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Bill Quast, Chairman of the Board, and Corky Grove, Chief of Police

GFPRC GIVES 2008 LAW DAY AWARD TO CHIEF CORKY GROVE AND THE GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

At a recent ceremony at the Great Falls Transition Center, Great Falls Pre-Release, Inc., presented Chief Corky Grove and the Great Falls Police Department with the 2008 Law Day Award for recognition of their outstanding contributions to the criminal justice system. Chief Grove has been instrumental in the formation and ongoing success of the Weed and Seed Project. Additionally, Grove has been committed to bringing technology

and communication to the forefront of local law enforcement efforts. Chief Grove accepted a plaque in behalf of the Department. Furthermore, a check for \$500 was given to Chief Grove to give to Weed and Seed which in turn will enable Neighborhood Councils 7 and 8 to print and distribute pamphlets on the rights of tenants and landlords.

Police officers and Transition Center staff members at the award ceremony



STAFF NOTES

Congratulations to the following Center employees who celebrated their anniversaries this quarter:

One-year anniversary:

Counselor **Tim Allred**
CO's **Cara Firman, Brandy Gauer, Mark Howell, and Jana Letcher;**

Five-year anniversary:

CO's **John Albertson and Allison Neal.**

Welcome to the **new employees** this

quarter:

Trish Brodock, Counselor

Shelly Hansen, CO

Gail Hopewell, Registered Nurse

Bill McLean, returning maintenance

David Pickle, Maintenance Director

Kim Serfes, CO Assistant Supervisor

**SHEENA JARVEY,
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Sheena Jarvey grew up on a large sheep ranch west of Conrad, Montana. She graduated from Conrad High School. She earned a degree in comparative religions and liberal arts from the University of Montana. She began working on her master's degree in criminology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia. She completed her master's at the University of Great Falls in human services with a concentration in criminal justice.

Sheena and Alan have a daughter, Yessie, who is nine years old and a son, Antonio, who is seven years old, with whom Sheena enjoys hanging out and exploring the world.

Sheena's pastimes include traveling, reading and enjoying the performing arts: concerts and plays, movies and music. She enjoys spending time with her cats and loves hiking in and experiencing Glacier Park.



At the Great Falls Transition Center, where Sheena began her employment as an RA in 1994, she has a two-fold position: Community Assistance Counselor and Volunteer Coordinator.

She helps residents find housing, and her familiarity with community resources helps her send residents to the services they may need. She facilitates groups at various times, specifically CP&R I. Also, she is someone the residents can talk with about situations in their lives.

As Volunteer Coordinator she works with a group of female community members who volunteer their time with the female residents. They work in group activities such as crafts or cooking and are someone else to talk to. Additionally, these volunteers are paired with a female resident to provide one-on-one mentoring to them. They offer support and encouragement and may explore the community together.

Sheena's nomination sums up why she is the Employee of the Quarter. "Job Performance: we could say especially conscientious, efficient and dependable....A quick look at Behavior/Attitude: ...Sheena projects a positive image; is sincere, honest and open-minded in her dealings with ALL residents...and this might be a good spot to emphasize her flexibility and resourcefulness in working with the entire population....Initiative and Creativity...when we lost our nurse, Sheena thought out and instituted a plan to bridge what we had hoped would be a temporary gap in community medical services. Also, Sheena has amassed quite a following in her monthly submissions to the *Pre-Release Press*. Her articles are not only factual, but always timely...Loyalty and Dedication are rare commodities in today's workforce yet she has consistently shown both throughout the entire time she has worked here.

We have many dedicated employee's working diligently towards the Process of Change. Sheena is one of the many who help clear the quagmire of stumbling blocks and rubble to make the change possible for our residents."

Sheena notes, "I am so fortunate to be working with such great people and have meaningful and interesting work."

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