



South Carolina Department of Corrections

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Corrections, in coordination with the Southern Baptist Convention, S.C. Women’s Missionary Union and churches across the state will make sure that incarcerated men and women receive at least one gift for Christmas.

For more than 40 years, Christmas Packages for Prisoners has worked to provide gifts for all inmates, some of whom have few, if any, visitors during the year.

Congregations from S.C. churches donate items for the packages from a pre-approved list, including things such as writing tablets, pens, envelopes, toothbrushes, soap and candy.

On Monday, Dec. 9, a team of SCDC chaplains, inmates and volunteers will unload trucks with donations from the churches and fill gift bags with a Christmas card and scripture booklet. More than 18,000 bags will be distributed on Dec. 10 to all 21 SCDC institutions across the state.

Details:

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019

Saint Andrews Baptist Church

230 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members of the media interested in covering the preparations should contact Chrysti Shain, (803) 413-8206, or Clark Newsom, (803) 351-2683.

