

# 2003-2004 Annual Report



## Corrections Foundation Accomplishments

- **Employee Assistance Program**  
We were fortunate to assist 225 Dept. of Corrections employees through the Employee Assistance Program during FY 03-04. More than \$306,000 was disbursed to employees during tragedies such as death, illness, car accidents, house fires, hospitalization and more.
- **Membership**  
The Foundation held its annual membership campaign in February 2004. The campaign was a great success with membership rising from 9,414 employees to 12,821. Our membership currently consists of 12,741 employees: 12,292 are members through payroll deduction, 303 are annual members and 146 are lifetime members.
- **Computers for Florida's Kids**  
Computer refurbishing sites were active in 3 correctional institutions including, Cross City, Glades and Sumter. These sites refurbished a total of 1,055 computers. The refurbished computers were then distributed to worthy non-profit community organizations to benefit children. The value of the refurbished computers totaled more than \$263,750.
- **Farm Worker Housing Project**  
Affordable farm-worker housing components were built at 2 correctional institutions, Avon Park CI and Hardee CI, throughout the year. During the contract period of 4 years 322 bed/closet units, 142 upper and lower kitchen cabinets and 52 picnic tables were built at a fraction of retail cost. These components were delivered to 3 non-profit developers and utilized in the construction of affordable farm-worker housing in Immokalee and Ruskin, FL. This vocational program was made possible through a contract from the Florida Department of Community Affairs.
- **Ford Motor Company Project**  
Through an agreement with Ford Motors, Dade CI has instituted a vocational program for inmates to learn the trade of automotive and electronics repair. During this year the automotive repair shop was constructed and teaching began.

- **Troop Assistance Fundraiser**  
Beginning in April 2003 the Foundation, under the direction of Secretary Crosby and in collaboration with Department of Corrections staff, began the Flags for Freedom fundraiser to recognize and benefit DOC employees who are serving our country in the armed forces. There are more than 557 DOC employees enlisted as military reservists to defend freedom in our country and around the world; 364 of these troops have been called to active duty since 2001.



Lapel pins in the above design were sold and a portion of the funds raised were used to purchase phone cards for the families to call overseas in May and December 2003. Recognition certificates have been designed and await a welcome home celebration that will be initiated by Secretary Crosby when our employees return home safely.

## Community Organizations/Events Supported

- United Way
- DC CAN
- Special Olympics
- Big Bend Victims Assistance Coalition
- American Red Cross
- Secretary's Softball Tournament
- Delta Phi Beta Sorority – Stomp Fest
- Governors Front Porch Initiative
- Just Read, Florida!
- Back to School Supply Drive
- ECHO Outreach Ministries, Inc.

## Department of Corrections Programs/Projects Supported by Private Donations

- Everglades CI – Wellness Equipment
- Dade CI – Wellness Equipment
- Dade CI – Women's Fund
- Glades CI Teacher Readiness Program
- Polk CI Chapel Fund

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