



Season's Greetings

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Combined Campaign

You hear about it each year, you are asked to donate, but you may still be wondering "What is the 2008 Employees Combined Campaign?"

The Employees Combined Campaign is a charitable campaign where city employees have a choice in giving to a variety of charitable organizations. The charitable campaign allows you to select organizations whose missions, programs and services are aligned with your personal values and experiences.

When employees participate in the annual campaign, they choose an employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective way to support their favorite charities. And the charities who participate are also winners, because with the Employees Combined Campaign doing the fundraising, they have more time and resources to do what they do best – helping people. Thirteen umbrella organizations representing over 3,500 charities participate in the annual campaign, offering city employees a wide range of options.

The theme this year is "Philagenerosity...Celebrating 25 years of Giving." The City of Philadelphia leads all major cities in the United States in charitable giving by its employees. The First Judicial District is a major part of that tradition and has consistently supported the City Employees' effort through the Combined Campaign.

This year the Campaign set its goal at raising \$1.4 million for the recipient organizations. The First Judicial District goal is \$75,000 and we are asking our donors to help us exceed that amount.



FJD Combined Campaign Co-Chair, **Lee Swiacki**, accepts pledge cards from **Joanne Harris** (Center) and **Jackie Baione** of the Budget and Fiscal Office.



Jacqueline Browne APPD Supervisor of Training & Staff Development

Jackie Browne's Survivor Story

Right before Christmas of 1995, I discovered a lump in my right breast. It goes without saying that the holidays were not very joyful as I awaited the results of various tests. Right after New Year's Day I received the diagnosis. I had breast cancer. The location of the lump required that I undergo a complete Mastectomy, followed by chemotherapy and radiation. I had a cousin who was a breast cancer survivor and she was involved with the Safe Circle Program, a support and breast health education group that is sponsored by The Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation. The Linda Creed Foundation provides information, support, and breast health workshops while advocating for increased funding for breast cancer research. They also assisted uninsured women in obtaining free mammograms. For me, this organization provided a network of breast cancer survivors who shared their experiences and provided helpful information and suggestions for dealing with my cancer treatment. I eventually became a member of Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation's Safe Circle Program. This allowed me to give back to the community by providing breast health information and support at health fairs, meetings, churches, and elsewhere. The Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation is a wonderful organization made up of knowledgeable and caring individuals who want to see an end to a terrible disease. Founded and named in memory of the late song writer Linda Creed, who succumbed to breast cancer after a ten year battle, the Foundation is an invaluable resource for women fighting this disease and the families and friends fighting with them.

2007 FJD Blood Drive: Another Life-Saving Event

Up to 270 Lives Saved



Blood Drive Volunteers — Above, Back Row (l-r): **Russ Micciche, Ed Rementer, Darlene Servance, Teresa McNeal, Karen Leone, Claire Kelly, Cereta Diggs.** Front Row: **Bernadin McLaughlin, Christine Bleistine, Nancy Pollis, Jacqueline Browne.** Below top: **Gloria Woodard.** Below bottom: **Mike Kilgallon.** (Not pictured **Stan Chmielewski, Winnie Gilmore, Jeannie Purtell, Lee Swiacki, Jeff Travelina, Donna Brodzinski, Jennifer Kunze**)



The 2007 First Judicial District Blood Drive was another great success. More blood was collected this year than in any other since the first drive right after 9/11. More than 100 FJD donors appeared at courtroom 696 City Hall on August 7th and donated 90 pints of blood. The donations were especially important because the drive was held during the summer when there are usually severe shortages in Philadelphia-area blood supplies. But we've come to expect a generous response from FJD employees who always pitch in to help others in need. Aside from the donors, the successful drive was made possible by the Blood Drive Coordinators who worked very hard throughout the District to sign up donors and provide information.

Each pint of blood can be separated into three parts to serve different purposes for the many patients who rely on donations. The FJD employees' donations have the potential to help save 270 lives. The demand for blood is increasing at a rate of 6% each year, and you and your coworkers are helping to fulfill that need.



Reverse: READS Visits School

The READS Program could still use additional FJD employee volunteers at the City Hall group run by Bonnie O’Kane (6-6651) or the CJC group run by Carey Widman (3-7151)



READS — Top Row (l-r):Lestine Banks, Laura Paone; Middle Row: Norma McNeill, Gregory MacNamee; Bottom Row: Sara Witmayer, Jacqueline Courtney, and Francis DeMuro. As usual, the READS program activities produce smiles on the FJD Volunteers and students alike.

