

# CORRECTIONS FOUNDATION, INC. FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

1996 - 2019 CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF PROUDLY SERVING FDC

### WHO WE ARE

- The Corrections Foundation was established in 1996 as the non-profit Direct Support Organization to the Florida Department of Corrections pursuant to Chapter 944.804, Florida Statute.
- The Foundation is supported by three staff members and governed by an eleven member volunteer Board of Directors.
- The board members are composed from a vast array of backgrounds and experience and serve under the leadership of President Louie L. Wainwright. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group on our Board of Directors.
- The Corrections Foundation entered our 23rd year of service to FDC December 2018. It was the first Direct Support Organization of its kind in the field of Corrections and serves as a national model.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Corrections Foundation is to support the programs, personnel, and services of the Department of Corrections through grants, contributions, and community partnerships in the interest of public safety.

#### **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

Corrections Foundation membership is comprised of Department of Corrections' officers and employees, retired department employees, and supporters of Corrections. We are humbled to be an avenue for FDC employees to help one another and their membership makes the Employee Assistance Program possible. Of the Department's 22,342 employees the following is a breakdown of the Corrections Foundation's 14,937 members:

Location	# of DC Employees	# of Members	Percentage of Members Per
	Employees	Wiembers	Location Location
Service Centers	223	140	63%
Central Office	1,132	778	69%
Institutions	18,404	12,300	69%
Circuits	2,583	1,706	66%
Total	22,342	14,937	67%

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and receive the maximum charitable deduction allowed by law.

#### **OUR PROGRAMS – OUR SUCCESS**

## **Employee Assistance Program and Disaster Relief Fund**

- This vital program assists Department of Correction's officers and employees in life's most serious emergencies including critical illnesses, accidents, natural disasters, and other crisis situations. We are able to assist employees, their spouses and/or their dependent children through these tough times because of your membership contributions.
- Since the inception of the program, **more than \$8.3 million** in financial assistance has been provided to **9,150** Florida DC employees. During fiscal year 2017/18, the Foundation distributed \$618,200 to 904 FDC employees in need. Since July 1, 2018, the Foundation has provided \$752,000 to 1,055 employees in need. These figures include disaster relief following Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Michael in 2018.
- Formal requests for financial assistance may be made by writing a letter to an employees Warden, Circuit Administrator or Central Office Director. Criteria for receiving assistance are available at <a href="https://www.correctionsfoundation.org"><u>www.correctionsfoundation.org</u></a>.

## **Computers for Florida's Kids**

Computers for Florida's Kids is a vocational program at Cross City C.I. that refurbishes surplus computers that have been donated to the Foundation by various state agencies so that we can donate them to schools and community organizations serving children. .

You may request computers for schools and organizations in your community that service children and also for the needs of your department office. For more information about how to donate or request computers visit our website, <a href="https://www.correcctionsfoundation.org">www.correcctionsfoundation.org</a>

## **Annual Golf Tournament**

The Corrections Foundation hosts its annual golf tournament each October in Tallahassee. We'd love to have you join us for this event which supports the Employee Assistance Program and your fellow officers and staff. Visit our website for more information, <a href="https://www.correctionsfoundation.org">www.correctionsfoundation.org</a>

## Tails and Trails 5K – K-9 Competition

The first Saturday in May all K-9 Tracking Teams are invited to compete in the Annual Tails and Trails 5K. This competition builds morale and camaraderie as well as allows us the opportunity to thank you for your hard work and service to each community in Florida. This year the main event will be held on May 4, 2019, in Tallahassee. Thanks to a generous donation from the Animal Welfare Foundation we are able to provide much needed K-9 equipment to each team.

**SUPPORT THOSE PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY.** Your support will make a difference because programs and services directly impact the lives of FDC employees. For more information regarding corporate sponsorship or the many programs supported by the Corrections Foundation, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.correctionsfoundation.org">www.correctionsfoundation.org</a> or contact the Foundation office at (850) 717-3714 or (850) 717-3712.