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Willow Lane Chapel Celebrates 10-year Anniversary

Faith-based Community Built DJJ's Willow Chapel 10-years ago

What: The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will hold a ceremony to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Willow Lane and John G. Richards Activities Center and Chapel at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 16 at 4900 Broad River Road. The chapel was built and opened in 2001 after a group of faith-based leaders led efforts to successfully raise funds and in-kind services to build the facility behind the razor-wire.

When: Thursday, February 16, 2012

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Willow Lane and John G. Richards Activities Center and Chapel, 4900 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina

Background: The official "nailing the first nail" ceremony for the 6,000 square-foot activities center and chapel took place on Thursday, May 3, 2001. That weekend, May 4th and 5th, Christian Missions Ministries, Brotherhood Builders, and DJJ held an old-fashioned barn-raising with more than 200 volunteers participating. Thus the chapel became reality after years of planning.

About DJJ

--- As the state agency responsible for providing rehabilitation and custodial care for the state's juveniles who are on probation, incarcerated, or on parole for a criminal or status offense, DJJ actively seeks partnerships that foster its mission. DJJ's mission is to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

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