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Dear FDC Volunteers.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Corrections, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the continued selfless service that you provide to the individuals in our care and under our supervision. Volunteers are models of leadership and citizenry. By donating your time, you provide hundreds of thousands of hours of service each year at no cost to the agency and leave lasting positive impacts on those with whom you interact with. Without your support many of our immates and offenders would not be able to receive needed services that assist with the restoration process.

We understand that the past couple of years have taken a toll on your ability to provide needed volunteer programming due to reasons beyond our control. However, our facilities and offices are back open and ready for your service. The agency has implemented a new online volunteer application process. Additionally, we have updated our volunteer webpage, and created several recruitment tools for staff to use. Please visit the new page at www.dc.state.fl.us/volunteer/index.html. Although, the new system has experienced some challenges, we are optimistic that together we will push through them and continue to grow and expand our volunteer services statewide. We need your help to spread the news and encourage others to sign up to volunteer with our agency.

As an extension to our employment base, we value your time and service, and want you to feel as though each visit is appreciated. Our expectation is that each visit to our facility or office is a rewarding experience and that you feel valued and respected. My promise to you is that if you do not feel that way, that you have an outlet to communicate any issues. We have developed an email address for you to use to send any suggestions, comments, or concerns, if necessary, OPR-VolunteerServices@fdc.myflorida.com. We would ask that you attempt to handle any issues at the local facility/office level, but if needed, there is an opportunity to communicate with agency leadership.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for the countless hours that you spend providing services and programs to our population. Our population is very fortunate to have those of you who are willing to give of your time and energy to work toward improving lives.

Sincerely,

Rick, D. Dixon, Secretary

Florida Department of Corrections