

KANE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER



A Note from the Superintendent

As Superintendent, I have the opportunity to be involved in new employee interviews. While some interviews are better than others, almost all applicants express a desire to help people or make a difference in the lives of children. Unfortunately, all of us get caught up in the day-to-day stresses of life and occasionally lose sight of what originally attracted us to this work. It is a demanding job and the kids are not always receptive to or appreciative of the assistance offered. However, it is important to remember that what makes this profession challenging also makes it rewarding. Though we may not always immediately see the fruits of our labor, the work we do is important. Even little things such as simply listening and showing concern can make a difference in the lives of the people we work with. Caring about the needs and wellbeing of others isn't only what the holiday season is all about; it's also what makes us good people. As we reflect on the year that has passed, take a moment to remember why you chose this profession and take satisfaction in knowing that what we do makes a difference. Happy New Year and thank you for the continued support.

Mike Davis

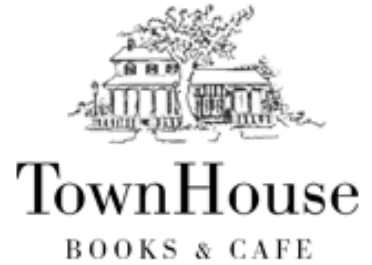
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Meet Supervisor Monika Chlopek



I was born in Poland and came to the United States with my family when I was four years old. We lived in Chicago throughout my childhood and moved to the suburbs when I was 16 years old. I am one of six children and have four sisters and one brother that I love dearly and admire. I just recently got married to my best friend and the love of my life, Peter. We have two dogs named Rocky and Roscoe. I also became a proud step-mom to three beautiful children, Lexi, Hailey and Austin. In my free time, I enjoy running, reading and hanging out with my family and friends. I went to Northern Illinois University and graduated in 2000. Shortly after, I started my career at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center in 2001. I enjoy working for Kane County, especially all the people that I have worked with throughout this whole time. I also enjoy working with this population of residents. You never know what each day will bring.



Town House Giving Tuesday

Town House Books & Café donated 20% of their bookstore and café sales to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center's Book Club as their September 4th Giving Tuesday recipients. The JJC Book Club received \$461.39 from the event and the funds will be used for purchasing sets of books for discussions, a possible author visit to the facility, new posters and bookmarks.

Barber

Thank you to barbers DeVaughn Gibson and Kyle Brown for their generosity in cutting the residents' hair.





The Kane County Juvenile Justice Center participated in the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack on September 5, 2018. The following are the details of our shipment:

- 72 boxes (15,552 meals) have shipped to Haiti through their partner, World Help, Inc.

World Help is a Christian humanitarian organization committed to serving the physical and spiritual needs of people in impoverished communities around the world. World Help has distributed FMSC meals in Africa, Central America and the Middle East and works primarily in communities, feeding centers, refugee camps and through churches. If you would like to learn more about World Help, please visit <https://worldhelp.net/>



Smile Illinois

Smile Illinois came to the JJC on September 17, 2018, to perform dental checkups and teeth cleaning free of charge for the residents.







JJC Artists, Ms. Herrmann and Ms. Blahut



In promotion of our Garden Club and recently-awarded Farm to School Grant, the JJC made its first ever appearance at the St. Charles Scarecrow Festival. While we didn't place in the voting, we were all proud of our display. It was a positive experience for our kids and staff, and we appreciated the opportunity to share the positive things happening in our building.



Meet Administrative Assistant Kim Stehlin

Kim started her career with Kane County in August 2002, as the receptionist in the Court Services office at the Judicial Center, and transferred to the Juvenile Justice Center in March of 2006. Kim did such an exceptional job that they promoted her to her current position as the Administrative Assistant in May of 2011, where she will remain until she retires or wins the lottery. Kim has been married to her husband, Jim, for nearly 20 years and has three amazing “bonus” sons, a beautiful daughter-in-law and two adorable grandkids. When she is not busy at work, Kim enjoys boating, camping, traveling and watching her husband road race.

Cookout

The residents received a special treat Labor Day weekend when they attended a cookout that was put together by Superintendent Mike Davis. They were served hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, potato salad, watermelon and cookies. Thanks to our dedicated staff who supplied most of the food and to Supervisors Durin Caplan and Stephanie Sauriol, and PREA Coordinator Pam Ely for all their help.



The JJC is excited to announce that we are the recipient of a USDA Farm to School grant. The Kane County Development and Community Services Department obtained this grant in an effort to provide additional food services and opportunities for the kids in juvenile detention. This includes the procurement of local produce and foods, as well as pairing with the county's goal of addressing healthy eating and nutritional deficiencies. The grant will provide classroom learning components, as well as hands-on gardening activities. This includes the purchase of raised beds, as well as garden towers. The JJC has partnered with the Kane County Master Gardeners, Seven Generations Ahead and the Illinois Farm to School Network and Regional Office of Education to provide technical resources and networking.



Grant



A huge thank you to Waubensee Community College for their time and donations with the ceramics projects and to John Lo for helping the residents with the workshop.

HiSET.

The **HiSET** Exam is now available at the JJC.

The HiSET® exam is one of three tests the United States and its territories use to measure high school equivalency skills. The HiSET® exam gives out-of-school youth an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and earn a state-issued high school equivalency (HSE) credential. Once the youth passes the test, a high school equivalency certificate or high school equivalency diploma is issued. The HiSet Exam is an option for students who will be remaining at the JJC for an extended period and who have been identified by the JJC's education department as strong candidates to take the test.

Thanks to Dee Oliver and Phil Morris from the Regional Office of Education for making GED testing a possibility at the JJC. Thanks also to Liz Whittaker, who has been tutoring the residents, as well as Michele Celozzi for conducting the testing.

Thank you to Mike Davis, JJC Superintendent, and Pam Ely, JJC PREA Coordinator/Program Manager, for their continued support.

The JJC is pleased to announce that our first resident in the program has successfully passed the Language Arts – Reading part of the test!



**Give
Thanks**



Murals



Thank you to Youth Counselor Bryan Hillman, with the assistance of PREA Coordinator Pam Ely, for his beautiful rendition of landmarks throughout Kane County.



Thank you to the Tilly Family and the people at the Chapelstreet Church for the beautiful mural.

Holiday Party

