



Department of Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed CJCF Dedicates New Building to Long-Time Volunteers

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Peg and Bob Warren connect with the youth at Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility (CJCF) by playing a friendly game of chess, carving pumpkins in the fall or just simply striking up a conversation.

The couple can't imagine volunteering anywhere else and look forward to their weekly visits.

They've been volunteering at CJCF for 10 years.



So it was only fitting to dedicate the new building in their honor. The 16,000 square foot Warren Youth Activity Center houses a new gym, chapel and offices.

"You fill the empty spot in those who haven't felt loved or cared for and show them that there is someone who cares," said a CJCF youth about the long-time volunteers while addressing the crowd, including CJCF staff, representatives from Cuyahoga Hills JCF and Indian River JCF and Central Office employees, in attendance at the dedication ceremony.

Director Reed presents a Proclamation from Governor Kasich to Bob and Peg Warren

While the Warrens were very appreciative of receiving a Proclamation signed by Governor Kasich and another Proclamation presented by State Representative Gary Scherer acknowledging their volunteerism, it is evident that the Circleville couple devotes so much time at CJCF because they want to help the youth turn their lives around.

Through the efforts of volunteers like Peg and Bob Warren and new activities that are available at the Activity Center, we can guide our youth to a successful future.

“Today is about meaningful programming for youth,” said Assistant Director Linda Janes at the dedication ceremony. “I cannot overstate the importance of balancing programming and security. The two work hand-in-hand. We will prevent boredom and troublesome behavior by keeping youth engaged in healthy activities and teaching them new skills.”

Volunteers are an integral part of our efforts to habilitate youth, said David Blackburn, CJCF Interim Superintendent.

“I know that with our busy lives it can be hard to find time to volunteer, but there are benefits to being a volunteer,” Blackburn added. “It gives you an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our youth.”

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact DYS Volunteer Coordinator Donald Bean: Donald.Bean@dys.ohio.gov.