## Corrections Commission of

**Northwest Ohio** 

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
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**STRYKER** – Volunteers at the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio received special recognition during the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet held Tuesday, April 11. One individual received the distinction of being named CCNO's Volunteer of the Year.

Volunteer Shirley Stuckey, 81, Archbold, was named the CCNO Volunteer of the Year for 2018. She has been a volunteer at CCNO for 25 years. Since 1994, Shirley has conducted Bible studies for the female inmate population at the regional jail in Stryker. She is also active in the coordination and distribution of Easter cards and Christmas cookies and cards for all inmates.

"I've known Shirley for many years and her compassion for the inmates at CCNO is sincere," commented CCNO Director of Operations Toby Bostater. "Shirley more than deserves this recognition. She's been a blessing to the women she has worked with over the last 25 years."

During 2018, nearly 185 volunteers offered services at CCNO and donated 8,650 hours. According to the Independent Sector national organization, an hour donated by a volunteer in Ohio amounts to \$24.69. When totaled, that amounts to \$213,568.50 worth of services and programs provided to the jail's inmates in 2018.

Services and programs provided by volunteers include religious services, Bible studies, one-to-one counseling, substance abuse education classes, HARC life skills classes, AA services, and baptisms. The Lamplighters group provides reading glasses, holiday greetings, clothing and other necessary materials for the inmates. Volunteers are from Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams and Lucas counties. Some 26 different denominations provide services to offenders each day at the jail.

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CCNO welcomes individuals who wish to donate their time to the inmates housed at the facility. Volunteer applications can be found on the CCNO web page at www.ccnoregionaljail.org. All applicants must pass a criminal background and attend a training orientation. For further information on becoming a CCNO volunteer contact Commander Jon Davis at jon.davis@noris.org or 419-428-3800, ext. 406.

(photo attached)

Pictured, left to right, is Shift Commander Jon Masser, CCNO Volunteer of the Year Shirley Stuckey, and Commander of Programs & Services Jon Davis.

