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JCI and MTC Correctional Officers Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to Baltimore Families

TOWSON, MD (November 24, 2009)---Correctional officers from Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI) and Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) in Baltimore delivered baskets of food today, just in time for Thanksgiving, an annual act of benevolence that's replicated by DPSCS employees statewide.

JCI staff collected food for five Baltimore families, and presented another basket to Jessup Elementary School. Volunteer Activity Coordinator Sgt. Sonji Lynn and four of her colleagues delivered the family food baskets today in all corners of Baltimore City. The families were selected through local schools.

Meantime, officers from MTC, the oldest operating prison in America, delivered two baskets to families with children at Johnston Square Elementary in East Baltimore.

Detectives from the Eastern Shore office of the DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit also delivered a food basket to a needy family in Delmar, Wicomico County.

MTC staff will also throw their annual Christmas breakfast and Santa Claus party at Sts. James and John Elementary School in East Baltimore on Friday, December 4.

Staff at Maryland Correctional Adjustment Center (formerly Supermax) will host a holiday party of their own on December 11, this one featuring toys and food for four families.

The legendary Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving meal for the homeless and hungry also benefits from correctional benevolence: again this year, inmates at the Maryland Correctional Enterprises Meat Plant in Hagerstown cooked more than 700 turkeys for the huge event. MCE delivered the turkeys last week.

