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David Wade Correctional Center Staff and Inmate Population to Package More Than 100,000 Meals for Children in Haiti

Volunteer effort highlights service and community partnership

HOMER, La. – The Department of Public Safety and Corrections is proud to share that David Wade Correctional Center (DWCC) will host a one-of-a-kind event on Friday, May 8, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., focused on providing meals to children overseas.

In partnership with the non-profit organization Feed My Starving Children, individuals who are incarcerated at the facility along with staff members will work together to package approximately 101,088 meals to support malnourished children in Haiti. This initiative reflects the Department's ongoing commitment to fostering goodwill, hope, and positive contributions to society through structured programming.

The Simple Church of Bossier City will begin the day with an optional on-site worship service for participants in the morning, followed by bag packing from noon to 4 p.m. Leadership from David Wade Correctional Center will be joined by community partners, faith-based leaders and guests who share a commitment to service and outreach.

"This event highlights the impact that can be achieved when individuals come together in service to others and to God," said Michele Dauzat, warden of David Wade Correctional Center. "It is an opportunity to reinforce the values of responsibility, compassion and community engagement."

Warden Dauzat added that the slogan chosen for participants' T-shirts is, "Serving turns sentences into second chances," which reflects the facility's focus on community service.

The facility has a notable history of providing meaningful opportunities to give back. Most recently, the institution auctioned inmate-handcrafted items, raising more than \$50,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additionally, the facility supports POP's Project, an initiative that promotes Alzheimer's and dementia awareness by allowing the inmate population to sew sensory items for patients.

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