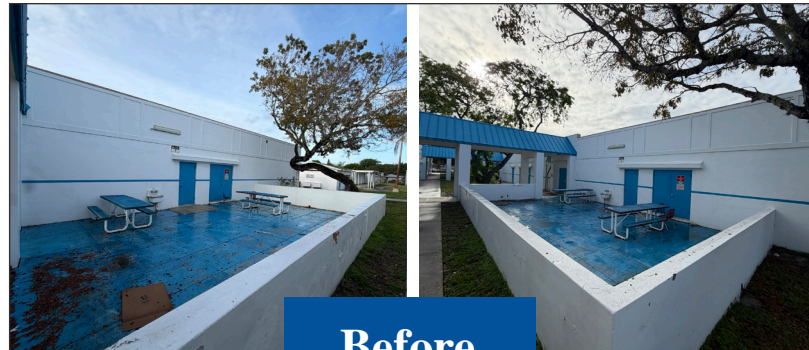
Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**

In May 2026, The GEO Group participated in a volunteer project at Sanders Park Elementary School in Pompano Beach, Florida. Sanders Park Elementary is an A-rated elementary school within Broward County but is located in a low-income neighborhood. The school had a central outdoor area that was in need of a facelift and that's where employees from GEO stepped in.

This project first came to fruition when the school's new principal, Kizzy Dailey, reached out to The GEO Group Foundation through one of its charitable partners, Community Based Connections. The GEO Group Foundation took on this task and also provided a \$5,000 donation to the school to help purchase supplies that would be used for the project.

On a sunny South Florida Friday, employees from GEO's Corporate Office, Broward Transitional Center, and Ft. Lauderdale ISAP Office, joined together to power wash, scrape, paint, plant, mulch, and revamp the school's central outdoor patio. Split into two shifts, the entire GEO team was able to completely transform the space into a bright, clean area for students and teachers alike to enjoy.

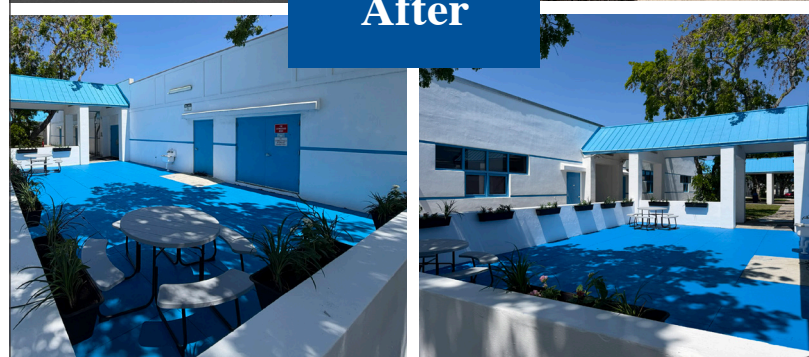
We are thankful to Sanders Park Elementary and Community Based Connections for their partnership, as well to all the employees who sacrificed their time to volunteer. Their participation demonstrates GEO's commitment to service in our community.



Before



After



The following employees participated in the project: Cynthia Lawson-Swain, Jack Sheehan, Lisa Gaisford, Angela Geisinger, Ashley Neill, Ryan Seuradge, Julianna Montealegre, Craig Spatara, Chris Ferreira, Rachael Bennet, Christine Zapata, Luchisha Phillips, Steven Deitz, Joseph Harlon, Claire Villate, Cristina Zorrilla, David Fernandez, Daniel Carrington, Tasha Gray, Shalonda Lemon, Keionda Edwards, Tricia Vacarro, and Latalia Lovies





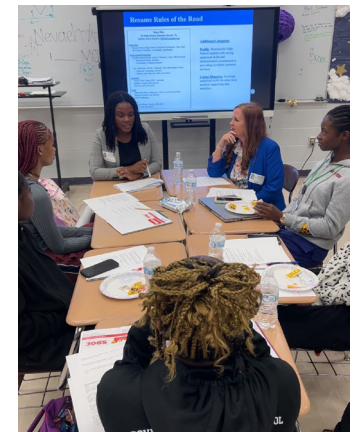
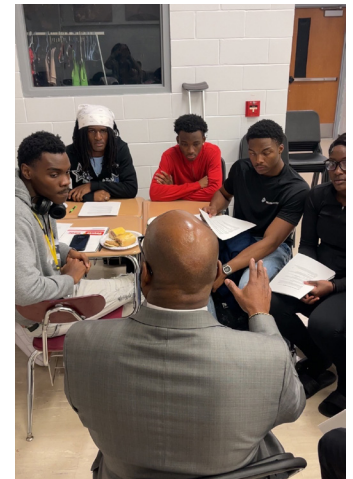
GEO Corporate Employees Provide Resume Writing and Career Workshop for High School Students

Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**

In February of 2026, employees from GEO's Corporate Office facilitated a resume writing and career workshop for a group of approximately 30 seniors at Boynton Beach High School, Florida. The workshop was a collaboration between GEO and CareerReady.

CareerReady was founded a decade ago by current Florida State Legislator Jervonte Edmonds and is a student-centered initiative to build confidence, leadership, and direction while young people are still in high school. It has grown into a countywide movement preparing students not only to graduate, but to succeed in college, career, and life. Through education, mentorship, exposure, and opportunity, CareerReady helps students rise beyond limitations and step into adulthood with professionalism, readiness, and self-belief. By connecting education, business, and community, CareerReady is helping shape a stronger local workforce in Palm Beach County.

In attendance at the workshop were Lisa Gaisford, Vice President, Client Relations; Rita Page, Director, Human Resources; Traci Wright, Senior Corporate Recruiter; Craig Spatara, Director, Post-Release; Dr. Ken Garner, Director, Vocational Program; Chris Ferreira, Director Corporate Relations; Karen Curiale, Recruiting Manager and Synthia Joseph, Regional HR Manager. The workshop featured a 15-minute presentation that covered a general overview of The GEO Group, what GEO and other employers look for in prospective employees, resume writing tips, and types of positions that The GEO Group hires for beyond traditional security-related roles. After the workshop, students broke into groups and worked directly with GEO's team on their resumes and career planning after high school.





Pictured: GEO Employees and their kids

Bring Your Kids to Work Day 2026

Written By **Audra Birt, Corporate Relations**

The GEO Group recently participated in the Bring your Kids to Work Day, an annual event held on the 4th Thursday of April. This year, employees at GEO's Corporate Office brought their kids in to connect with role models in different fields, gaining experiences that make their future goals feel attainable and exciting.

Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility Donates to the iTECH Glades Scholarship Fund

Written By **C. Bartha,**
Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility



Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility is pleased to announce a \$10,000 donation to support the iTECH Glades Scholarship Fund, reinforcing a shared commitment to education and workforce development in our local community.

As neighbors in the Glades region, The GEO Group and iTECH Glades strongly believe in investing in our local area. This generous contribution will assist iTECH Glades students facing financial barriers by providing support for tuition, textbooks, instructional software, lab fees, and other essential educational expenses. The funding will be crucial in helping students stay focused on their education and achieve long-term career success.

iTECH Glades offers a variety of high-demand career and technical education programs designed to meet regional workforce needs. These programs include Heavy Equipment Service Technician, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R), Practical Nursing, Nursing Assistant, and Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality. Support from organizations like The GEO Group directly empowers students to develop industry-relevant skills and pursue meaningful career opportunities without the added stress of financial hardship.

iTECH Glades extends its heartfelt appreciation to The GEO Group, and the Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility for their generosity and ongoing partnership. This donation highlights the positive impact that collaboration among neighbors can have on education, economic growth, and the future of the Glades community.

FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR ANGELA PHAMS

SELECTED AS THE WARDEN OF THE YEAR BY THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WARDENS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Written By **Christopher Ferreira, Corporate Relations**



Angela Phams, Facility Administrator at the Riverbend Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (Riverbend CRF), has been selected as the Warden of the Year by the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS).

This recognition represents one of the most respected distinctions within the corrections industry. Each year, the NAAWS selection committee carefully reviews an extraordinary group of nominees comprised of leaders who demonstrate exceptional dedication, professionalism, and impact within their institutions. FA Phams' selection reflects the committee's clear consensus regarding the strength of her leadership, her commitment to operational excellence, and her meaningful contributions to both staff development and offender rehabilitation.

FA Phams' nomination highlights the qualities that define outstanding correctional leadership. Her innovative response to staffing challenges, her emphasis on mentorship and professional growth, and her ability to foster a culture of accountability and forward-thinking leadership speak to the depth of her influence, not just within the Facility but within the broader GEO organization. The measurable achievements of Riverbend CRF, particularly in education, programming, and organizational stability, further underscore the effectiveness of her leadership approach. FA Phams' reputation for professionalism, integrity, and engagement embodies the standards NAAWS seeks to promote and celebrate. She is truly a leader who inspires confidence, cultivates talent, and drives continuous improvement.

Furthermore, this accolade demonstrates FA Phams' commitment to GEO's Vision Commitments, which focus on attaining operational excellence; fostering a strong relationship with the client based on integrity, expertise, reliability, and adaptability; leading the world in offender rehabilitation services; and practicing humility. Congratulations to FA Phams on this deserving acknowledgment!



FA Phams was presented with a GEO Certificate of Recognition for her achievement by Dr. Zoley, GEO's Chairman, Founder, and CEO, and Paul Laird, Senior Vice President, Secure Services. They were joined by Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Tyrone Oliver. She formally received her award at the Warden of the Year Banquet at the annual NAAWS Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida on March 31, 2026.

HEART OF CHAMPIONS 5K RUN

HOSTED BY MOORE HAVEN CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION FACILITY

Written By **Angela Geisinger, GEO Continuum of Care**



The Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility was filled with energy, determination, and inspiration as staff and students united for the GEO Continuum of Care (CoC) Heart of Champions 5K Run, organized by the facility's programs department and the Jack Brewer Foundation. The event promoted heart health, wellness, and perseverance while showcasing the power of rehabilitation and personal growth.

Participants walked and ran towards better health, demonstrating that progress looks different for everyone and that every step forward counts. Staff members joined students on the course, fostering a sense of unity, support, and a shared commitment to healthy lifestyles and positive change.



Adding to the excitement and inspiration of the event was former NFL player and Netflix star Major Wright, who ran the 5K alongside the participants. His presence served as a powerful reminder that discipline, focus, and resilience extend far beyond the athletic field. After the race, Wright addressed the crowd with a message that resonated deeply:

"A 5K isn't about speed; it's about staying focused, trusting your pace, and finishing the race," Wright shared. "Life works the same way. Stay on the right path, block out the noise, and keep moving forward."



The event concluded with a Medal Ceremony, where CoC Champion medals were awarded to participants at the end of each division. Cheers and applause filled the finish area as individuals were recognized not only for completing the race but also for their dedication, resilience, and effort throughout the journey.



One of the most powerful moments of the day occurred when a student shared his personal story of transformation. He explained that just one year prior, he was unable to walk due to serious health challenges. Through commitment, perseverance, and the support of the CoC program, he not only regained his ability to walk but also successfully completed the 5K. His story served as a profound testament to determination and the impact of believing in oneself.

The Heart of Champions 5K Run embodied the mission of the Moore Haven Continuum of Care program: promote wellness, inspire hope, and empower individuals to move forward one step, one mile, and one victory at a time.



Eagle Pass Detention Facility Participates in Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics Ceremony

Written By **Monica Reynaga,**
Eagle Pass Detention Facility

In March of 2026, the Eagle Pass Detention Facility (EPDF) proudly participated in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics Ceremony, marking the team's fourth consecutive year taking part in this meaningful event. Each year, Law Enforcement Torch Run members carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout the city of Eagle Pass to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics Texas organization.

This year, the EPDF team completed both three mile and five mile runs, concluding at the Eagle Pass Student

Activity Center. Following the run, multiple law enforcement agencies joined the school district's Special Olympics Games Ceremony, which featured celebratory laps around the track. Each lap included a Special Olympics student athlete, highlighting unity, encouragement, and community support.

The event serves as a heartfelt way to honor Special Olympics student athletes while demonstrating the continued commitment and solidarity of local law enforcement organizations. EPDF is honored to be part of this inspiring

tradition and deeply values what the event represents. The team looks forward to participating next year and continuing to grow our running team in support of this incredible cause.





Phoenix West Participates in 2026 Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run

Written By **Blanca Ochoa, Phoenix West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility**

Phoenix West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility staff recently had the pleasure of participating in the 2026 Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. In Arizona, law enforcement agencies across the state raise more than one million dollars each year, with all proceeds going directly toward creating increased opportunities for Special Olympics Arizona athletes.

Mesa Verde Serves Up Support for Kern County Veterans and Honors Local Heroes

Written By **Rebecca Fuller, Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center**

In a heartwarming effort to give back to those who served, Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center (MVPC) is honored to announce its partnership with Honor Flight Kern County to host a special breakfast for local veterans, along with a monetary donation to support their upcoming flights.

Understanding the tremendous sacrifices made by our veterans, MVPC is committed to providing more than just a meal; we aim to create a space for camaraderie, respect, and tangible support. This event, which includes a breakfast, brings together veterans from various eras to share stories and connect with their community.

