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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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### **Friends of Juvenile Justice**

The Friends of Juvenile Justice, a nonprofit foundation committed to providing consistent exceptional service to troubled and at-risk youth both at the Department of Juvenile Justice and in the community, has been legally established.

A core group of Department volunteers was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Foundation and has led its development efforts. A Board of Directors will head the Foundation, and a Board of Advisors will assist the Board. The first meeting of the start-up Board was held on March 4. Ms. Louise Slater, chairman of the Board of Directors for Consolidated Systems, Inc., was elected to chair the Foundation, and a nominating committee was selected to develop a slate of additional officers. The Foundation has hired Jim LaRose, as its development director.

### **Social Workers' Month**

In recognition of National Professional Social Work Month, DJJ will observe the dedicated work of its social workers at an appreciation luncheon on Thursday, March 24, 2005, on its Broad River Road Campus. Director Byars will speak during the luncheon. DJJ social workers provide invaluable therapeutic services every day to youth who are committed to DJJ.

### **Schedule**

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| March 23 | United Way Board<br>Honeywell Plant, Columbia                    |
| April 4  | Keynote Address to Statewide Rotarians<br>Florence Civics Center |
| April 4  | "DJJ Night"<br>American Legion Hall, Camden                      |
| April 13 | National Guard Youth Programs Advisory Board<br>Olympia Armory   |