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Terry Barnard Reappointed

Board Member Terry Barnard has been reappointed to a 7-year term and took the oath from new Governor Nathan Deal January 18, 2011. Former Governor Sonny Perdue reappointed Barnard December 31, 2010.

Barnard had been previously appointed by Perdue to the Board in May of 2010. (full story on page 3)



Board Member Terry Barnard and Governor Nathan Deal following the swearing-in ceremony January 18, 2011

Dear Parole Board Teammates:

In the past six months we have completed a great deal of good work together and as you know, there's much more left to do as we embark on 2011. This New Year will bring even more change to our agency that will require much of us. We have a new Governor who along with our entire state, faces a great many challenges and we must do what not only is required of us, but all that we can to ensure those challenges are met.

These first six months have reinforced my belief that we have an extraordinary team of professionals working at the Parole Board. I have said it before and will say it again. "No one does it better than you!" The Georgia Parole Board is considered a top paroling authority because of the work you do.

My Board colleagues and I are proud of the great work you are doing!

Of course there is always room to improve and changing times will continue to present challenges and opportunities.

We must look at our processes continuously and ensure they are the best. The public expects it and we owe the public nothing less than putting our best foot forward.

I am very encouraged by the work of our Interoperability Process Action Teams. I'm convinced by working together with the Department of Corrections, we will optimize resources, improve operations and processes, and enhance public safety. What we're trying to do is close the seams, eliminating opportunities for offenders to slip through cracks in the system and commit more crimes. By sharing information, resources and ideas, both departments will become stronger law enforcement partners.

Professional improvement is another area of focus. Look for new opportunities that will be presented to you to grow, learn and develop professionally. We want to be a "learning organization," and in doing so, increase individual opportunities for you.

Finally, 2010 was an extraordinary year. While we have had changes in

leadership and responsibilities, we have adjusted nicely and the department continues to perform at a very high level. Inside this issue, we highlight many of those changes and much of the activity from the last six months.

Again I say, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve with you, and you make me proud to be a part of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles team.



General James E. Donald
Chairman

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New Director of Clemency

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles has selected Melodee Stewart as the agency's new Director of Clemency and Parole Selection. Stewart's appointment is effective February 16, 2011.

Stewart was promoted from the position of Central Region Director. Since January 2005, she has had the responsibility of supervising eight Chief Parole Officers in a 27 county area with oversight of these offices and approximately 90 parole officers and support staff. During her career she has served in many important capacities including, Chief Parole Officer, Assistant Chief Parole Officer, Metro Region Area Supervisor, Assistant Director of Field Operations and as DeKalb Parole Center Administrator. Stewart began her career with parole as a parole officer in 1985, after working with state probation.

Director of Parole Michael Nail says Stewart is ready for this challenge.

"I know Melodee's accomplishments and we need her leadership in the Clemency Division," says Nail. "This is a critically important function of our agency and we face many challenges as we work to assist the Department of Corrections with population management while maintaining our core mission of public safety. Melodee has established herself as a great leader. She knows criminal justice and will be a great asset in her new role," continued Nail.

The Clemency Division is responsible for the parole process, beginning with the offender's case being investigated, resulting in the offender's file being reviewed by the Board to determine whether to grant parole.



Director of Clemency
Melodee Stewart

Vice Chair Murray Honored by Former Agency

Parole Board Vice Chairman Albert Murray returned to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in December, where he served as the agency's commissioner for more than six years. Murray was honored by the DJJ Board with a proclamation and a plaque as the agency's longest serving commissioner.

Murray's tenure as the department's commissioner is the longest in that agency's history. Murray was appointed to the post in January 2004 and served there until he was appointed again by former Governor Sonny Perdue to the State Board of Pardons and Paroles in May of last year.

Murray was elected vice chairman of the Parole Board shortly after his appointment and began serving in that role July 1, 2010.

Included in Murray's many accomplishments as Commissioner of DJJ is an accredited school pro-

gram, new and strengthened community programs and a newly created victim advocacy component. A major accomplishment as

Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice was the completion of all requirements for the release from the agency's memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice on May 05, 2009, ending eleven years of federal oversight.



Vice Chairman Murray with DJJ Board members Dr. Ed Risler (left) and Daniel Shuman.

