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**Press Release**  
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### **Correction Officers, Community, Raise Funds for Cancer Stricken Family**

Correction officers and members of the Hudson Falls community have raised \$30,000 for an officer whose wife and step daughter have been diagnosed with cancer.

Officer Jim Burch, who works at the Washington Correction Facility, has been employed by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for 18 months. Within the last two years his wife, Nicole, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Shortly after her diagnosis, his step daughter, Chloe, was diagnosed with bone cancer.

Officers at Washington started to organize fundraisers to help offset medical and travel expenses for the family. Four mothers in Hudson Falls, who have daughters on Chloe's softball team, took it a step farther and organized a spaghetti dinner this past June. In all, over \$30,000 was raised to help the family.

The local chapter of Make a Wish Foundation also got involved and treated the family to a Florida vacation in November after Chloe's doctor submitted an application on their behalf.

Nicole was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma, a soft tissue cancer, in 2012 and often considered terminal. She has undergone two major surgeries, along with radiation and chemotherapy.

Chloe was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, in 2013. She recently had her right shin bone replaced with a cadaver bone and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Correction officers at Washington held fundraisers that raised over \$3,000. They sold t-shirts, raffle tickets and bracelets to raise the money.

The spaghetti dinner organized by the four mothers raised over \$27,000.

"Jim's coworkers at Washington Correctional Facility and the entire community of Hudson Falls have rallied around his whole family during this difficult time. We hope the money raised can offset some of the tremendous expenses that they have incurred as Nicole and Chloe continue to battle their illnesses. We will continue to support his family in every manner possible," stated Randy Page, Northern Region Vice President.

Washington Correctional Facility is a medium security prison located approximately 70 miles north of Albany.

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