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First Quarterly Dinner for Homeless of 2010 a Rewarding Experience for PDO Staff

Jacksonville, FL: Tough economic times throw a burden on many people and employees of the Office of Fourth Circuit Public Defender Matt Shirk continue to offer assistance to those hardest hit – area homeless individuals in Jacksonville. An ongoing tradition of the office is providing a meal once per quarter at the Sulzbacher Center; this includes purchasing the food, preparing the meal and serving the attendees.

On January 28th, staff at the Public Defender’s Office including attorneys, administrators, investigators and other support staff spent three hours preparing the balanced meal that included a meat dish, vegetables, fruit and bread. Hundreds were served that evening.

“It’s really heartening to see that our hard working people on staff are always willing to donate their time after a busy day in the office to participate in this function,” said Shirk. “We are proud to offer this opportunity to the staff and more importantly this donation to those less fortunate four times per year. I thank all who participated whether it was monetary assistance or actually kitchen work. Consensus is that this is a very rewarding experience for us all.”



Staff from the Office of Public Defender Matt Shirk prepare and serve a meal to homeless patrons of Jacksonville’s Sulzbacher Center on January 28, 2010.