Board Member Terry Barnard Reappointed **continued**

Barnard's new term of office will expire December 31, 2017.

Barnard says he's certainly excited about continuing his service on the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"I feel as if I've had the advantage of six months already on the job as I enter this full term. The work and decisions made by the Board are so vitally important and I am committed to ensuring we do our best to keep the public safe. In the past six months I've been able to meet with staff across the state and I have come to understand just how important

they are to the clemency process and to the supervision of offend-

ward to continuing my service."

Barnard served nearly sixteen years in the Georgia House of Representatives prior to his appointment to the Board. He was chairman of the State Institutions and Property Committee for six years. During his legislative tenure, Barnard shepherded every bill introduced that impacted the Department of Corrections.

Parole Board Chairman James Donald says of Barnard, "He's as knowledgeable as anyone regarding Georgia's correctional issues and he's certainly a valuable member of the Board."



Board Member Terry Barnard is sworn in by Governor Nathan Deal. Barnard's Assistant Susan Ruthven holds his Bible.

ers in our communities. The Board is working on improving our operations and I look for-

CONS (Clemency Online Navigation System)

The switch was thrown as planned December 14, 2010, and the new Clemency Online Navigation System or CONS was deployed. This allowed the agency to pull the plug on OTIS (Offender Tracking Information System). The timing was significant, as the agency avoided another annual fee for utilizing the state's mainframe, a cost of \$8.7 million.

CONS will enable the old paper driven business processes, to include thousands of paper offender files, to eventually be replaced by electronic data and a document management system. As a result, all business processes concerning offender file preparation will be improved.

CONS has been in development since 2007 at a cost of \$3.6 million, but long-term, the system will mean more efficient use of agency resources, saving taxpayer dollars. Part of the CONS system upgrade was paid for through grant funds. Enhancements and additional functionality will continue to be developed in CONS through this calendar year.

As with any new system, there are issues that are being worked out, according to Walt Davis, who is a special Board assistant with CONS' continued implementation as his immediate and primary focus.



Board Member Gale Buckner reviews information using CONS.

Davis says, "It was exciting to make the change. We processed the first release in the system the same day it went live, that's remarkable. This is such a major change in the way the Board has operated."

Joint Operations Enhance Public Safety

With public safety as its top priority, the Parole Board is increasing efforts to work side by side with all law enforcement.

In order to combat crime and quickly arrest parole violators, parole officers are teaming with their fellow law enforcement partners at the local, state and federal levels to conduct sweeps in metro and rural areas of Georgia.



Parole Officer Shekevia Hawkins of the North Fulton Parole Office searches a suspect during a joint operation with Atlanta Police and State Probation December 9, 2010.

In the metro Atlanta area, two such operations occurred in December. Operation SNOWMAN (Sex Offenders

Near Or Wandering Metro Atlanta Neighborhoods) was conducted December 1-3, 2010. Snowman consisted of more than 100 officers from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Fulton and Clayton County

Sheriff's Offices, the Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. The purpose was two-fold; locating and arresting individuals who have failed to stay in compliance with the law requiring sex offenders to register with law enforcement officials and to conduct compliance checks to make sure those registered were not in violation, specifically those offenders on parole or probation. 28 arrests were made during the three-day operation including that of a convicted sex offender found with an adolescent female during a check of his residence. South Metro Chief Parole Officer Ken Morrow led Paroles' participation of more than 40 officers.

The Parole Board joined forces with Probation and the Atlanta Police Department for a weeklong operation, December 7-14, 2010, targeting so-called "hot spots" in the city. 248 people were arrested, including 100 convicted felons, 14 of which were parolees. Atlanta Police Chief George Turner said he appreciated the state giving its resources and called the partnership, "a valuable tool in our arsenal to fight crime." The operation was the APD's response to a series of burglaries, robberies and a murder in November. Parole Board Chairman James Donald stated, "We all have a share of responsibility to do all we can to protect



Parole Board Chairman James Donald addresses the troops for the December operation involving Parole, Probation and the Atlanta Police Department.

our citizens." Parole's command staff for the operation consisted of South Metro Chief Parole Officer (CPO) Ken Morrow, North Fulton CPO Felicia Holloway, South Metro Assistant Chief Parole Officer (ACPO) Chris Washington and North Fulton ACPO Keir Chapple. Parole officers assisted in the location and arrest of one of Atlanta's Most Wanted (cont. next page)

Parole Joins Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement for Public Safety

Fugitives during the seven day sweep. Parole Officer Josh Thompson, a member of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFT) led the arrest team.

