

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Lake County Community Transition Court is committed to assisting individuals in transitioning successfully into society following a prison sentence. The Court gratefully accepts the following donations and services/assistance:

- Clothing (both professional and casual), shoes, coats, hats, gloves, and scarves: In order to increase chances of employment, individuals need to be dressed for success. Dressing appropriately improves self-confidence as well.
- **Bicycles:** For many transitioning individuals, transportation to work, job interviews, and other appointments is an obstacle.
- **Toiletries:** Many individuals leave the prison system without the means to acquire basic hygiene essentials.
- **Employment assistance/opportunities:** The willingness of employers in giving these individuals opportunities for employment is an important factor in successful reintegration. It helps them regain confidence in themselves and contributes to their overall success in the community.
- **GED tutoring/services:** The lack of education is a barrier to employment opportunities.
- Literacy services: Many participants in the Community Transition Program have poor reading skills. Reading skills are essential in everyday life and in the workplace.

If you would like to make a donation of goods or services, please contact Judy Love, Lake County Community Transition Court Coordinator, at (219) 755-3850, extension 311.