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### **Officials Celebrate 50 Year Anniversary of Fox Lake Correctional Institution**

**FOX LAKE, Wis.** - Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) officials, including past Wardens, staff and DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin held a special ceremony at Fox Lake Correctional Institution (FLCI) today to share stories and mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the institution, which began housing offenders in September of 1962.

"FLCI has been an innovator in many areas of corrections, however it is its educational programming that has made it a unique asset to the Department of Corrections and the Wisconsin tax payer," said DOC Secretary Gary Hamblin. "FLCI is a strong example of the kinds of investments our agency has been making; the programming that is offered inside these walls optimizes each inmate's chances at a successful reentry."

FLCI hosts the largest and one of the most diverse educational departments in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. It provides adult basic education and general education courses along with career and technical education programs in collaboration with Moraine Park Technical College.

Many inmates perform maintenance work or work in numerous jobs that keep FLCI running. Badger State Industries operates a wood and laminated furniture manufacturing facility within the institution providing hands-on experience in a work environment resembling private industry. Leisure time, recreation, cultural, religious and counseling services, as well as a full range of medical and program services, are available to inmates.

Former FLCI Warden and DOC Assistant Administrator for the Division of Adult Institutions, Larry Jenkins thanked all current and past FLCI employees. "FLCI has some of the most dedicated and professional correctional employees in the country," said Jenkins. "It has been an honor to work along side people who devote so much to offender success and public safety. Your hard work and success has been an inspiration to all."

FLCI was the first medium security correctional institution in the United States with a no-pass system and freedom of movement. FLCI embraces a responsible living concept approach to managing the inmate population. This approach places emphasis on personal responsibility.

At FLCI, the 1,336 inmates are housed within ten units: six housing units with 96 rooms each, two barracks with 144 beds each (built in 1997), one 50-room segregation unit, and one segregation transitional unit.

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