“Operation Joining Forces” took place December 16, 2010, as the Lawrenceville Parole Office and the Gwinnett County Police Department

conducted a one-night operation. Four offenders were arrested for parole violations. One offender was arrested for probation violations. Chief Carrie Goldring and five other officers participated. Also on December 16, the Griffin Parole Office assisted state probation and the Spalding County Sheriff’s Department in a compliance sweep of the

county’s 140 registered sex offenders. Assistant Chief Parole Officer Terry Williams and two officers participated. No parolees were found to be in violation or were arrested.

Law enforcement in many areas of the state targeted sex offender compliance before and during Halloween.

In Walker County, parole and probation officers joined forces with the Sheriff’s Department and U.S. Marshals Service to check residences and supervision compliance for sex offenders living in the county October 14, 2010. Four arrests were made during “Operation Candy Corn,” including two parolees. Chief Parole Officer Harris Childers and officers from the LaFayette Parole Office were involved. Similar compliance checks were held across the state during the Halloween weekend. Halloween provides an opportunity for sex offenders to become acquainted with children, who their parents are and where they live. That’s why sex offenders on parole are not allowed to decorate or in anyway entice children to their residence.



Lawrenceville Parole Officers prepare for “Operation Joining Forces,” with Gwinnett County Police. (left to right in the forefront are Chandrika Derricho, Kimberly Brown, ACPO James Smith and Colleen Manthe)

LaGrange Chief Andy Zimmerman led the LaGrange Parole Office in an arrest sweep operation with the LaGrange Police Department December 10, 2010. The operation resulted in the arrest of a parolee, suspected of robbery, who had barricaded himself in a hotel room.

Macon Chief Tami Stubbs led her district in “Operation Big Ten,” from September 13-22, 2010. Parole’s responsibility was to provide assistance to

the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. The multi-agency operation resulted in 62 arrests.

“Operation Marshal Matt Dillon,” was conducted January 18, 2011 and involved the Marietta Parole Office, State Probation and the Cobb County Sheriff’s Department. Chief Parole Officer Alan Smith says the sex offender compliance sweep resulted in 61 residence

verifications. Eight arrests were made for offenses to include failing to register as a sex offender, violation of probation, and drug charges.

“We all have a share of responsibility to do all we can to protect our citizens.” - Chairman James Donald



Chief Parole Officer Harris Childers (center) and LaFayette Parole Officers coordinate with Walker County authorities and the U.S. Marshals Service on Operation Candy Corn.

PAOG AWARDS: Kimner Top Parole Officer

Senior Parole Officer Chris Kimner is this year's Parole Officer of the Year. The announcement came at the Parole Association of Georgia's (PAOG) annual awards luncheon November 19, 2010. Kimner was among ten Parole Board employees honored by the PAOG.

Kimner joined the Parole Board in 2007. He is a member of the

Metro Regional Arrest Team and serves as the Arrest Team Coordinator for the South Metro Parole Office. By executing warrants and searches this past year the team has seized approximately \$69,000 in drug money, more than \$3,000 in counterfeit money, and nearly \$230,000 worth of illegal drugs. Parole Board Chairman James Donald praised Kimner as a top officer saying he definitely, "walks the walk."

In addition to Kimner, regional employees of the year were announced. They are:

James Smith, Metro Region Employee of the Year, Lawrenceville Parole Office; Bobbie Jo Wilson, Central Region Employee of the Year, Thomaston Parole Office; Andrew Wheeler, Northeast Region Employee of the Year, Jefferson Parole Office; David McBrayer, Northwest Region Employee of the Year, Carrollton Parole Office;

Mary Pearce, Southwest Region Employee of the Year, Valdosta Parole Office and Darryl McGee, Southeast Region Employee of the Year, Southeast Regional Office, Savannah. McGee was recently promoted to regional director for the Southeast. Additionally, three other awards were announced. They are:



Parole Chairman James Donald and Officer of the Year Chris Kimner, South Metro Parole Office

Charles "Ron" Moore, Distinguished Service Award Post Certified, Marietta Parole Office; Kitty Ulmer, Distinguished Service Award Non-Post Certified,

Central Office, Atlanta and Bea Blankenship, Central Office Employee of the Year, Executive Operations, Atlanta.

