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MEDIA OPEN HOUSE FOR ANNUAL 'ADOPT A VILLAGE' PROGRAM AT HILAND MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL CENTER; INMATES RAISE \$28,904 IN GIFTS, HAND-MADE ITEMS FOR VILLAGE OF KOYUK

(JUNEAU) –The media is invited to Hiland Mountain Correctional Center Friday, December 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to view gifts and hand-made items lined up along the gymnasium wall at the state's only correctional facility for women. The Christmas gifts are destined for the village of Koyuk (pop. 312) and Gakona. Inmate volunteers will be available for on-camera interviews.

Media planning to participate should contact Sgt. Gloria Johnson at 696 9146 or 321 0040 before 10 am Friday. Additional background information will be provided on request.

The annual 'adopt a village' program is sponsored by the inmates' Native Culture Council and is supported by inmates as a whole and by outside donors. Each year a different village is selected.

This year, inmates crocheted approximately 500 quilts, hats, scarves and slippers. Transportation will be donated by Kidd Curry, Northern Air Cargo and Bering Air.

