



MEDIA RELEASE

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Corrections Employees Adopt a Family at Christmas

Once again St. Mary's County Correction's staff adopted a St. Mary's County family to help brighten their Christmas. Correctional Officers and civilian employees have rallied together for the past 16 years. The employees donated money to purchase gifts and food for a family in need. Senior Administrative Coordinator Leann Quade and Administrative Coordinator Valerie Hayden work with St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services to identify a family.

This holiday season the Detention Center staff collected over \$600.00. They purchase bicycles & helmets, a Leap Frog Learning System, winter coats, gloves, pajama's, toys and gift cards for their adopted family's children who are ages 6 and 4.

"Children have no control over their parent's financial situation. Our employees are very fortunate and we want to share our good fortune. The moment we see the kid's faces light when Santa hands them their presents we know we have made a difference. I am very proud of my co-worker's generosity and support of others in need." (Valerie Hayden)

"On behalf of the St. Mary's County Detention Center's Corrections Officers and civilian personnel, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday." (Captain Michael Merican, Commander, St. Mary's County Detention Center)



Pictured Left to Right - CFC Brian C. Gillingham, CFC George A. Hayden, SGT John T. Ucekay, CFC Jeffery Knight, Santa - CFC Justin M. Anderson, CFC Kelly Lowther, Ms. Leann Quade, Ms. Valerie A. Hayden and SGT Bonnie J. Payne