The PAOG is a training organization supporting the employees of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.



Kitty Ulmer and Barb Stayton, Director of Investigations and Compliance

Dalton Reentry Program, Project D.E.S.T.I.N.Y. Recognized for Success

The Parole Association of Georgia honored the Dalton re-entry program, Project D.E.S.T.I.N.Y., at the organization's annual luncheon. Project Destiny Director Mildred Patterson received the PAOG's Volunteer Service Award. Project Destiny (Dalton Entering Servanthood to Inspire a New You) assists parolees from Whitfield and Murray counties as they transition back to the community by providing services such as contacts for local employers, medical providers, food banks and churches.

Project Destiny celebrated its 3rd anniversary October 28, 2010. Parole Board Chairman James Donald was among those attending the event. The non-profit organization consists of about 30 local faith-based and civic groups and works closely with the Dalton Parole Office and Chief Beverly Parker.

(See related story page 8, "Board to Expand Faith Based Initiatives.")



Parole Vice Chairman Albert Murray and Project Destiny Director Mildred Patterson at the PAOG Awards

Parole Employees Nominated for APPA, Public Safety

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles had four nominations considered by the American Probation and Parole Association for the organizations' 2011 winter awards program. Although the APPA's four awards will go elsewhere when they are presented this spring, Georgia's nominations were excellent, according to Director of Parole Michael Nail.

"We have excellent people and teams at the Parole Board who are deserving of this recognition," says Nail. In fact, while being notified of the, "*better luck next year*," by the APPA, the association called the Georgia nominations "excellent" and encouraged us to resubmit them again next year.

Two nominations were for parole teams. Nominated were the Adairsville Parole Office and the South Metro Parole Office Arrest Team, both in the category of Community Crime Prevention.

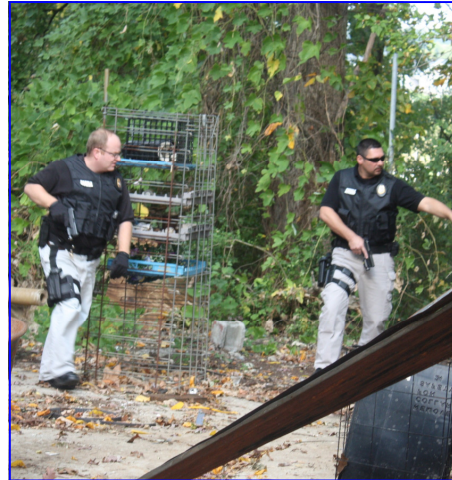
The Adairsville Parole Office nomination cited increased

collaboration with local law enforcement to combat crime. Bartow County Sheriff Clark Millsap called the nomination, "well deserved," and stated, "In my ten years as Sheriff, we have never had the level of commitment to public safety and inter-agency cooperation as we do now. The level of commitment demonstrated by the Adairsville Parole office has extraordinarily enhanced public safety in Bartow County, Georgia."

The South Metro Parole Office Arrest Team nomination cited recent drug and weapons seizures as they worked with other law enforcement arresting parole violators and other fugitives. Approximately \$69 thousand in drug money has been seized as well as \$230 thousand in illegal drugs, estimated street value. Each team member also carries a parolee caseload and works to successfully transition those offenders back into the community.

Two other nominations were forwarded to the APPA by parole staff recognizing programs operated

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South Metro Arrest Team in action: Shown are Senior Parole Officer Andrew Rieken (left) and Chief Parole Officer Ken Morrow.

in the community.

The "Extension" is a residential drug treatment facility in Cobb County, nominated by the Marietta Parole Office and "Project Destiny," a community based re-entry program in Dalton assisting parolees and probationers as they are released from prison, was nominated by the Dalton Parole Office. Each parole office works closely with the programs helping offenders.

Two parole officers were considered for the Governor's Public Safety Awards last fall. Senior Parole Officer Gerald Horsley with the DeKalb County Parole Office and Rome Senior Parole Officer Jody Black were both nominated. A third nomination was submitted, recognizing the South Metro Parole Office.

Director Nail thanked those who placed the nominations.

