

Program benefits from donation

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STOCKTON - Juvenile offenders from the N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility presented a check for \$8,235 to the county District Attorney's Victim Witness Program on Thursday at the youth facility.

The young offenders are all high school graduates and earned the money working for Merit Corporation, a computer equipment recycling company that partners with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Prison Industry Authority.

Participants choose the organization that receives 20 percent of their earnings, and this check was the second in recent years that went to the Victim Witness Program.

The District Attorney's program assists victims and witnesses during crime investigations and court proceedings. Staff members at the office help victims file claims for compensation under state law.

A portion of the youths' earnings also pays for their room and board and a third portion goes into savings accounts accessible to them after they complete their incarceration.