

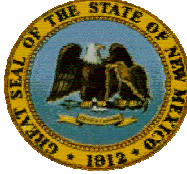
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**SPRINGER CORRECTIONAL CENTER ANNOUNCES
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2009**

Springer - The Springer Correctional Center (SCC) is pleased to announce the selection of Consuelo Chavez as our facility's "Volunteer of the Year." Consuelo was chosen because of her efforts to provide representation and services from the Catholic Church to the inmates at SCC. Prior to Consuelo becoming a volunteer, there were no regular Catholic services at the facility. Because of her efforts, we now have regular services for the inmates provided by eight different volunteers.

Chavez is the Human Resources Manager for SCC, and also regularly volunteers her time at the Colfax General Long Term Care Facility in Springer. Chavez is highly dedicated to her work and to providing needed services to the inmates at the prison.

The Springer Correctional Center, located two miles west of the town of Springer on Highway 468, houses 220 Level I and Level II male inmates. There are 32 active volunteers that provide a wide variety of spiritual activities to our inmates.

The New Mexico Corrections Department will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Conference on Saturday, April 17, 2010 to honor all volunteers of the Year for 2009 at all of its prisons. The conference will be held at Grace Church located in Albuquerque. The guest speaker for the event is Tom Lagana co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul. The Corrections Department has approximately 1,000 volunteers and 6,500 inmates incarcerated in 10 facilities statewide. If you are interested in becoming a prison volunteer, please contact Homer Gonzales for more information at 505-841-4268 or via e-mail at homer.gonzales@state.nm.us.

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