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## *Corrections News*

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### **Boonville Correctional Center raises money for local pantry**

As a way of “giving back,” offenders in Boonville Correctional Center’s (BCC) Restorative Justice program recently raised \$540 for The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri located in Columbia.

Darren White, food bank Buddy Pack coordinator, accepted the donation Thursday at BCC. The money will go toward the food bank’s Buddy Pack program, which helps local, underprivileged students.

Offenders in the Missouri Department of Corrections’ (DOC) Restorative Justice program participate in various activities that involve charitable contributions. Deputy Warden of Offender Management Rebecca Ehlers, said Restorative Justice is a way for inmates to “alleviate some of the pain that they have caused.”

“The idea is for the offenders to be able to do something that will help society in return for the things they took from society,” Ehlers said.

She added that the program benefits the offenders as well.

“It offers a sense of worth, rebuilds confidence, and values in the offenders,” Ehlers explained.

The offenders chose to assist the food bank’s Buddy Pack program as a way to help community children in need.

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