

Press Release

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Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup to Dedicate Nation's Third Grant-Funded Meditation Garden Inside a Prison

Monday, 6/27 at 9:30 a.m.

- What:** Dedication of the nation's third prison meditation garden
- When:** Monday, June 27, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
- Where:** Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup
David McGuinn/House of Correction Rd. off MD 175, one mile west of B-W Parkway in Jessup. Bear left past the gatehouse on McGuinn Road.
- Background:** TKF, an Annapolis-based non-profit, is dedicated to providing "open spaces and sacred places" at non-traditional settings in need of peaceful oases. Maryland's Division of Correction is the only correctional agency in the nation to have TKF gardens, and this will be DOC's third.

At Cumberland, Western Correctional Institution has a huge garden/greenhouse/horticulture program. Metropolitan Transition Center in downtown Baltimore has a smaller green space. MCI-J will be the third TKF location, and this spectacular greenspace features impressive inmate artwork and landscaping and architecture work done pro bono by professionals. It has taken a bleak concrete spot between two prison buildings along a main inmate walkway and transformed it into a beautiful setting that will provide a calming effect for inmates and staff alike.

DPSCS is most grateful to TKF for this wonderful program, which is not supported by taxpayer dollars.

For info on TKF Foundation, visit www.opensacred.org or call Christine Tanabe 410-268-1376, ctanabe@tkffdn.org

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