New Adult POs Sworn In

Photo by *Maurizio DeLisi*



A new class of Probation Officers finished up their training on Thursday, December 6th, when they received their certificates and badges from the **Chief PO Malvestuto**. Pictured (l-r) are: **Charles Sabo; Nancy Capuano, Michael Martell; Keith Nigro; Timothy Marren; William Ferguson; Mark Campetti; Tiffany Chavous; Arthur Campbell; Evelyn Ersek; Lindsay Burger; Michael Malkowski; Ayonna Shabazz; Amy Boice**

Probation Officers are considered by many to be at the heart of the juvenile and criminal courts operations. They represent the frontline of judicial services in our neighborhood communities. When judges order defendants to undergo counseling, provide community services, pay restitution, or respond to any other judicial order, probation officers will often make the needed arrangements and see to it that their clients take the appropriate steps; helping them to help themselves. In Juvenile Court,

the same conditions apply for children attending school. Probation Officers visit kids in their schools, check attendance, grades and behavior, and speak with counselors and other interested school officials to see that our young people are there and taking the opportunities open to them through their schooling.

In addition, Probation Officers perform these services many times over. The Adult Probation and Parole Department alone is managing a caseload of about 52,000 individuals.

Some of our Probation Officers visit clients in their homes and neighborhoods throughout the night and on weekends while most of the rest of us have off. And as if that weren't enough, over the years probation has also proven to be an effective means to fight crime and reduce recidivism. Defendants having completed a term of probation are less likely to be rearrested than those who have been incarcerated.

Probation Officers provide many more ser-

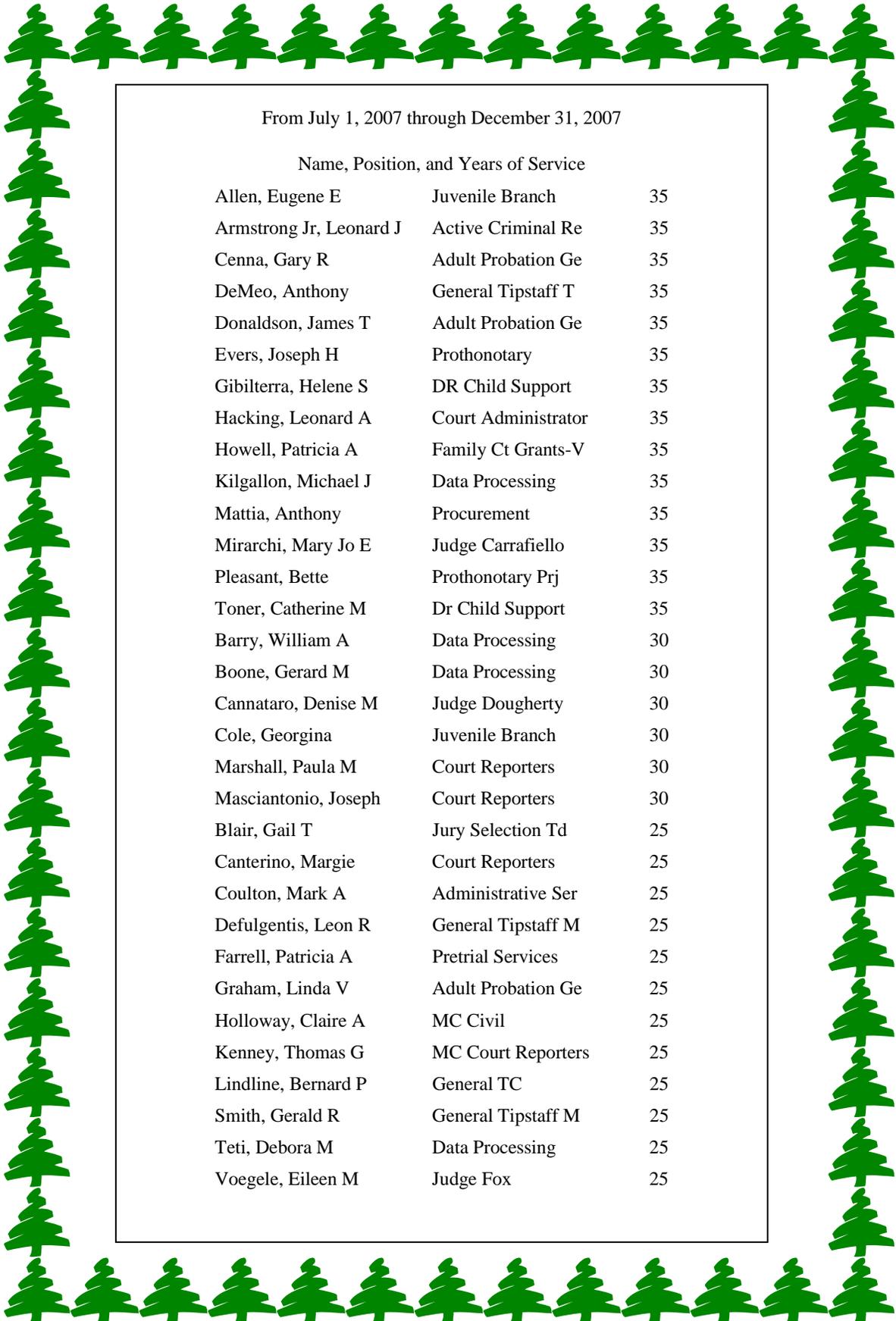
vices to the court and the community – too many to list in this space. It's always a good sign to see that new employees have decided to commit themselves to performing these and many other valuable services by becoming Probation Officers: another group of the many FJD employees without whom the courts would not function; without whom justice would not be served and served well.