"I truly appreciate our staff wanting to recognize the excellent colleagues they have and the work they do."



Board Chairman James Donald with Dalton Parole Chief Beverly Parker, Project Destiny Director Mildred Patterson and Guest Speaker Ivey Webb at the program's 3rd anniversary. Webb, an Offender Workforce Development Specialist, is a former state inmate.

Board to Expand Faith Based Initiatives

The Parole Board is hoping to use Project Destiny as a model to expand faith based programs in Georgia to assist parolees and probationers as they leave prison and re-enter society.

Board Chairman James Donald says the best chance for success is to make the transition from prison to the community as "seamless" as possible. Donald says, "I strongly believe our work with Faith and Community Based organizations is making a difference in the lives of offenders. It takes an entire community to help an offender succeed and the more support we get helps make Georgia a safer state."

As a result, December 16, 2010, the Board and Department of

Corrections hosted members of the Macon Reentry Coalition at State Offices South on the Tift Campus in Forsyth. The coalition consists of law enforcement, faith and community based organizations and elected officials from Macon and Bibb County. The meeting was held to support

and strengthen the coalition by adding resources available through the faith based community.

Coalition Chairman Kevin Mason stated, "We need the Faith Based Community," and he added, "Together we make a difference."

Jerome Patillo offered his testimonial to the group. Patillo, incarcerated for 34 years in the Georgia prison system, said, "The Faith Community wouldn't give up on us." Patillo says it was through faith and services provided, that he has been able to be successful. He works now as a traffic operations technician with the Georgia Department of Transportation.



Parole Board Chairman James Donald speaks with State Representative Bubber Epps (center) and Joe Wingo, CEO of Angel Food Ministries.

Parole Team Finally Wins the Big One!



Hearing Examiners Joe McAdoo and Scott Reaves with former Governor Sonny Perdue and COO Trey Childress

For the first time the Parole Board had staff recognized for customer service at the annual customer service awards ceremony last October.

State Board of Pardons and Paroles Hearing Examiners Joe McAdoo and Scott Reaves were among sixteen teams or individuals who received statewide

recognition during Team Georgia's Fourth Annual Governor's Customer Service Awards. The event was held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

McAdoo and Reaves were recognized for Team Excellence receiving the award based on their streamlined Parole Eligibility Date project that has saved the state millions of dollars since its inception in December 2010.

The parole team developed an improved process for more efficiently managing the parole eligibility dates (PED) for a small category of mostly low level, non-violent inmates. The total potential cost avoidance to the state as a result of the

PED project is estimated to exceed \$12.5 million through a reduction in incarceration costs.

McAdoo and Reaves were also recognized by the State Personnel Board and awarded \$2,500 each through the State Employees Suggestion Program as a result of the PED project.



Lawrenceville Parole Chief Carrie Goldring was honored in 2010 with a Governor's Commendation for Customer Service.

Serving Our State and Country

McCall and other Parole Staff Protect our Safety and Freedom

Captain Mark A. McCall was first ordered to active duty as part of the Georgia Army National Guard on February 10, 2007. McCall is still on active duty now serving his third tour in Afghanistan. McCall is one of six full time Parole Board employees currently deployed.

When McCall's not serving our country he is a Senior Parole Officer (SPO) in the Hartwell office. McCall began his career with the Parole Board in 1994.

During McCall's first tour, he and other members of "Team Georgia" began training the Afghan National Police in the volatile southern region in the Uruzgan Province. During this tour, McCall was awarded the Combat Action Badge as his unit was involved in several firefights.

Back home in May, 2008, (2nd tour) CPT McCall was assigned to help train Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. CPT McCall's second deploy-

ment to Afghanistan was with the 1-108 Cavalry Squadron, headquartered in Calhoun, GA. The squadron was one of Georgia's first units of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to deploy, in April 2009. At times the squadron was scattered throughout dangerous areas of Afghanistan, fighting beside Afghan Army and Police units.

During this tour, McCall also assisted in setting up an Operational Coordination Center (OCC) near Kabul and during the Afghan Presidential election in 2009, he was stationed at the OCC in 12 hour shifts often dealing with insurgents as they tried to disrupt the election. During this tour, he also worked to get several civil affairs small scale infrastructure projects done.

