

## **GDC Annual Awards Program (2006 Awardees)**

The 3rd Annual GDC Awards Ceremony, honoring 2006 Award Recipients, was held on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. The event was held to recognize and honor staff and members of the community for their contributions toward our agency's mission.

The Color Guard from Burruss Correctional Training Center presented the Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Brooks Benton, Assistant Superintendent of Davis PDC performed the National Anthem again this year. Chaplain Simmons delivered the Invocation and Commissioner Donald welcomed everyone in attendance. This year's guest speaker was James "Jim" R. Lientz, Jr., Chief Operating Officer for the State of Georgia. Wayne Dasher, Chairman, Board of Corrections followed with a few remarks and Brian Owens, Assistant Commissioner, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The **Corporate Sponsor of the Year** honors went to **Cagles, Inc** - LaGrange TC; **Downtown Restaurant Group** - LaGrange TC; **Durand-Wayland** - LaGrange TC; **Fuller E. Callaway Foundation** - LaGrange TC; **Highland Country Club** - LaGrange TC; **MacAljon Industrial Contractors** - Coastal TC; **MCCBC** - Pulaski SP; **Mike Patton Dodge-Honda Dealership** - LaGrange TC; **Mulherin Lumber Company** - Augusta TC; **Washington-Wilkes Chamber of Commerce** - Wilkes PRC; **WD Laramore** - Thomasville DC.

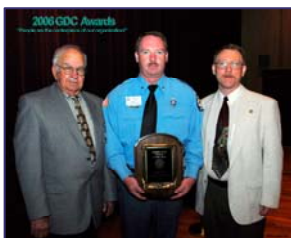
The **Faith-Based Contributor of the Year** honors went to **Body of Believers** - Coastal TC; **Friendship Missionary Baptist Church** - Macon SP; **Heartbound Ministries** - Hays SP; **Hope Harbor Ministries, Inc.** - LaGrange TC; **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church** - Augusta TC; **North Rome Church of God** - Rome DRC; **Peggy Lieurance (Heads Up)** - Burruss CTC; **Ye Visited Me Ministries** - Emanuel PDC.



**Partner Agency Award  
Recipients**

The **Partner Agency Award** was presented to **GA Department of Labor - Cordele Office, GA Department of Labor - Macon TOPSTEP Program; GA Department of Labor - Savannah Vocational Rehab Center & Wilkes County Board of Commissioners.**

The **Volunteer of the Year** honors went to **Frank Abrahamsen** - LaGrange TC; **David Jenkins** - Whitworth PC; **Walt & Wray Kessel** - Coastal SP; **Fae Lovett** - Coastal SP; **Martie McKenzie** - Coastal TC; **James Miller** - Hays SP; **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church** - Augusta TC; **Don Pender** - Ware SP and **Elijah Weatherspoon** - Macon SP.



**James Sills  
Correctional Officer of the Year**

The **Correctional Officer of the Year** honors went to **James Sills of Rouse Diversion Center.** Nominees for this award included Ricky Carpenter - Patten PDC; Armon Duncan - Macon SP; Iantha Kittles - Washington SP; Lasandra Lofton - LaGrange TC; Wayne Mendes - Coastal TC; Sheila Pierce - Emanuel PDC; Allen Powell - Pulaski SP and John Roundtree - Homerville SP.

The **Probation Officer of the Year** honors went to **Vaughn Andrews** of **Atlanta Probation Office Specialized Supervision Unit**. Nominees included Rod Johnson - Monroe Probation Office.

The **Employee of the Year** honors went to **Charles Barnes** of **Macon State Prison**. Nominees included James Arnold, Jr. - Rouse DC; Pamela Bittick - Burruss CTC; Veronda Cladd - Macon SP; Richard Frady - Whitworth PRC; Stanley Harrell - GD & CP; Kristen Hosford - GD & CP; Harry Leverett - LaGrange TC; David Pelka - Ware SP; Mac Poole - Macon SP; Audrey Sharpe - Rutledge SP; Leroy Shumake - GD & CP; Mozell Smith - GD & CP; Dianne Stansberry - Rome PO; Tracie Stone - Rivers SP and Deborah Whiting - GD & CP.

The **Customer Service Champion Award** honors went to **John T. Harper, Jr.** of **GD & CP**. Nominees included Gregory Brown - Southwest PDC; Tom Chapman - Pulaski SP; Rosa Chatman - Hancock SP; GD & CP Personnel Office Staff; Sylvia Graham - Hancock SP; Hancock State Prison Personnel Office Staff; Brian Jones - Autry SP; Deborah Mitchell - Macon SP; Crystal Moore - Southwest PDC; Smith State Prison Personnel Office Staff and Karen Williams - Hancock SP.



**Robert L. Brown, Jr.**  
**Legacy Award**

The **Legacy Award** was presented to **Robert L. Brown, Jr.** - Former GDC Board Member and **Charles D. Hudson** - GDC Board Member.



**Karen Herbin-Foote**  
**Cynthia Floyd Award**

The **Cynthia Floyd Award** was presented to **Karen Herbin-Foote** of the **Atlanta Probation Office**. Nominees included Kimberly Persley - Albany Probation Office.

The **Bobby Franklin Award** was presented to **Rudolph Small** of **Augusta State Medical Prison**. Nominees included a group of employees from Bacon PDC & Rouse DC, Dan Stone, Wade Chancey, Tony Taylor, Carl Petty and Mark Bowen.



**Sherman Maine**  
**James Henderson Award**

The **James Henderson Award** was presented to **Sherman Maine** of **Valdosta State Prison**. Nominees included Fred Berkeley - West GA Boot Camp; John Ford - Washington SP; Willie Ingram - Macon SP and Curtis Jackson - McEver PDC.



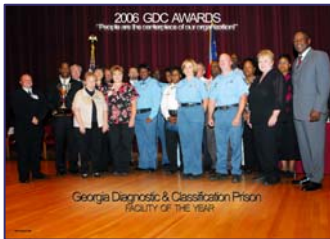
**Pat McGahan Individual  
Fitness Award**

The **Individual Fitness Award** was presented to **Pat McGahan of Emanuel Probation Detention Center**. Nominees included Greg Chapman - Covington PO; Richard Cobb - Wilkes PRC and Quentin Leonard - LaGrange TC.



**Pulaski State Prison Facility  
Fitness Award**

The **Facility Fitness Award** was presented to **Pulaski State Prison**.



**Georgia Diagnostic &  
Classification Prison  
Facility of the Year**

The **Facility of the Year** honors went to the **Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Prison**.



**Bacon Probation  
Detention Center  
Center of the Year**

The **Center of the Year** honors went to **Bacon Probation Detention Center**.



The **Probation Circuit of the Year** honors went to the **Douglas Judicial Circuit**.

**Douglas Judicial Circuit  
Probation Circuit  
of the Year**



The **County Facility of the Year** honors went to **Bulloch County Correctional Institute**.

**Bulloch County  
Correctional Institute  
County Facility of the Year**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who received awards and also to those who were nominated!