Retirements



From July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007			
Name, Position, Retirement Date, and Years of Service			
Barber,Isaac T	Court Adm Ofcr 3	07/02/07	12
Edwards,Deborah T	Senior Court Reporter	07/06/07	36
Wojciechowski,Eve A	Psychologist	07/11/07	36
Rodriquez Sr,Michael A	P/T Warrant Sup 2	07/13/07	35
Shearer,Theodore J	Intake Intrvr	07/13/07	36
Willis,Florence P	Probation Ofcr 4	07/13/07	35
Menna,John L	Tipstaff 3 (General)	08/09/07	29
Carter,Albert	Probation Ofcr 2	08/10/07	18
Quinn,Norine F	Probation Ofcr 2	08/24/07	26
Peters,Betty J	Legal Clerk 2	09/07/07	26
Cole,Cureley A	Law Clerk 2	09/14/07	10
Broussard,Harriet D	Legal Clerk 4	09/17/07	34
Ford,Leonard S	Probation Ofcr 2	09/17/07	33
Kelly,Claire S	Court Adm Ofcr 2	09/21/07	36
Solomon,Peter	Probation Off. V (Un	09/21/07	35
Tyler,Patricia D	Procuremnt Tech 3	09/21/07	36
Eckhardt,George H	Probation Ofcr 5	10/05/07	34
Hodges,Peggy A	Acctg Tech II	10/05/07	28
Smith,Bonnie	Senior Court Reporter	10/05/07	19
Dell'Arciprete,Laura C	Legal Clerk 1	10/07/07	11
Matteo,Henry A	Probation Ofcr 2	11/02/07	37
Taggart,Boyd	Court Adm Ofcr 3	11/09/07	23
Kelm,William F	Procuremnt Tech 2	11/16/07	15
Speese Jr,John J	Legal Clerk 3	11/30/07	30
Wilkerson,Patricia J	Probation Ofcr 2	11/30/07	20
Falcone,Justin M	Tipstaff 1 (Jud)	12/14/07	1
Johnson,Thomas	Tipstaff 2 (Gen)	12/14/07	25
Lee,Lesley S	Probation Ofcr 4	12/14/07	34
Chestnut,Janet M	Court Adm Ofcr 1	12/21/07	23
Zimmerman,Robert D	Probation Ofcr 2	12/27/07	25
Blasi,Alice D	Tipstaff 2 (Jud)	12/31/07	10