Our veterans have given so much for our freedom, and supporting Honor Flight Kern County is our way of ensuring these heroes have the opportunity

to visit the memorials built in their honor in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight Kern County is an all-volunteer organization that transports veterans primarily from World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam to Washington, D.C., at no cost to the veterans. This includes airfare, ground transportation, and meals.

Mesa Verde was proud to present a donation of \$750 from The GEO Group Foundation to help fund these crucial trips, ensuring that more veterans can experience this once-in-a-lifetime journey.





NEW CASTLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CHAPLAINS RECEIVE OUTSTANDING CHAPLAIN AWARDS

Written By **Andy Beguhn, New Castle Correctional Facility**

New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF), Chaplains Eric George, Dave Lothar, and Jay Vincent were recently honored as “Outstanding Chaplains of 2025” by the Prison Fellowship organization. Together, they bring a combined total of 51 years of experience serving as either volunteer or full-time Chaplains at NCCF. Their extensive experience and unwavering commitment to serving incarcerated individuals have significantly contributed to the positive culture at the Facility. They are dedicated to a dual mission: addressing the spiritual needs of the inmates and enhancing the morale of the Facility through various activities and programs.

The level of activity in the Chapel is remarkable. Each week, the Chapel hosts around 1,000 inmates, offering an average of 44 services. In 2025, the Chapel recorded a total inmate attendance of 52,000 at all activities and services.

The three Chaplains emphasize that they cannot achieve this level of activity alone. In collaboration

with the Facility’s Community Engagement Coordinator, Amanda Adams, they have recruited 35 active volunteers, who made a total of 1,417 volunteer visits to the facility in 2025.

Prison Fellowship is a national non-profit organization founded by Charles Colson in 1976. Over its 50 years of service, Prison Fellowship has expanded its programs to more than 1,000 prisons and jails across America. The organization focuses on integrating religious programs into a holistic approach that includes education and life skills training.

Well-known for its Angel Tree program, Prison Fellowship seeks to restore and strengthen family relationships of inmates by providing gifts and messages of love for them to send to their children each holiday season. The New Castle Chaplains actively promote the Angel Tree program each year, benefiting thousands of inmates through this collaboration with Prison Fellowship.

According to its mission statement, Prison Fellowship aims to “encounter Jesus with those impacted by incarceration.” The organization works with both currently incarcerated individuals and those who have been formerly incarcerated, utilizing a variety of resources and program areas, including Restoring Prisoners to Christ, Developing Good Citizens, and Serving Children and Families, among others.



Moshannon Valley Chaplain Recognized for Outstanding Service

Written By **Charis Proud,**
Moshannon Valley Processing Center

The Moshannon Valley Processing Center (MVPC) is proud to celebrate one of our own for an extraordinary achievement rooted in compassion, service, and unwavering dedication.

Chaplain Melhorn was formally presented with an award from Lenore Hosier of the Prison Fellowship Ministries, recognizing him for going above and beyond in his role as a chaplain.

What makes this honor especially meaningful is the nomination process. Recipients are typically nominated by peers, supervisors, or coworkers; however, Chaplain Melhorn's nomination came from a much more personal and powerful source, one of the detainees he serves daily.

In the nomination, the detainee expressed heartfelt gratitude for Chaplain Melhorn's steadfast commitment to providing religious services and spiritual guidance to the detainee population. He shared that the chaplain's passion for his faith, genuine care for others, and consistent presence during difficult times had made a lasting impact. The detainee felt strongly that this level of dedication deserved recognition.

Chaplain Melhorn's work extends far beyond scheduled services. He offers encouragement, hope, and a listening ear to those navigating challenging circumstances, helping to foster an environment of respect, dignity, and personal growth.

We are incredibly proud of Chaplain Melhorn and grateful for the positive influence he continues to have at MVPC. His recognition is a reminder that even small acts of kindness and consistency can create meaningful change in the lives of others.

Please join us in congratulating Chaplain Melhorn on this well-deserved honor.



Central Valley Annex's Next Chapter

Written By **Abi Castañeda, Central Valley Annex**

As we conclude our collaboration with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) at GEO's Central Valley Annex (CVA), we want to take a moment to acknowledge what this chapter signifies: excellence, professionalism, and partnership at the highest level.

Throughout our partnership, CVA/GEO was officially recognized by USMS leadership as the "Gold Standard" custodial facility in the Eastern District of California. This honor reflects the unwavering dedication of our entire team, from daily operations to leadership, and the respect we have earned from our federal partners and local stakeholders alike.

As communicated by our USMS partners, the decision not to renew the contract was not a reflection of our performance. They stated that they experienced "nothing but professionalism and support" and expressed their deep appreciation for the collaboration and results we achieved together. This recognition reinforces our identity and our commitment to delivering excellence.

As we transition from a successful chapter with USMS, we do so with pride and momentum as we embark on our new U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement contract. The standards, discipline, and culture that earned us the "Gold Standard" recognition will continue to shape our approach moving forward.

To every team member who contributed to this achievement - Thank you. Your work matters, your professionalism is acknowledged, and your impact endures. We look forward to carrying this legacy forward and to establishing the next benchmark of excellence together.



Valentine's for Foster Children of Montgomery County

Written By **Ahna Sams, Montgomery Processing Center**

In a busy world, we at the Montgomery Processing Center (MPC) strive to remember that giving back to our community is a true blessing. This year, we partnered with a local non-profit organization called The Champion Project, which connects caring adults with youth living in foster facilities through mentoring, tutoring, and literacy programs. Our mission was to ensure that these children could experience the joy of receiving something special on Valentine's Day. With love and hope, we wish to provide them with a moment of warmth and smiles, as no child should ever feel alone. Thanks to the generous donations from our incredible staff at MPC, we were able to exceed our goal and provide multiple foster homes with Valentine gift bags filled with candies, toys, socks, games, and more. Thank you, MPC Staff, for all that you continue to do!



2026 Karnes County Community Easter Egg Hunt

Written By **Vanessa Garcia, Karnes County Detention Facility**



The Karnes County Detention Facility continues its tradition of supporting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by The Karnes County Sheriff's Office. For the 2026 celebration, the facility donated 3,000 Easter eggs to support the event. Our dedicated team assisted with the event set up and support. Then we proceeded to assist in the hiding of thousands of eggs for the children in the Karnes County Community. The Karnes County Detention Facility has solidified its commitment to community support through several active partnerships and recurring events planned throughout 2026.

Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility Achieves Prestigious Cognia Accreditation

Written By **Angela Geisinger, GEO Continuum of Care**

Blackwater River Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (BRCRF) is proud to announce that it has earned full accreditation from Cognia, a globally respected nonprofit organization that accredits schools for meeting rigorous standards of educational quality and continuous improvement.

Cognia accreditation signifies that BRCRF has demonstrated excellence across all aspects of its educational program, including leadership, teaching and learning, student support, and organizational effectiveness. This achievement reflects a comprehensive evaluation process involving self-assessment, stakeholder feedback, and an external review conducted by a team of experienced educators.

Earning Cognia accreditation is a significant milestone for BRCRF and its Education

Director, Kevin Shields. It affirms our commitment to high academic standards, continuous improvement, and providing students with an exceptional educational experience. This recognition belongs to our dedicated faculty and, most importantly, our students.

Cognia accreditation is recognized worldwide and serves as a mark of quality assurance for educational institutions. Schools that achieve this status commit to ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure that students are prepared for future academic, personal, and professional success. For stakeholders, accreditation provides confidence that the school meets internationally benchmarked standards and that credits and transcripts are widely recognized.

During the review process, Cognia evaluators examined BRCRF's instructional practices, curriculum alignment, use of data to support student learning, and the overall school culture. The evaluation highlighted the school's strengths in fostering a supportive learning environment, engaging students in meaningful instruction, and maintaining a clear vision focused on student growth and achievement.

Accreditation also provides BRCRF with access to Cognia's extensive professional development resources, research-based tools, and global network of educators. These resources will further strengthen the facility's ability to innovate, respond to student needs, and sustain a culture of excellence.

Facility Administrator, T. Dudley celebrated, **"This is not the end of a journey, but an important step forward. Cognia accreditation reinforces our responsibility to reflect, refine, and advance our practices so every student can thrive."**



BRCRF looks forward to building on this achievement and continuing to partner with families and the community to deliver a high-quality, student-centered education rooted in excellence, integrity, and growth.



Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility Celebrates Apprenticeship Week with Skill Builders Solutions Signing Ceremony

Written By **Angela Geisinger, GEO Continuum of Care**

In celebration of Apprenticeship Week, the Continuum of Care division hosted a signing ceremony with Skill Builders Solutions, marking an important step forward in creating new pathways to skilled trades careers for local students.

The event brought together community leaders, educators, partners, and students to highlight the power of apprenticeships as a launchpad for long-term career success. The signing ceremony formally established Moore Haven Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (MHCRF) as a host community for Skill Builders Solutions' workforce development and apprenticeship initiatives, reinforcing GEO's commitment to building a strong, skilled workforce for the future.

The week is about recognizing opportunity, vision, and possibility. The future ahead for our students is bright, and this partnership helps make that future a reality.

As part of the ceremony, students officially signed their apprenticeship commitments and were presented with sunglasses, a symbolic reminder of the vision ahead and the bright futures they are working toward. The gesture underscored the message that careers in the skilled trades offer clarity, direction, and lasting opportunity.

Skill Builders Solutions is a non-profit organization dedicated to introducing individuals of all ages and

backgrounds to the rewarding and in-demand field of skilled trades. With a firm belief in the power of education and opportunity, the organization focuses on constructing futures through comprehensive training and apprenticeship programs, clearly defined career pathways and strategic collaborations with communities and industry partners.

The mission of Skill Builders Solutions is to break down barriers and open doors to skilled trades careers, ensuring individuals have access to fulfilling family-sustaining employment regardless of background or prior experience. By promoting the value of skilled trades and highlighting their critical role in today's economy, the organization works to shift perceptions and inspire the next generation of skilled professionals.

Attendees at the ceremony had the opportunity to learn more about upcoming apprenticeship and training opportunities, connect with partners, and celebrate the students taking this important step toward their careers.

As MHCRF continues to focus on opportunity, growth, and workforce development, the partnership with Skill Builders Solutions stands as a powerful example of what can happen when vision meets action. With signed commitments, new opportunities, and sunglasses in hand, the message was clear: the future is bright in Moore Haven.

Central Arizona Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility Supports Robinson Ranch

Written By **Dyne McBroom,**
Central Arizona Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

In a significant demonstration of community partnership and restorative engagement, the Central Arizona Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (CACRF) recently presented proceeds of approximately \$3,700 from its Little Caesars fundraiser to Robinson Ranch, a unique therapeutic and working ranch located near the base of South Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona. Correctional Officer, Alicia Guevara and Academic Instructor, Lesa Walker represented CACRF during the onsite visit.

Robinson Ranch is not an ordinary farm. As Program Director, John explained during the visit, the ranch serves as a multifaceted hub for healing, empowerment, and equine-based education. Its mission encompasses a wide range of therapeutic services. The ranch is not just a facility; it is a lifeline, a classroom, and a place of second chances for both people and animals.

The staff at Robinson Ranch expressed heartfelt appreciation for CACRF's contribution, emphasizing how much community support fuels their mission. What began as a fundraiser evolved into a meaningful connection—one that highlighted the shared values of service, compassion, and dedication.

When Program Director John showed his wife the donation check, her emotional reaction spoke volumes. She was moved to tears—a moment that Correctional Officer Guevara admitted nearly brought her to tears as well. The gratitude was sincere and deeply felt.

For Correctional Officer Guevara and Instructor Walker, the visit served as a powerful reminder: when community and correctional programs come together, the results can touch far more lives than expected.



Helping Hands for Camelot's Horses

Written By **Cassandra Shifflett,**
Florence West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

In the heart of the Sonoran Desert, Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship supports riders with physical disabilities. The 14.25-acre property in Scottsdale was being overrun by Globe Chamomile, an invasive weed that poses a significant health risk to their precious herd of therapy horses if consumed in large quantities.

The Camelot team sought assistance to protect their horses and the students they serve, and that help arrived in a significant way.

The Florence Wildland Fire Crew, renowned for their dedication in the field, exchanged their firefighting gear for landscaping tools to undertake a community improvement project. A crew of 23 men devoted their day to removing the invasive weeds. "The guys were amazing! The property looks fantastic. We are so very grateful for their hard work on Camelot's behalf," said Mary Hadsall, Executive Director of Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship.

This act of service is just one example of the positive support the Camelot community receives. In an expression of care for the herd, inmates at Florence West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (FWCRF) participated in a fundraiser that raised over \$3,000. These funds were allocated for the feeding and care of "Nutmeg," a beloved pony who was later adopted by the inmate population at FWCRF, reflecting a "second chance" program that mirrors the transformative work Camelot does for its riders.

With the Globe Chamomile cleared, Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship can continue its mission to serve riders.

