

ICI PIE & Ag >>>

Andee Brown –

abrown@ci.idaho.gov

Renee Sutherland –

rsutherland@ci.idaho.gov



ICI Partnership Highlights



Summer & Fall Activities

2022 with the PIE & Ag Programs

The PIE/Ag team has had quite a busy year in 2022, with new companies onboarding, road trips, new staffing, and lots and lots of trainee payrolls processed! We have included some highlights from the year in this edition.

We're Growing!
If you know of any companies in need of a reliable workforce – let us know!



Here we go >>>

May

After a trip in May to visit the Arizona Correctional Industries, and being amazed by their utilization of the AZ residents in the accounting dept., it was decided to offer ICI's own Resident Projects team the opportunity to assist the PIE/Ag department. These two gentlemen are Excel wizards and their assistance with payroll processing and program reporting has been invaluable!

June

The team started the summer in June with site visits to our Southwest Idaho Partners:

- **Simplot Feedlot** where we got the grand tour with Officer Trickett. So many heads of cattle! Simplot Feedlot has hired 4 trainees post-release. They get lodging in the bunkhouses on-site while they work for the feedlot!
- **Simplot Western Stockmen's** feed mill, where we were inspired by the dedication of the residents who work there. Our crew with the help of their CO presented a plan to SWS for the trainees to refurbish used pallets bringing them back to top condition – this venture saved SWS \$152,000 in 2021
- **Symms Fruit Ranch**, where Officer Harold took us on a tour of the fruit orchards and we learned how many SW Idaho farmers, including Symms, are now growing wheat to fill the gaps left by the war in Ukraine.
- **CS Beef Packers**, where we had the pleasure of serving their fantastic, barbecued beef burgers to the resident workers, and of course enjoying our own burgers. Yum! CS Beef has at last count hired over 80 residents as full-time civilian employees. Some residents hold Leadership positions!

July

In July the team began onboarding two new SW Idaho PIE Program partners: All American Publishing (our first call center!), and CTI Foods. I'm happy to say they are now both up and running with full and happy crews!

- *AAP is all female! Starting in September with 14 on their crew, they are now up to 28*
- *CTI Foods is our first partner providing their own transportation! Starting 11/7 with 14 gentlemen, they are already up to 40 – shooting for 50*

August

August was a busy travel month for the team with 2 trips to Eastern Idaho and one up North. Our agency Chief, Todd Plimpton joined the team on visits to ST. Anthony Work Camp and our Eastern Idaho partners. Our EI Partners have been with us since 2005 and they really are the foundation of the PIE & Ag Program for Idaho.

We also met with the CEO of another new PIE Program partner, Walt USA, one of the largest sock-making companies in the world. This is a first for ICI & PWCC – a PIE Program within the institution, with the potential of employing up to 75 or more female residents when the program is fully established.

In August the team and Todd also traveled to Orofino and Lewiston to visit the ICIO facility and another potential PIE Program partner, Blue Ribbon Linens, our first in Northern Idaho. This one is a work in progress but with the enthusiasm of the IDOC Vocational Projects team and Warden Carlin at Orofino (ICIO), we are more than hopeful.

November

*November brought another trip to the Walt USA factory in Logan Utah for a few days of training on the sock-making machinery. Honestly, it's like living in the show "How It's Made"! Later that month Renee joined Andee for the annual appreciation visit to ST. Anthony Work Camp where the residents were served a dinner of pizza and other goodies in their all-new cafeteria, followed by donuts and coffee the next morning. With the much-appreciated assistance of the St. Anthony Officers and kitchen resident staff, it was a great success! SAWC still has about 100 residents that need jobs, so we are reaching out to every company we can think of in the area to gain new and beneficial partnerships. **Any referrals would be greatly appreciated!***

Final thoughts...

Because of our amazing partnerships with IDOC and Private Companies throughout Idaho, in 2022 so far, ICI has:

- *Created opportunities for over 600 IDOC residents each day, to go to work!*
- *Residents have paid over \$3,000,000 into the Idaho Victims Compensation Fund*
- *Residents have paid over \$ toward the cost of their own incarceration*
- *The residents in these programs are contributing to the betterment of themselves and their families while incarcerated by:*
 - *Paying the family mortgage, Paying for family healthcare costs, and more!*

To all of our stakeholders, Thank you! What we are all doing together is making a real difference in real lives!

Andee & Renee