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Wisconsin DOC Shows Support to Peers in Iowa

Pay It Forward Campaign Helps Iowa Correctional Staff Struggling with Loss of Colleagues

(ANAMOSA, Iowa) – The Wisconsin Department of Corrections showed support for its correctional brothers and sisters in Iowa recently, delivering a pair of memorial benches dedicated to the two Iowa Department of Corrections employees killed while on duty at Anamosa State Penitentiary in March.

The benches were part of a Pay It Forward campaign by Wisconsin DOC, which also included individualized plaques and more than \$2,000 in donations for the impacted families. Wisconsin DOC also delivered more than 700 gift bags for Anamosa employees dealing with the loss of their colleagues, each of which included a card with a message from Wisconsin DOC Secretary Kevin Carr.

“The Wisconsin Department of Corrections offers our deepest condolences to all of the colleagues affected by the recent tragedy that resulted in the loss of two corrections professionals,” the card read. “I hope these gift bags can offer a small sense of support and comfort in the midst of this tragedy, and serve as a reminder that you are not alone. Your Corrections brothers and sisters across the nation are thinking of you, and praying for solace and peace during this difficult time.”

On March 23, nurse Lorena Schulte and correctional officer Robert McFarland were found lying on the floor of the Anamosa infirmary. The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation says the employees were intervening to stop the attempted escape of two men now charged with their murder.

Wisconsin Division of Adult Institutions Assistant Administrator Paul Kemper, Wisconsin Secure Prison Facility Warden Gary Boughton and Program Director Trina Kroening-Skime delivered the benches and gift bags to Anamosa last Wednesday. The bags included things like candy, gum, stress balls and gift cards. Staff at Anamosa expressed their appreciation and noted they have been overwhelmed with the amount of support they have received in the weeks following the tragedy.

May 2-8 is National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.

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