Building Strength and Community: Cadets Make a Difference in Florence

Written By **Dyne McBroom,**
Central Arizona Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

Service, teamwork, and community pride were evident as cadets from the Central Arizona Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (CACRF) in Florence, Arizona, extended their physical training efforts into meaningful community service.

While conducting routine physical training at Jason Lopez Park, the cadet class took the opportunity to give back by turning a workout session into a significant park clean-up effort. After completing their physical training exercises, the cadets grabbed trash bags and worked together to remove litter and debris from the park grounds, transforming a simple decision into a powerful demonstration of leadership, responsibility, and civic engagement. Their efforts helped restore the park's welcoming environment for families, children, and residents who enjoy the space year-round, while also launching an initiative that will continue as ongoing charitable service for all incoming cadet classes at the CACRF.

Moving forward, cadets will bring trash bags to physical training sessions held at the park, ensuring that community service remains a consistent and meaningful part of their training experience. This reinforces the idea that service extends beyond the workplace



and into everyday actions that positively impact the surrounding community.

Cadets who participated in the clean-up included Mckayla Loveland, Cameron Moore, Jasiel Casterena, Cesar Castellanos, Jordan Reeve, and Isaiah Bautista. Their teamwork and dedication exemplified the values of discipline, respect, and service that the cadet program strives to instill. By combining physical fitness with community involvement,



Florence West Annual Basketball Game Vs. Saints Prison Ministry

Written By **Cassandra Shifflett,**
Florence West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

For the third consecutive year, the Saints Prison Ministry returned to Florence West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (FWCRF), bringing their unique approach of "athletic evangelism" to an inmate population that had eagerly been counting down the days. The annual tournament and BBQ has rapidly become a cornerstone at FWCRF. What began three years ago as a simple outreach initiative has evolved into a significant community event, garnering increased support from both the staff and the inmates. For the men at FWCRF, the day symbolized more than just a break from their daily routine—it served as a powerful reminder that they are not forgotten.

the cadets demonstrated that leadership is best shown through action. Their continued commitment reflects CACRF's dedication to fostering positive community partnerships while developing future professionals who lead by example.

A Day of Hope and Second Chances: Leaders Visit Phoenix West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

Written By **Blanca Ochoa, Phoenix West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility**
& **Emanuel Barr, Client Relations**



Phoenix West Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility recently opened its doors for a visit by a distinguished group of Arizona's state and judicial leaders, offering a powerful and deeply human look at the impact of rehabilitation and reentry efforts.

Among those in attendance were Larry Sandigo, Director and Chief of Staff of Operations and Cabinet Affairs from the Arizona Governor's Office; Warren Petersen, President of the Arizona Senate; Representative Laurin Hendricks of the Arizona House; and Yuma County judicial leaders, including the Honorable Judge Scarlett Harper and Hearing Officer Carly Sandoval.

One of the most impactful moments of the day came through the GEO Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, where Post Release Case Managers (PCMs) Laura Pernice and Rashod Wiggins brought the reentry process to life. Representing the CoC 24-hour call center, the two professionals had traveled to meet directly with soon-to-be-released participants and to ensure that their transitions would be supported by strong, community-based networks.

During the visit, Pernice and Wiggins sat down with two current program participants, engaging in meaningful conversations that highlighted both the challenges and the hope that define the reentry journey. These interactions provided leadership—



particularly the Governor's Office—with a clear and compelling picture of what post-release support truly looks like. It was not abstract policy; it was personal, immediate, and transformative.

Beyond the facility walls, Pernice and Wiggins also connected with several Phoenix-area resource agencies, reinforcing partnerships that are critical to long-term success. Their outreach underscored a vital truth: successful reentry does not happen in isolation. It requires coordination, trust, and a shared investment from organizations across the community.

The day concluded on a high and celebratory note with the Second Chance Program Graduation. During the ceremony, Larry Sandigo and Senate President Warren Petersen delivered heartfelt remarks to the graduates. They offered words of encouragement, recognition, and respect for the hard work it takes to change course and build a better future. Their presence sent a powerful message: that leadership at the highest levels is paying attention and stands behind efforts to create meaningful second chances.

Ultimately, the visit to Phoenix West was more than a tour—it was a reminder of what can be accomplished when policy meets purpose, and when leaders take the time to see programs in action.



Hoops for Hope at South Bay Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility

Written By **Dr. Kenneth C. Garner, GEO Continuum of Care**

In February 2026, South Bay Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility (SBCRF) hosted "Hoops for Hope," an inmate empowerment initiative led by former NBA players, Josh Powell (Los Angeles Lakers), Michael Beasley (Miami Heat), and Ronnie Taylor of Taylor Sports Group from Miami. The initiative aims to instill hope through messaging about life, responsibility, and the steps to take after incarceration. The empowerment concept allows the athletes to connect with the inmate population by sharing their personal journeys. In many instances, their stories reflect the experiences of the inmates, but through sports, they were able to avoid the negative consequences of incarceration. If it weren't for the coaches and mentors who kept them engaged on the court and away from street activities, their lives might have turned out very differently.

Also in attendance were Post-Release Housing providers from Phoenix, Arizona, including Shanin Cole from the CAASI program, and Conya Nunnally from the Bridges program in Savannah, Georgia. Both are vendors for GEO Post-Release Services. Just over 200 Continuum of Care program participants attended the event, with 42 of them participating in the basketball challenge.

The competitions included a three-point shot challenge, a skills contest, and eight teams competing in single-game elimination for a chance to enter the championship game, where both NBA

greats played alongside program participants. During intermissions, program partners provided informative and motivational presentations that offered valuable resources for reintegration. Dr. Cheralee Morgan, Facility Programs Manager, stated that the event was one of the best held at the site. We observed individuals who could have been anywhere else but chose to invest their time in our programs. Each athlete took the time to speak one-on-one with participants and expressed that they were inspired by the experience, expressing interest in partnering with The GEO Group to organize more events at GEO locations.

Five program participants provided individual interviews that will be utilized by Taylor Sports Group to help divert young people from engaging in criminal activity. Two of the participants shared how their criminal actions ended their professional athletic careers. Ronnie Taylor, founder of Taylor Sports Group, will use these experiences as part of his company's mentoring platform for young athletes with the potential to reach the professional ranks but who face numerous obstacles due to their current living conditions. We are pleased that Hoops for Hope chose SBCRF as the initial facility to present their empowerment program through basketball. A special thanks to Facility Administrator Shay Hatcher for creating a safe environment for the event, as well as Assistant Facility Administrators, Glenn Morris and Kavell Scott, and all other SBCRF staff who made this event a success.

