



Pamunkey Regional Jail
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Adopt-A-Family Program Continued for Seventh Straight Year

For Immediate Release: The spirit of giving is alive and well this holiday season at the Pamunkey Regional Jail, as jail staff collected gifts to include clothing, toys, and bicycles and a holiday meal, to deliver this week to less fortunate families in Hanover, Caroline and Ashland. The gift ideas are based on the requests made by the adopted families.

“I was somewhat concerned this year with the way the economy is going, that we would have to scale back or cancel the program this year, but the officers and employees of the jail came through in a big way. Our staff still enjoys the opportunity to give something back,” said Colonel James C. Willett, CJM, CCM, the Jail’s Superintendent.

This program is just one part of a continuing effort by the Pamunkey Regional Jail to reach out to the citizens and communities that it serves, and help revolutionize the public’s perception of jails in general.

The jail established an Adopt a Family program in 2002, where the jail works in conjunction with county Social Services Departments and the Christmas Mother during the time of year to identify less fortunate families that have children. The officers and staff at the jail then “adopt” those families and begin to provide needed assistance. During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Jail staff, with assistance from Keefe Commissary, provided each family with a Thanksgiving dinner to include a turkey with all of the trimmings.

These gifts were delivered to each family on December 22, 2008.



Superintendent James Willett (wearing white), and some staff of the Pamunkey Regional Jail.