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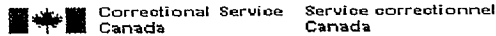
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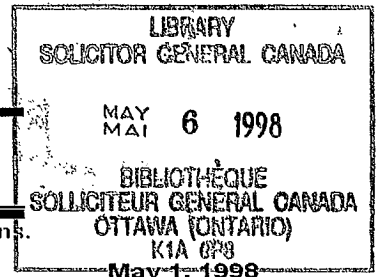
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## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

An in-depth and positive article explaining Circles of Support for ex-offenders which provide post-release support in the community for offenders was published in the Toronto Star on April 18. The Circles are led by chaplains employed by the CSC and made up of community members, and were set up in collaboration with the Mennonite Central Committee. The story describes how both a pedophile and sexual offender have been able to find the support they need to find work and start a normal life, due to regular meetings with the Circles of Support.

CORCAN is helping with the after-effects of January's ice storm in Kingston. Pittsburgh Institution's CORCAN operations gave away 3,300 evergreen saplings at the local home and garden show in April. As well as creating a positive public image for CORCAN, the trees drew customers to its booth where staff were selling the facility's compost. The composting operation, which recycles plastics and other products, has been in operation for several years and sold compost in bulk to 1,400 customers last year.

## ATLANTIC REGION

Nurses from across the Region had a chance to meet and have some fun together at a workshop in Amherst, Nova Scotia in early April. On the agenda for the 45 participants were issues of personal importance, such as burnout and gaining personal power, and operational matters, such as needle exchange and detoxification programs. A guest speaker from the University of New Brunswick's nursing department cheered on the group with a talk about pride in correctional nursing.

Case managers met in Moncton to find ways to strengthen their work in the reintegration of offenders. The forum was created to help those involved with case management – associate District Directors, unit managers, co-ordinators, case managers, senior parole officers, reintegration managers, Assistant Wardens, programs staff and project managers – to share best practices. The 60 participants, who will meet quarterly, discussed "Operation Bypass" as well as programs, priorities and results.

Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs visited Dorchester Institution to better understand correctional facilities. The officers are preparing for posts abroad where one of their tasks will be attending to the international transfer of offenders.

## QUEBEC REGION

The Regional Staff College is busy this spring: College grounds will be the site of a cycling relay race, in partnership with the City of Laval, at the end of May. In mid-April, 19 Correctional Officers graduated from the College, destined for Archambault, Cowansville, Donnacona, Drummond, Leclerc and Port-Cartier institutions and the Regional Reception Centre. Legal training for members of Institutional Emergency Response Teams and Correctional Officers II continues. A course was also set up to offer technical support to Parole Officers preparing cases for National Parole Board hearings.

At Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines Institution, a contract teacher and a member of the programs division visited staff teachers and students at Archambault Institution. The event was to provide information on the educational opportunities offered at Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines Institution and to share information between staff on training and offender programming.

A reintegration strategy was organized at Montée Saint-François Institution: on April 2, a social development officer escorted an inmate to speak to a group of high school dropouts enrolled at Connection High School in Verdun. The CSC's Mission was fully explained, and the offender then described his troubles with the law, his incarceration and his rehabilitation and interest in helping others. A lively question period ensued.

### ONTARIO REGION

A new federal correctional facility will officially open this month. The Fenbrook Federal Medium Security Institution will be opened in Muskoka on May 7 by Solicitor General Andy Scott and Commissioner Ole Ingstrup. The 400-bed institution is the first to be built by CSC in the Ontario Region in 25 years. Programs will emphasize education and employability skills.

Generous offenders and staff donated \$300 for charity in a creative move at Kingston Penitentiary. One offender discovered that the local Lion's Club had not sold all their Easter eggs this spring. The inmate and a staff member obtained the eggs and sold them to the inmate population and donated the funds to a local charity.

Offenders at Grand Valley Institution have made a valuable connection with the outside world through the Kitchener Public Library. The Library's visiting service brings books for the women every month. This has both supplemented the facility's book collection and cemented a tie between the correctional facility and the community.

### PRAIRIE REGION

Volunteer Appreciation ceremonies were held across the Region this month. Saskatchewan Penitentiary honoured its many volunteers, including Mr. Maurice Casgrain, who has devoted 45 years of musical generosity, starting as an accompanist to inmates on a radio show and later as a player at Christmas parties and other facility celebrations. Staff presented him with an oil painting at a banquet and thanked the other unsung heroes with various awards.

An inmate at minimum security Rockwood Institution spoke to a packed high school audience in Winnipeg in late April. The speaker described incarceration and how crime has affected his life, to curious and inquisitive students. "If this helps one kid out of the 250 here, then it's worth it," said a teacher. A police officer in attendance said the talk reached the students in a way he could not do in his public talks.

### PACIFIC REGION

A Work Release program for Mountain Institution inmates may be a done deal as a result of a meeting between CSC staff and 17 representatives from local municipal and band councils. The idea is to have small groups of low-risk inmates perform community service projects throughout the year and learn valuable work skills. A participant from Alberta, though unsure about the program at first, concluded the 4,000 hours donated by federal inmates in his town had helped his community enormously.

William Head Institution is a hive of activity these days. Its play, "Ripe Conditions" runs until May 9 and has bookings from at least one high school. The local TV station ran a short and positive feature on the play in mid-April. Acting Warden Randie Scott spoke about the CSC to the University of Victoria's religious studies department, including the Reverend Pierre Allard, during a tour of his facility. And staff member J. Frazelle addressed the Salvation Army halfway house staff about the facility and its programs.

Around the Region: the Regional Deputy Commissioner and the Director of Community Corrections met with the Fraser Valley regional district mayors to provide facts and information about CSC. The Sumas Community Corrections Centre has published a handbook for offenders entering the facility as part of orientation to the Centre.

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