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TO: Kansas Department of Corrections Staff  
CASA of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts  
Cowley County Safe Homes  
Family Crisis Center, Inc.  
Kansas Network of Visitation Providers  
LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center  
Sunflower House Child Abuse Prevention Center  
Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Rights Foundation

SUBJECT: KDOC Employees Raise Money for Victim Advocate Organizations in Support of Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Crime Victims' Rights Week was April 18 – 24 this year. To support fellow organizations throughout the state who serve crime victims, Kansas Department of Corrections employees raised \$1,940. The Office of Victim Services, OVS, invited KDOC facilities and parole regions to participate in a Jeans Day or Week to raise awareness and funds.

Organizations receiving the funds include:

**Court Appointed Special Advocate Associations (CASA of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts)** are nonprofit networks supporting and promoting court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.

**Cowley County Safe Homes, Inc.** provides operation of the 24-hour crisis line for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and non-residential services such as crisis counseling and advocacy.

The **Family Crisis Center, Inc.** in Great Bend provides advocacy and services to all survivors of domestic and sexual violence while encouraging social change through education

The **Kansas Network of Visitation Providers** provides Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange (Safe Havens) in 12 counties to support efforts to develop and enhance services for supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault and stalking.

The **LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center**'s philosophy is that no single agency, individual or discipline has all the knowledge, skills or resources to serve the needs of child victims and their family members. By bringing together representatives from different agencies, they create a child-friendly, safe place where these children can be heard and understood and the healing process can begin.

**Sunflower House Child Abuse Prevention Center** is a non-profit, United Way agency serving Wyandotte and Johnson Counties. Their mission is to protect children in the community from physical and sexual abuse through education, advocacy, forensic and medical services.

**Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Rights Foundation (SCARF)** was established in 2004 to better address the needs of children in Butler County in regards to child abuse and neglect. SCARF lists their 3 goals as to establish and maintain: the Sunlight Child Advocacy Center, Sunshine Children's Home and the Sunrise Visitation and Exchange Center.

OVS thanks everyone who participated!

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