



# Reentry Task Force

## Some Exciting Developments

Phi Alpha Delta, Ohio University's pre-law fraternity, made a generous donation on December 7th to the Athens Reentry Program. Phi Alpha Delta president Paige Shoemaker as well as the head of the fraternity's Fundraising Committee, Olivia Mirich, carried in bags upon bags of supplies ranging from hygiene and clothes to packaged snack items. This is the fraternity's second large donation to the Athens Reentry Program and they are just as dedicated as before to reduce recidivism by showing previously incarcerated individuals that they have support when released. When asked how they were able to fund raise such a large donation, a total of \$500, they responded by saying that they sell grilled cheese sandwiches on Court Street weeknights and weekends.



## A Story of Success!

A participant in the Work Experience Program (W.E.P.) provided by the Athens Reentry Program had a huge success getting back on his feet! After being released from prison in March of 2016, he visited Reentry Coordinator Shawn Stover and was given information about available resources and how to get his state I.D. After getting valid identification, he was then provided with interview clothes. Only two weeks later he was employed! Nine months later the Reentry Program received a large donation of jeans from this same person who is still employed and ready to give back to the program that helped him succeed.

## Reminder

There is not a Reentry Task Force meeting this month. The next meeting will be **January 23rd** at 9:00AM at the Athens County Job and Family Services County Home office in the conference room.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

