

SCDC Volunteers Saluted

The Division of Inmate Services celebrated our valuable volunteers with an appreciation luncheon at the South Carolina Department of Corrections Training Academy on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Over 200 people were in attendance with volunteers present representing every institution. The theme of the day highlighted the value of more than 5,500 regular volunteers as “The Most Important Piece of the Puzzle!” The various unpaid services they provide are priceless in helping us to meet our mission. A power point gave images of volunteers across the state.

Puzzle pieces were seen everywhere, on tables, with placemats, and even in the trees. Special music from talented Joshua Chisholm (Keyboard) and Betty Smith from Food Services, Chaplain Phil Eason, a quartet, Lt. Sylvester Wallace, Officer Curtis Ladson, and Chaplain Allen Edmisten added to the event. Volunteers were each gifted with a themed coaster, made by the Division of Industries, in appreciation for their services.



A delicious meal was prepared by Food Services for the distinguished crowd. Warden Joseph McFadden of Lieber CI enlivened the day as Master of Ceremonies. Regional Director Wayne McCabe introduced the Honorable James E. Lockemy, Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals, as the keynote speaker.

Ridgeland CI Associate Warden Yvonne Wilkins-Smith and Volunteer Services Coordinator Angela Geohaghan shared in a final appreciation while noting our varied volunteers. SCDC volunteers come from at least 24 states, and we have 20 from other countries. We have several volunteers who are over 90-years old and over 200 who are young adults under 25-years of age. It was clear to everyone present that SCDC Volunteers are the Most Important Piece!



Sandy Barrett, Deputy Director for the Division of Programs and Services, gives Judge James E. Lockemy a gift from SCDC in thanks for delivering the keynote speech at the Volunteer Luncheon.



Special Entertainment from the Volunteer Luncheon.

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