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Incarcerated Individuals Give Back to Crime Victims' Groups Through CALPIA Programs

SACRAMENTO – Crime victims' support groups throughout the State received approximately \$45,000 from incarcerated individuals participating in the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) Joint and Free Venture programs.

"CALPIA's programs provide incarcerated individuals real-world job training so that when a person leaves prison, they can be successful, find employment, and hopefully never return," said CALPIA's General Manager Bill Davidson. "In addition, these participants in these programs are giving back which is truly beneficial for crime victims and their communities."

The Joint Venture Program operates at three adult California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions and the Free Venture Program formerly operated inside one Division of Juvenile Justice facility. Incarcerated individuals are paid wages comparable to what they would earn if they were working in the respective field outside of prison.

Incarcerated individuals initially pay for all court-ordered compensation and the remaining collected restitution is placed in a "Generic Restitution Fund" for local crime victim organizations. Here are the institutions where incarcerated individuals made donations:

- **Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla** - Participants in the Joint Venture Program, Allwire, Inc. donated a total of \$14,635 to Mollie's House, a non-profit organization that helps victims of sexual trafficking, and \$14,635 to the Community Action Partnership Madera County Martha Diaz Shelter.
- **San Quentin State Prison** – Incarcerated individuals working for Big Dawg Manufacturing LLC donated a total of \$1,495 to MISSEY, a non-profit organization that helps children of human trafficking.
- **N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility in Stockton** - Through Merit Partners, participants donated \$12,316 to Women's Center Youth and Family Services.
- **California Correctional Center in Susanville**- Participants in the Joint Venture Program donated \$1,210 to Lassen County's Victim-Witness Assistance Program.