After nearly eleven months in Afghanistan, the 1-108 CAV returned to Ft. Stewart, Georgia, on March 1, 2010, for demobilization.

After exhausting leave by spending time with family and friends

in rural Elbert County, CPT McCall returned to Afghanistan last July. Currently, he is working for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District-North (AED-N). AED-N currently is charged with building hundreds of projects in Northern and Eastern Afghanistan, to include Afghan Army posts, Afghan Police and Border Police stations, US and NATO Military Construction Projects (such as bunkers, hangars and runways) and certain road projects.

There are 66 parole board employees with military service, retired, prior or current.

Also deployed are:

SPO Russell Bloodworth, Eatonton, U.S. Army, Afghanistan

SPO Joseph Braswell, Thomas-ton, Army, Ft. Dix, NJ

SPO Richard Croley, DeKalb, Army, Ft. Knox, KY

SPO Curtis Ward, South Metro, Army, Afghanistan

SPO Reginald Warren, Griffin, Army, Afghanistan



Hartwell SPO Mark McCall as Captain McCall serving in Afghanistan.



Capt. McCall got this tractor running. (Insert-"Likes to drive anything!")



2010 Veterans Day Ceremony:

Brigadier General (R) Stewart Rodeheaver, Major General (R) James Donald and Department of Corrections Commissioner Brian Owens at Tift, State Offices South.

CPOF Assists Injured Parole Employee

Hearing Examiner George Walker's recovery has been remarkable especially considering the severe injuries he suffered when attacked last July. Walker suffered extensive head injuries among other injuries during the attack that was apparently not related to his job with the Parole Board. A suspect has been charged in the case.

Walker, is back working but continues his rehabilitation. He was able to join colleagues, friends and family at the Parole Board October 7, 2010 where he received a cash assistance award from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation's (CPOF) Catastrophic Assistance Program. Parole's Human Resources Director Jesse Johnson completed the necessary paperwork to seek the monetary assistance, after Julie Harnage of the Department of Corrections heard of the attack and contacted Johnson.

Walker was "overwhelmed" by the outpouring of support from his fellow workers. He called his parole colleagues, "superheroes," as he described his amazement at how they had taken the safety of their

officers so seriously. Walker's whereabouts were unknown in the days following the attack and parole staff searched for him before locating him in Grady Hospital in Atlanta. Staff also assisted his family during the few weeks that followed and often stayed at his bedside as he recovered.

CPO Foundation Board member Don Dease and Field Representative Judy Dease presented the check to Walker. The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation is a

non-profit organization that assists correctional employees at the local, state and federal levels including parole employees. As in Walker's case, the CPO may provide assistance to non-members as well.



(l-r) Derrick Schofield, former Assistant Commissioner, Dept. of Corrections, Ava Walker, George Walker, Rowen Walker, Don Dease, Judy Dease, Board Vice Chair Albert Murray, Board Member Robert Keller and Director of Parole Michael Nail.

Parolee Answers Call to Service

Parolee Willie Alexander is serving a life sentence, and he's making the most of it by helping others at the Good News at Noon Center in Gainesville.

The shelter and community center prepares meals and distributes food and clothing to



Willie Alexander discusses his experiences and role at the Good News at Noon Center at the January 8, 2011, "With a Servant's Heart" event. New First Lady Sandra Deal to right.

those in need.

Alexander has been at the shelter since being paroled in 2008, says Pastor Edward Grant, Center Director.

"He has the kind of character we like to instill in others," says Grant.

Good News at Noon was one of many locations in Georgia, Governor-elect Nathan Deal

chose to call Georgians to a day of service as part of his inauguration activities. First Lady Sandra Deal and Lt. Governor Casey Cagle were among those attending along with volunteers who helped sort food, restock and clean the center.

Alexander supervises individuals ordered to do community service at the center and mentors others.

Parole Officer Dale Williams supervises Alexander. "He has earned the respect of those who volunteer and support Good News at Noon," says Williams.

Holidays are for Helping

There's nothing more associated with the holidays than those who are fortunate giving back and helping

for needy teenagers in the Whitfield County area in October and November.



The District 34, LaFayette Parole Office, participated in Toys for Tots in conjunction with the Georgia State Patrol and with the Fraternal Order of Police, in the "Cops and Kids Christmas" event.