Anniversaries 25+ Years



From July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

Name, Position, and Years of Service

Allen, Eugene E	Juvenile Branch	35
Armstrong Jr, Leonard J	Active Criminal Re	35
Cenna, Gary R	Adult Probation Ge	35
DeMeo, Anthony	General Tipstaff T	35
Donaldson, James T	Adult Probation Ge	35
Evers, Joseph H	Prothonotary	35
Gibilterra, Helene S	DR Child Support	35
Hacking, Leonard A	Court Administrator	35
Howell, Patricia A	Family Ct Grants-V	35
Kilgallon, Michael J	Data Processing	35
Mattia, Anthony	Procurement	35
Mirarchi, Mary Jo E	Judge Carrafiello	35
Pleasant, Bette	Prothonotary Prj	35
Toner, Catherine M	Dr Child Support	35
Barry, William A	Data Processing	30
Boone, Gerard M	Data Processing	30
Cannataro, Denise M	Judge Dougherty	30
Cole, Georgina	Juvenile Branch	30
Marshall, Paula M	Court Reporters	30
Masciantonio, Joseph	Court Reporters	30
Blair, Gail T	Jury Selection Td	25
Canterino, Margie	Court Reporters	25
Coulton, Mark A	Administrative Ser	25
Defulgentis, Leon R	General Tipstaff M	25
Farrell, Patricia A	Pretrial Services	25
Graham, Linda V	Adult Probation Ge	25
Holloway, Claire A	MC Civil	25
Kenney, Thomas G	MC Court Reporters	25
Lindline, Bernard P	General TC	25
Smith, Gerald R	General Tipstaff M	25
Teti, Debora M	Data Processing	25
Voegele, Eileen M	Judge Fox	25

APPD Visits Eastern State Penitentiary

Some employees of the Adult Probation and Parole Department visited Eastern State Penitentiary recently, and luckily, photographer **Bernadette Penn** brought her camera. Eastern State is known as a penitentiary and it's perhaps the first institution in America to be called such. The name penitentiary was derived from the word "penitent," and the supporters of the program run at the prison thought that it would make the inmates sorry for having committed their crimes. The program was based on work and solitary isolation leaving each inmate to their thoughts alone in their cells. They even exercised alone in small spaces provided for each cell. As some of the photos show, even accounting for the effects of years of neglect, the place looks like it would have made the inmates sorry for being there. This de-

spite the fact that the alternative penal philosophy at the time included a combination of work and physical punishment.

Photos by **Bernadette Penn**



READS: FJD Volunteers & Friends Celebrate

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Philadelphia READS Kicks Off Another Year

In November, Abigail Vare first graders were front and center to a courtroom drama which would ultimately decide whether school should be open year-round or remain open only 10 months out of the year. Jury Commissioner Roger Gordon guided each student in their chosen role as DA, Public Defender, Juror, Witness, Court Clerk and Judge. Jurors overwhelmingly decided (10-2) in favor of the Defense. School will remain open year-round. Also in November, the Abigail Vare School was the recipient of a \$1000 book grant from the City of Philadelphia on behalf of the FJD's continued dedication and commitment to the Philadelphia READS Program. The grant will be used to buy new books for the school's library.

In December, Coach **Linda Mingo** read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the

students at the annual READS Christmas Pizza Party. Students received books and other gifts from their coaches and enjoyed candy canes and other holiday treats. Students painted hand print pictures for their coaches in appreciation for their help. A grab bag of holiday goodies was passed around for each student. Bruce the Spruce, the singing Christmas tree, brought laughter and holiday cheer to all.



READS — Top: young students participate in the hearing. Bottom left: Coach **Lorraine Moore** and student **Isabel Hargesheimer**. Coaches clockwise from left: **Monica DeCarlo, Denise Dennison, Alicia Gibbs and Deone Powell** (students (l-r) **Vincent Edwards, Conti Chambers, and Giana Cuevas**)

READS Volunteers

City Hall Group

Jacquelyn Courtney, Francis Demuro, Elsie Dove, Roe Figazzotto, Linda Griffin, Don Harris, Cassandra Hines, Diana Ianovale, Dave Lawrence, Edward LeSage, Yan Liu, Jacqueline Mansfield, Sandra Misko, Zanetta Moore-Driggers, Kim Nieves, Carla O'Shea, Josephine Patti, Tiara Register, Lillian Ryant-Davis, Laurie Sacerdote, Valerie Shotzbarger, Lilo Simpkins, Lee Swiacki, Desiree Vincent, Kathleen Waters, Angelina Williams, Linda Williams, Marilyn Young

CJC Group

Lutfiyyah Al-Amin, Rosemarie Bianco, Scott Booker, Nicole Coppola, Monica DeCarlo, Denise Dennison, James Domingo, Joyce Ferrero, Alicia Gibbs, John Godfrey, Henry Knox, Erin Loucks, Matthew Market, Linda Mingo, Michelle Montano, Lorraine Moore, Israel Morales, Marisol Morales, Mary Politano, Deone Powell, Samantha Riebow, Barry Stephenson, Sheryl Stepner, Desiree Warren