

**Avery D. Niles, Commissioner**

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Dear Clergy or Community Leader,

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is nearing and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the faith and community organizations who have joined with us across the great state of Georgia to embrace our youth. As partners with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) you have also invested significantly in guiding their families as they prepare to return to Georgia communities.

I am issuing the “Commissioner’s Holiday Season Challenge” for 2017. The holiday season can be difficult, especially for those who are away from their families and loved ones. You may know many of our youth do not have visitors, nor do they receive care packages in this season of thanksgiving and celebration. As we continue to uplift and transform some of Georgia’s most at-risk youth, I encourage you to partner with DJJ on the Holiday Season Challenge by contacting a local Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) or Youth Development Campus (YDC), or contributing to a youth care pack.

I am confident your investment of time, resources and care will not go without a great return as we seek to prepare young people in our care to develop and sustain productive lives. You may contribute directly to a DJJ by following the directions provided. If you have any questions about the Commissioner’s Holiday Season Challenge please call Chaplain Danny A. Horne at 404-508-6515, 404-295-0057 or email at [dannyhorne@dj.state.ga.us](mailto:dannyhorne@dj.state.ga.us) .

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Avery D. Niles".

Avery D. Niles  
Commissioner