

# IN OTHER WORDS

Debbie Morton,

*I want to thank you for your commitment to the Prison Dog Program. I am sure that it is a challenge to oversee the prison and this program. I appreciate the fact that you and the DOC were willing to take a chance on getting the program started at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. Your dedication and hard work are noted and not taken for granted. Enjoy the holidays and again, thank you!*

ROSEMARIE STRONG, DVM

Dear Director,

*On behalf of Special Olympics Oklahoma and the Law Enforcement Torch Run, I would like to thank Department of Corrections for assisting us with our Red Robin Tip-A-Cop fundraiser again this year. The event was a success. Ten law enforcement agencies in Oklahoma raised over \$11,000 for Special Olympics Oklahoma. We could not have done this without your help. Thank you for allowing officers from your agency to participate in this event.*

*The success of the event is due to all of the officers that take time out of their*

*busy schedules. We appreciate the support of the following officers that volunteered from your agency.*

*Travis Matthews-Team Leader, David Edelman, Tanya Parker, Tina DiGuseppi, Carrie Morris, Josh Kimbrell, Tasha Parker and Cody Simmons.*

*Thank you again for your support. We hope that you will participate in Red Robin Tip-A-Cop next year.*

*Kind Regards,*

JENNIFER LIGHTLE  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Warden Farris,

*We want to thank you for allowing Mr. Lee Fairchild to visit and present Dog Safety and Obedience at Lexington Elementary Bulldog Camp. The students learned valuable lessons about Dog Safety and Obedience. They learned proper dog handling, how to approach a dog safely, and how to properly care for a dog. The students also learned about teaching a dog to obey. It takes the owner and the dog working together in order to be successful.*

*Again, thank you for your assistance in making Mr. Fairchild's visit possible.*

SHERRI BONNER  
BULLDOG CAMP DIRECTOR  
LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

*DOC Employees,*

*On Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at approximately 1200 noon while on annual leave I received a telephone*

Thank You  
letter from  
Tulsa United  
Way to Tulsa  
District  
Community  
Corrections

**LIVE UNITED**



**Tulsa Area United Way**

*To DOK - Probation and Parole  
Thank you for everything your office did this  
year for the State Charitable Campaign.  
Keep up the great work.*

*- Lee L.  
2014 S.C.C. Ambassador*

call from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma (BBBSOK) V.P. of Program Operations Hayley Garrison (Tulsa). Ms. Garrison had called to explain that just moments before, she had received a telephone call from BBBSOK staff in the OKC-Metro area who explained that they had just made contact with a single mother of 6 children of whom several of which participate in the Amachi Program for children with incarcerated parent(s). The BBBSOK OKC staff member explained to Ms. Garrison that this single mother had just sat her children down to explain to them why there would be no Christmas this year for their family. Just moments after this difficult conversation, this single mom received a telephone call from the BBBSOK OKC staff member who explained to her that due to a sizable donation, BBBSOK had gifts for her to pick up for each of her children. The BBBSOK OKC staff member went on to describe this mother's emotional outpour of gratitude for the gifts. Ms. Garrison went on to convey to me BBBSOK gratitude for the generosity of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections staff who participated in the holiday gift drive for the families they service. Obviously my message to her was that it was our pleasure.

The dedicated public safety professionals at the Oklahoma Department of

Corrections go above and beyond accomplishing the agency's mission to protect the public, the employee, and the offender, especially when they come together to support an organization like BBBSOK that diligently works to help reduce the likelihood of generational incarceration through services they provide such as the Amachi Program.

A thank you is in order to my supervisor, Chief Agent Josh Phillips, and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Robert Patton, for agreeing to allow me to organize this effort on such short notice. I would also like to thank Mr. James Rudek and ADS Camille Porter for agreeing to allow me to place a gift collection point at the Jeffery M. McCoy Central District Community Corrections Building. Most of all, thank you to all of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections staff who contributed to making this BBBSOK Amachi Program holiday gift drive

such a success! Thank you!

Upon conclusion of the gift drive activities and the distribution of the gifts collected, I have received numerous thank you cards directed toward participating agency staff members from BBBSOK and from the families they were able to serve through this effort. **(Thank You Letters)**

Respectfully,

SGT. BENJAMIN J. WILLIAMS  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR  
GENERAL



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**THANK YOU LETTER** to Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center from Poteau Chamber. **Read more...**