



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed Youth Giving Back

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I hope you have had a chance to read the August Monthly Brief about youth giving back through community service. The amount of community service provided by youth at DYS during Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 is remarkable. Youth in facilities provided 31, 384 hours of community service while youth on parole provided 14, 561 hours.

Recently I stopped by Crayons to Computers (C2C) in Cincinnati. This non-profit organization operates a free store for teachers to obtain basic school supplies, educational tools and incentive items for students. Pictured is Matt Russell, a General Activities Therapist 2 from Scioto JCF, receiving an award of appreciation from C2C. Matt facilitates 25-30 youth in assembling items for C2C including educational booklets and flashcards. About once a month, he delivers 20-30 boxes of supplies to the free store. Circleville JCF and the Dayton Regional Office also provide community service for C2C.



I appreciate all of our staff who coordinate community service opportunities for youth. These activities give youth a sense of achievement and provide needed services to worthy causes. Engaging youth in community service keeps them busy and often leads to new technical skills, social skills, increased attention, marketable job skills and personal growth.

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