

**CALPIA Donates to Fair Oaks and Orangevale Food Bank Food** – To help in light of COVID-19, thousands of people around the world and especially our community need help! CALPIA was happy to help support the local food bank, Fair Oaks and Orangevale Food Bank. CALPIA employees dropped off 175 pounds of non-perishable food on June 15, 2020.

**Giving Back to Crime Victims' Groups Through CALPIA's Joint and Free Venture Programs** - CDCR inmates who participate in CALPIA programs are giving back to various crime victims' support groups throughout the state for a total of more than \$74,000. The money comes from offenders participating in CALPIA's Joint or Free Venture Programs at five California institutions. Offenders initially pay for all court-ordered compensation and the remaining collected restitution is placed in a "Generic Restitution Fund" for local crime victim organizations. Institution's where offenders made donations: Central California Women's Facility, San Quentin State Prison, N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility, California State Prison, Solano and California Correctional Center all participated in

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**Folsom Women's Facility Resource Fair** – CALPIA was proud to be a part of the CDCR event which was organized by Division of Adult Parole Operations and Division of Adult Institutions. Women were able to connect with a variety of resource providers including information about housing, employment, job training, education, substance abuse treatment, and other services. CALPIA is proud to be a part of the equation to ensure a smooth transition from prison to employment.

**Our Promise Charitable Campaign** – Our Promise Charitable Campaign kicked off in October 2019, that provided all employees with the opportunity to donate to their favorite nonprofit organizations. There are thousands of nonprofit organizations represented in Our Promise to care for communities and causes.

**Brightening Holidays at Avenal State Prison** - Avenal State Prison and volunteers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars visited the Veterans Affairs Hospital and Community Living Center on Dec. 21. It was a great success as the incarcerated veteran's group at Avenal reached beyond the wall to help bring joy to fellow veterans and the community. Cards created by artistically inclined veteran inmates were signed and distributed to the veterans at the hospital. The cards brought many smiles and even a few tears. Inmates signed the cards as well with the message, "thank you for your service." The prison education staff also worked to help keep kids warm for the winter. Along with the education staff of Golden Hills Adult School, they donated \$300 as well as 35 coats to Coats for Kids of Huron/Coalinga for Operation Warm. At the event, 72 new winter coats were given away. Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need. The organization's volunteers believe a brand-new coat is more than a coat, promoting self-esteem, school attendance and outdoor play. Learn more about [Operation Warm](#).

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