Fulham Correctional Centre Charitable Celebration for International Women's Day 2026

Written By **Sheree Thorn, Fulham Correctional Centre**

Fulham Correctional Centre (FCC) is continually seeking ways to engage with the local community and provide support for those in need. This year, in celebration of International Women's Day, Fulham Correctional Centre organized a raffle, with all proceeds donated to the "Footprints Foundation."

Fulham staff purchased raffle tickets throughout February and March, and the raffle was drawn at the International Women's Day event on March 18, 2026. Thanks to the generous donations from staff across the Centre, Fulham was able to donate approximately \$1,700 to the Footprints Foundation.

The Footprints Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that provides support for local individuals and their families in the Sale and District area

who are currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. The organization helps by engaging local businesses to provide services such as garden and lawn maintenance, house cleaning, and meal preparation. To date, the organization has supported 80 women and one man undergoing treatment.

Footprints offers local support for those in need and relies on donations and sponsorships from the community to fund this vital initiative. Upon receiving the donation from the Centre, Angela Jones, President of the Footprints Foundation, said:

"I am blown away by your fundraising effort. The money will be greatly appreciated and will help us support women and men during their breast cancer treatment. Thank you so much."

GEO Operations Director Natalie Greenfield, FCC General Manager, Jim Watson, and FCC Human Resources Manager, Jodie Kennedy presented the donation to President, Angela Jones and committee member, Janine Roest, who attended the Centre for the presentation. Following the presentation, Jodie Kennedy remarked, "It is wonderful that our employees are eager to support such a great local organization. The Footprints Foundation makes significant, practical differences in people's lives while they are facing serious health challenges."

The presentation was an excellent opportunity for Fulham to learn more about the work that Footprints does and to discuss ways in which the Centre might be able to provide support in the future.



Building the Future of Our Frontline: Celebrating Ravenhall's Newest Correctional Officers

Written By **Andy Langley**, Ravenhall Correctional Centre



Pictured: Andy Langley, General Manager, Ravenhall Correctional Centre; with the Pre-Service Squad 1-2026 Graduates

In March 2026, Ravenhall Correctional Centre proudly celebrated the graduation of 20 Trainee Correctional Officers, marking a significant milestone for both our newest team members and the Centre as a whole. As the first pre-service course intake for 2026, this graduating group represents an important step forward in enhancing our frontline capabilities and shaping the future of our Centre.

Graduating as a Correctional Officer is a remarkable achievement. It reflects weeks of intensive learning, resilience, and a commitment to stepping into a complex and demanding environment. Each of these officers now joins us equipped

with the foundational skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to the safe, secure, and professional operation of the Centre.

Several graduates entered the program with extensive prior correctional experience and still found the course challenging and stimulating. This serves as a powerful reminder that, regardless of experience, there are always opportunities to grow, learn, and push ourselves when we remain open to development.

The arrival of this cohort comes at a crucial time for Ravenhall, as we continue to expand in overall numbers and evolve our positive workplace culture.

These new officers bring fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and a strong, shared commitment to our values—qualities that will undoubtedly strengthen our teams and our collaborative efforts.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in the training and development of this intake. In particular, we extend our sincere appreciation to Course Coordinator and Correctional Manager, Dee Vassallo, and Course Facilitator and Correctional Supervisor, Tony Birrell. Their leadership, guidance, and high standards played a critical role in shaping the next generation of Correctional Officers.



Excellence in Australian Prison Healthcare

Written By **David Grace, GEO Healthcare Australia and GEO Healthcare Plus**

Since July 1, 2023, GEO Healthcare Australia has been providing primary healthcare and sub-acute bed services across 14 public prisons in Victoria. GEO Healthcare Australia also manages GEO Healthcare Plus, which offers primary healthcare and sub-acute bed services at the Ravenhall Correctional Centre, a GEO-operated facility in Victoria.

Across Australia, the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards are widely recognized as the gold standard for health service accreditation. The NSQHS Standards emphasize key areas such as clinical governance, consumer partnership, infection prevention and control, medication safety,

comprehensive care, effective communication for safety, and recognizing and responding to acute deterioration.

In March 2026, GEO Healthcare Australia was reaccredited against the NSQHS Standards, achieving this outcome without any recommendations for improvement for the second consecutive time since beginning its services. Additionally, GEO Healthcare Plus was also successfully accredited to the same standards without any recommendations.

During the summary presentation at the conclusion of the four-day accreditation survey, surveyors praised the service for the genuine, respectful, and non-

judgmental care provided to individuals in prison. Notable strengths included excellent medication management systems, culturally respectful care, robust health screening processes, and consistently positive feedback from patients.

The lead surveyor remarked that very few health service providers achieve accreditation without any recommendations. This milestone – accreditation without recommendations for both GEO Healthcare Australia and GEO Healthcare Plus – reinforces GEO's reputation as a trusted leader in delivering high-quality, safe, and culturally respectful healthcare within Australia's secure settings.

A FRESH SEASON AT GEO'S NORTH BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



Pictured LEFT TO RIGHT: Iziah Morgan, Maya Chavez Velazquez, Javon Hall, Donnamae Ryan, Claire Hendrix, Peter Conerly, Ignacio Medina, Shawn Miranda

Easter Celebration at North Brunswick Community Resource Center

Written By **Claire Hendrix and Maya Chavez Velazquez,**
North Brunswick Community Resource Center

More Than Candy Hearts: Healthy Relationships

Written By **Claire Hendrix and Maya Chavez Velazquez,**
North Brunswick Community Resource Center

The GEO North Brunswick Community Resource Center (CRC) office periodically recognizes seasonal holidays through structured activities designed to encourage participation and positive interaction. These events support community engagement while maintaining consistency with daily programming and office expectations.

In February, the North Brunswick CRC office recognized Valentine's Day by incorporating a themed Pictionary game into programming. Participants were encouraged to get creative by drawing themed prompts, giving them a chance to showcase their artistic abilities while working collaboratively with peers. The activity promoted communication, teamwork, and engagement, offering a lighthearted way for clients and staff to connect while maintaining program expectations.



In recognition of the Easter holiday, the North Brunswick Community Resource Center hosted a themed celebration that combined seasonal fun with the core principles of Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT). Staff provided a small continental breakfast for participants to enjoy, creating a welcoming and relaxed environment. To encourage engagement and reflection, an Easter egg hunt was organized, giving clients the opportunity to win small prizes. Each egg contained a motivational message, which participants shared with the group, fostering positive discussion, insight, and peer support. The celebration concluded with a collaborative egg dyeing activity, allowing staff and clients to work together creatively while reinforcing connection, teamwork, and positive social interaction. The event successfully blended holiday celebration with meaningful MRT values of growth, accountability, and community.

