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**FRESNO COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY INMATES  
COMPLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced that Fresno County inmates involved in the Sheriff's Department Detention Program Bureau's Parenting Education Classes have recorded bedtime stories on tape for patients at Children's Hospital of Central California. Sixteen female inmates recorded 20 stories in both English and Spanish for the children to listen to as they follow along in their books. Funding for this project was provided by the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund without the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

This project was developed to help our Parenting Education Students understand the importance of quality time with their children and the benefits of reading to their children. Many of the students who participated in the project have recorded a story for their own child, and have been able to send the tape and book home.

Yolanda Estrada, Social Worker, with the Detention Programs Bureau, Inmate Programs Unit, has implemented the Parenting Education Program. Part of the Parenting Education Program is to teach the student-inmates to spend and enjoy time with their children. Ms. Estrada has expressed that the participants in this project enjoyed recording the stories, and were excited to know that the books and tapes were being donated to Children's Hospital of Central California.

For additional information contact Offender Programs Supervisor Michelle LeFors at 488-2987.