The Cairo Parole Office adopted two families in the area for Christmas and purchased gifts for the children.

Left, Board Chair James Donald and Board Member Robert Keller (center) and Parole Director Michael Nail (far right), join central office staff around the tree with donations of toys for the Toys for Tots Drive and food items.

those less fortunate. Again in 2010, parole employees gave from the heart to include hundreds of toys for deserving children during the annual Toys for Tots Drive. Central Office employees donated several hundred toys during the drive.

Additionally, a Central Office push was made to help put food on the table for those in need. The December canned food drive resulted in 316 pounds of non-perishable food items. The food was donated and delivered to the Atlanta Community food Bank December 22, 2010 just in time for the Christmas holiday.

Parole staff across the state were equally as giving.

The Dalton Parole Office participated in the "Share the Warmth" project in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and Whitfield County Schools. Dalton staff donated blankets, sweatshirts, gloves, scarves and socks to the project



Above, the Cairo Parole Office sends staff-donated-gifts to children of families in their area.

Left to right above; Parole Officer Judy Ethredge, Secretary Peggy Paramore and Parole Officer Ron Mastaes.



Above, Parole Victim Services staff, left to right are; Beverly New, Diane Wallace, Lisa Brown and Destiny Brown.

Food Drive photo: Public Affairs Director Steve Hayes and Bea Blankenship, Assistant to Director Nail.

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Our Mission

To enhance public safety by making informed parole decisions and successfully transitioning offenders back into the community.

Our Vision

A parole system that leads to a safe Georgia.

Our Core Values

We value Ethics, Integrity, Fairness and Honesty.

Promotions, Retirements & Announcements

LaVonda Storey promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer, Lawrenceville Parole Office, effective February 1, 2011.

Reginald Huley selected for the position of Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Monroe Parole Office effective January 18, 2011.

Larry Morgan selected as the Chief Parole Officer for the Savannah Parole Office effective October 16, 2010.

Darryl McGee promoted to the Regional Director of the Southeast Region effective October 1, 2010.

Brenda Locklear promoted to the Assistant Chief Parole Officer in the Brunswick Parole Office effective November 16, 2010.

Crystal Moon promoted to Hearing Examiner effective November 16, 2010.

James Griffin retired October 1, 2010, Chief Parole Officer, Atlanta Investigations, with 30 years of service.

James Hill promoted to Hearing Examiner effective December 1, 2010. Hill was previously a Senior Parole Officer.

Marshal Smith, Investigator, November 2010 Central Office Customer Service award winner. Smith retired December 1, 2010 with 10 years of service.

Deloris Jones retired October 1, 2010, Parole Investigator, Savannah Parole Office, with 33 years of service.

Assistant Chief Parole Office James Smith, Lawrenceville Parole Office, has been assigned to the DEA Strike Force effective January 1, 2011.

Craig Crazier promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer for the Dalton Parole Office effective January 1, 2011.

Paula O'Neal promoted to Chief Parole Officer for the Jesup Parole Office effective November 1, 2010.

Kathy Pike, Clemency Division, Secretary, is the September 2010 Central Office Customer Service award winner.

Jennie Hammett, Interstate Compact, is the October 2010 Central Office Customer Service award winner.

Matthew Ellis promoted to Assistant Chief Parole Officer, Gainesville Parole Office, effective February 16, 2011.

William Anderson retired July 1, 2010, Parole Investigator, Atlanta, with 27 years of service.

Lilian Reeves retired November 1, 2010, Parole Investigator, GD & CC, with 25 years of service.

Daryl Boatwright retired November 1, 2010, Senior Parole Officer, South Metro Parole Office, with 27 years of service.

Robert Henson retired November 1, 2010, Senior Parole Officer, Columbus Parole Office, with 24 years of service.

Gail Buford retired December 1, 2010, Computer Systems Analyst, Northeast Region Office, with 34 years of service.

Paul Richardson retired December 1, 2010, Mental Health Counselor, Jonesboro Parole Office, with 21 years of service.

Christopher Abbe retired December 1, 2010 as Regional Director, Northeast Region, after 17 years of service.

Janice Flanagan retired January 1, 2011, Secretary, Gainesville Parole Office, with 27 years of Service.

Jimi Williams promoted to Hearing Examiner effective November 16, 2010. Previously Assistant Chief Parole Officer.