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MDOC Raises \$4200 for Muscular Dystrophy Association

For the ninth year in a row, the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) was an active participant in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) Cool and Casual Day fundraiser initiative. This year, MDOC collected over \$4200 for MDA during Cool and Casual Day on May 10.

Cool and Casual Day is a day set aside in May by the Governor for state agencies to help MDA with their fundraising efforts. State employees are given the opportunity to purchase an MDA t-shirt or button to wear on the designated day. However, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) in Pearl, Miss., expanded Cool and Casual Day to a 3-day event. Festivities included an employee volleyball and basketball tournament, a bar-be-que and even a live concert performance of blues musician Bobby Rush. In addition, there was an Elvis performance by Senator Tim Johnson.

"We look forward to this event every year," said Gwen McClinton, MDOC MDA chairperson at CMCF. "It's for a great cause and we like to help in any way we can each year."

All three main MDOC prison facilities (Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss., South Mississippi Correctional Facility in Leakesville, Miss., and CMCF in Pearl, Miss.) and the MDOC central office in Jackson participated in Cool & Casual Day.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you are interested in receiving digital photos from this event, please contact Bill Greenleaf at (601) 359.5646 or send an e-mail request to bgreenleaf@mdoc.state.ms.us.