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MDOC Participates in Give and GAIN: Clothe America Campaign

Jackson — Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees are participating in the first Give and GAIN: Clothe America Campaign March 5 - 16, which is part of the *Keep America Beautiful – Great American Cleanup* initiative. First Lady Melanie Musgrove has challenged all state agencies to a friendly competition; the agency that collects the most used clothing gets to keep the “Everything to GAIN” trophy until next year’s competition.

The mission of this campaign, which is sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, is to keep used clothing from ending up in landfills and to provide clean clothes for the needy. All three main MDOC prison facilities, the MDOC central office in Jackson and statewide MDOC community work centers are collecting clothes for the campaign.

“MDOC’s 4100 employees are proud to be a part of a campaign that benefits Mississippi and its citizens,” said Commissioner Robert Johnson. “I am particularly impressed with the continual giving spirit of MDOC’s staff to assist their fellow Mississippians and in helping to enhance the state’s environment.”

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss., is collecting clothes to donate to the Rankin County Human Resource Agency. Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss., and South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss., are collecting donations for The Salvation Army. The MDOC central office in Jackson, Miss., is donating clothes collected to Gateway Rescue Mission.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you are interested in taking a photo at any of our facilities regarding this campaign, please contact Claire Papizan at (601) 359.5689 or send an e-mail request to cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us.