First Annual Father Child Dance at Long Beach Community Reentry Center

Written By **Tisha McAfee,**
Long Beach Community Reentry Center

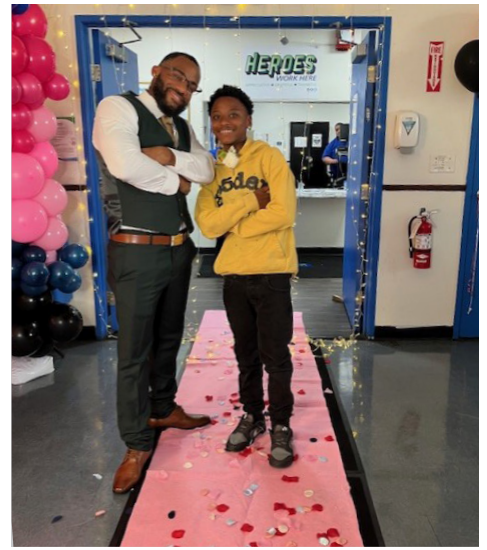


The Male Community Reentry Program at the Long Beach Community Reentry Center hosted a Father-Child Dance in March of 2026. This event was one of many family reunification activities aimed at reconnecting fathers and their children. Approximately 15 children, aged three to 17, attended the event. Fathers greeted their children with a rose boutonniere or a hand corsage and escorted them down the red carpet to their assigned seats in the reception area. The formal reception featured a three-course dinner, memory books, a DJ, and a special father-child dance.

Each father read a heartfelt, personalized letter to their child and presented them with a keepsake necklace. The message on the heart-shaped pendant read, **"To my daughter, I can't promise to be here for the rest of your life, but I can promise to love and support you for the rest of mine. Love, Dad."** The dog tag pendant read, **"To my son, I might not be with you, but I know I believe in you. You were and always will be the best thing that ever happened to me. Love, Dad."**

The reception concluded with each family memorializing the event by creating and decorating a scrapbook that included a family picture and a copy of the letter written to their child.





Additionally several participants were selected to assist with setup and table service during the event. Lead server, Tim Hagler commented, "It was such an honor to have the opportunity to be part of such a special event. Dressing up and doing my best to provide excellent service was my top priority. All in all, it was a beautiful experience to see the joy on the kids' faces when they got to spend quality time with their dads."

The event was a positive experience for everyone involved, creating a space where young children and their fathers could focus on the importance of a healthy, strong relationship.



Meals on the Move

Written By **Tisha McAfee,**
Long Beach Community Reentry Center

The staff of the Long Beach Community Reentry Center, along with participants and parole agents, took part in a food distribution outreach event in spring of 2026, aimed at serving the Long Beach transit population. On that day, 12 participants, four GEO staff members, and two parole agents united with a common goal of giving back to the community. Together, they distributed over 90 bags of food to individuals experiencing homelessness in targeted areas of Long Beach, particularly along the riverbed and surrounding freeway locations. Our team walked and drove through these areas to ensure we reached individuals who are often overlooked and underserved.

The outreach proved to be deeply impactful. Many individuals we encountered expressed heartfelt gratitude for the food and essential items provided. They simply appreciated being acknowledged and treated with dignity and respect.

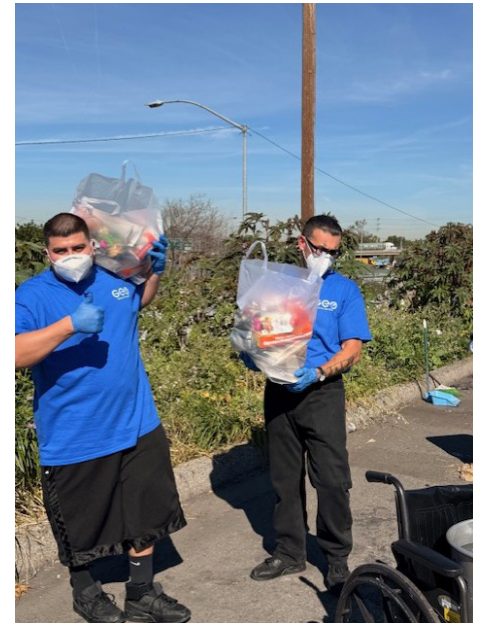
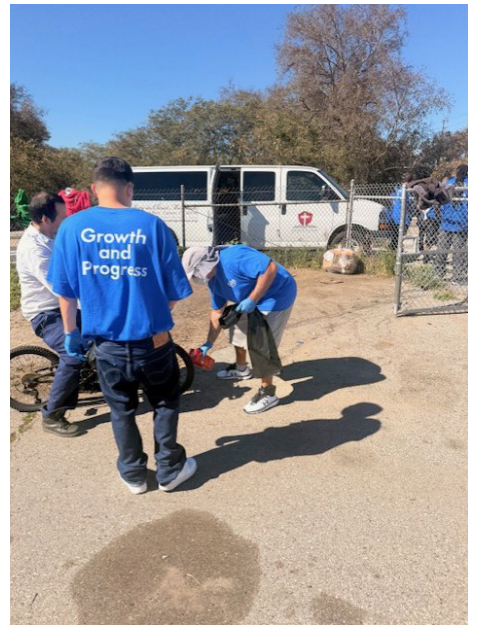
Equally meaningful were the reflections shared by our participants. Several spoke candidly about their past choices and how those decisions negatively impacted the very communities we were now serving. They expressed a genuine desire to make amends and contribute positively. For many, this experience was more than just community service, it was an opportunity for accountability, growth, and restoration. Walking through those areas



and personally handing out bags created space for powerful conversations about responsibility, empathy, and change.

This outreach not only addressed an immediate need for food security but also reinforced the significance of service as a pathway toward rehabilitation and community healing. It was inspiring to witness participants actively working to rebuild trust and give back to the communities they once harmed.

Overall, the event was successful, meaningful, and aligned with our mission of promoting responsibility, service, and positive reintegration.





Shasta Day Reporting Center Honors 14 Graduates in Reentry Program Celebration

Written By **Tara Levin, Shasta Day Reporting Center**

Recently, The Shasta Day Reporting Center (DRC) proudly celebrated the achievements of 14 graduates, marking a significant milestone in their reentry journeys. The event emphasized the importance of accountability, support, and second chances as participants completed a structured, evidence-based program designed to help individuals involved in the justice system stabilize, rebuild, and successfully reintegrate into the community.

The celebration received strong backing from local government and community leaders. Representatives from the Redding Board of Supervisors, Shasta County Probation Office, California State Assembly, Shasta Lake City Council, State Senator Megan Dahle's Office, and the City of Redding, represented by the Mayor, all attended the ceremony, presenting each graduate with a personalized certificate of recognition. Their presence highlighted the countywide commitment to rehabilitation, community safety, and successful reentry.

