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Cumberland Prisons Will Contribute To *Day of Caring and Sharing*

TOWSON, MD (June 4, 2009)---Cumberland's two State prisons will be well represented at Friday's Day of Caring and Sharing in Allegany County, with both inmates and staff contributing time, work, and, of course, flowers and plants.

More than 500 plants and flowers grown by inmates in the beautiful Western Correctional Institution (WCI) greenhouse will be handed-over to officials for the planting. WCI has a renowned horticulture, greenhouse, and meditation garden, all grant-funded, which has made international news as one of the most unique prison programs of its kind anywhere.

WCI will also have two inmate labor crews working the Allegany Highlands Trail in downtown Cumberland and setting up for the Relay For Life at Allegany College. Administrative Officer Bill Jewell has arranged these efforts, and correctional maintenance officers will be supervising the inmates.

Wardens and several employees from both North Branch (NBCI) and Western correctional institutions will be on-hand downtown and elsewhere to assist and offer support.

Between them, WCI and NBCI are among the biggest job providers in Western Maryland, and their employees take great pride in not only providing outstanding public safety while inside the facilities, but also giving back to their neighbors in Cumberland, Allegany County, and the surrounding area.

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