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DOC co-Sponsoring an Alternative to 'Mischief Night' in Wilmington *Last year's inaugural event attracted nearly 1,000 children*

The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC), in conjunction with the Delaware Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ), is once again set to provide children and early teens in Wilmington a safe, free and fun-filled alternative to partaking in 'Mischief Night' on Saturday, October 30.

For the second year in a row, the PAL Center on 3707 North Market Street will be transformed into a Haunted House and Halloween-themed party. Children, teens and parents are invited to attend the event, which has received tremendous support from numerous law enforcement agencies, as well as civic and community groups. Children up to the age of 11 years old are welcome from 5-7:30 p.m., while those aged 12-15 are invited to attend from 8-10 p.m.

Last year's inaugural event drew nearly 1,000 kids and event organizers are once again preparing to entertain a large number of partygoers.

"Our desire is to provide a safe and fun place for youth to gather, instead of being on the street where they might get hurt or get into trouble," said Ronald Sauls, president of Delaware's Chapter of NABCJ. "We have received generous contributions and support from numerous agencies and organizations, which we believe will make this event an even greater success than last year's party."



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Those who have generously supported this event:

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***** MEDIA NOTE *****

Interested media are welcome to stop by the Haunted House at any time during its hours of operation on Saturday, October 30. Media are also invited to stop by the PAL Center on Friday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., when offender work crews from the Plummer Community Corrections Center and the Women's Work Release & Treatment Center will be helping construct the Haunted House, decorate the games area and fill goody bags. If you are interested in stopping by during the Friday set-up, please contact DOC Public Information Officer John Painter @ (302) 857-5232.