Throughout the ceremony, Shasta DRC staff acknowledged each graduate for their perseverance, growth, and dedication. As part of the program, attendees viewed a series of pre-recorded interviews with graduates, offering a powerful glimpse into their personal journeys. Graduates shared heartfelt reflections on overcoming barriers, building healthier habits, reconnecting with family, and finding stability through the DRC's structured classes, support services, and accountability measures.

The event served not only as a celebration of individual success but also as a reminder of what is possible when community partnerships, probation, and supportive reentry services come together to create meaningful change.

The Shasta DRC congratulates all 14 graduates and looks forward to supporting many more individuals on their path toward long-term success.

Strengthening Reentry Through Collaboration: Highlights from the 2026 CDCR Post Release Summit

Written By **Myisha Tavelez, GEO Care**



Pictured Left to Right: Ebony Bryant, Latoya Lane, Matthew Hill, Mollyrose Graves, Myisha Tavelez, Maria Mendoza, Nashia Stone, Mahnoor Tariq, Angela Ruiz, Vanessa Bonilla, Mercedes Sanchez, Nashell Poling, Johanna Basurto, and Michael Gonzales,

In March of 2026, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) hosted its annual Stakeholders Meeting, now known as the CDCR Post-Release Summit. The event brought together representatives from all CDCR post-release community programs, including the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) programs, Day Reporting Centers (DRCs), the Long-Term Offender Reentry Recovery Program (LTORR), and the Male Community Reentry Programs (MCRPs). Leadership and staff from GEO Reentry Services were in attendance.

The annual Post-Release Summit promotes engagement and facilitates strategic discussions surrounding the Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP), encouraging attendees to share best practices and explore the future direction of program operations. This year's agenda included breakout sessions aimed at fostering collaborative dialogue, strengthening cross-program partnerships, and identifying opportunities to enhance the quality and impact of services provided to the post-release population we serve.



New Mexico Recovery Academy Job Fair

Written By **Tresha Apodaca, New Mexico Men's Recovery Academy & New Mexico Women's Recovery Academy**

At the New Mexico Men's and Women's Recovery Academies, we are proud to partner with organizations such as New Mexico Workforce Solutions (NMWFS) and Heroes Hiring Heroes. Additionally, we collaborate with other community groups dedicated to supporting our local veterans as they transition into meaningful careers. We offer opportunities for qualified candidates to join our New Mexico GEO team and are actively reaching out to local organizations to strengthen workforce development and employment opportunities across New Mexico.



New Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment Center Opens in Pennsylvania

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Bucks County Behavioral Health/ Developmental Programs Administrator Donna Duffy Grimm (center) and other project stakeholders cut the ribbon at the newly completed Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment (DART) Center in Doylestown Township, Pa.

| Photo Credit: Bucks County

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, Pa. – Leaders in Bucks County, Pa., held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at a newly completed residential treatment center intended to help justice-involved adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use issues avoid or reduce time in custody.

County leaders unveiled the Diversion, Assessment, Restoration and Treatment (DART) Center in Doylestown Township on Feb. 25, with the facility expected to begin accepting residents in the coming month.

The 23,000-square-foot DART Center is designed for adults involved with the criminal justice system, with programming focused on treatment and skills development aimed at diverting people from

incarceration, reducing days in custody, lowering use of state institutions and reducing recidivism, the county said in a press release.

“We have wanted to do something about this problem — to get people diverted from the criminal justice system,” said Bucks County Commissioner Chair Diane Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW. “But one piece of the puzzle was missing. It was this place.”

The facility includes three tracks: short-term assessment and stabilization (up to eight individuals), a restoration of competency unit for people deemed incompetent to stand trial (up to four) and a community integration track focused on treatment and daily living skills to support a move toward more independent

living (up to 16). At full capacity, the center can serve up to 28 people at once.

Bucks County hired the GEO Group to manage day-to-day operations, with oversight from the county’s Behavioral Health/ Developmental Programs office.

“Right now, there’s a person, maybe more than one, who doesn’t even know that the DART Center exists,” said Dr. Mathew Abraham, GEO’s senior director of treatment and program development. “That person is going to find their way here, and when they do, they will walk through a

In Loving Memory

Written By **John Hogan, GEO Reentry Services Northern Region**

door that says, 'we see you, you are worth all of this.'"

The DART Center sits on the grounds of the former Women's Community Corrections Center. Construction began in late 2023, with architecture services from USA Architects, general contracting work performed by Magnum, Inc., engineering by Carroll Engineering and Windward, electrical work by the Farfield Company, mechanical services by Integrity Mechanical, Inc., plumbing services by Vision Mechanical, fire protection work by Guy M. Cooper Mechanical and construction management by Jingoli.

The total projected construction cost is about \$19.8 million, funded mostly with federal and state dollars, with about \$1.8 million from the county's general fund.

County officials described DART as part of a broader set of initiatives aimed at strengthening behavioral health responses tied to the justice system, including the Human Services Co-Responders Program, which embeds social workers in police departments. The county said the co-responder program launched in 2020 with the Bensalem Police Department and has since expanded to more than two dozen departments. In partnership with the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, the county has also established specialized court programs, including Recovery Court, Wellness Court and Veterans Treatment Court.

On March 29, 2026, Matthew Shoener passed away after a courageous fight with cancer. Matt came to work at GEO Reentry Services in 2011 as a Client Service Specialist, at our Luzerne County Pennsylvania Day Reporting Center. He quickly advanced into a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselor, a role where he set a standard, not only within GEO, but nationally. Matt was later promoted to Lead Substance Use Disorder



Counselor, a position he held until his passing. During Matt's career as a SUD Counselor, he was recognized as a member of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium and contributed to their Job Task Analysis for counselors around the world. Matt was a recipient of the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) Professional of the Year Award and later joined PCB as a board member. Matt was also a 2014 GEO Reentry Services Employee of the Year recipient. Additionally, Matt was a Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention, Substance Abuse curriculum trainer and assisted in countless implementations and on-going new staff training sessions. Matt attended the Covington Conference on Trauma-Informed Services, helping his peers improve their knowledge and enhance their ability to care for others. He was a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor, whose skills at promoting behavior change through group or individual sessions were truly unmatched.

To all of us who called Matt a mentor, colleague, and friend, he was selfless, knowledgeable, humble, funny, and compassionate. He was a willing teacher, an ear to bend, and a great storyteller. You would rarely find him without a book or listening to a podcast that was helping him build his skills as a counselor. He was great at planning a lunch or sharing a coffee break. He was a life-long learner with many interests and a man of faith. Personally and professionally, he made his community a far better place. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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