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Cash helps cause

JUNEE Correctional Centre inmates have used more than 300 kilos of cheese to help raise \$650 for a Lockhart man suffering from Parkinson's disease.

The donation will go to James Morley, who will shortly undergo surgery and is part of \$25,000 raised by the Lockhart Anglers Club to assist with medical costs.

The latest donation is one in a long line by Junee inmates.

With support from the GEO Group, inmates use earnings from working in the correctional centre's workshops or as part of their outdoor gardening crews to buy a product, with profits going towards charitable causes.

Each month a different product is offered. Pepper pies, pizza, cheesecake or even just cheese are selected.



DONATION: GEO activities coordinator Jeff Nimmo and general manager Andy Walker present a \$650 cheque to Lockhart Anglers Club treasurer Jamey Anderson and president Charlie Pretzel.

The fundraiser was devised by activities co-ordinator Jeff Nimmo, who said local causes such as Junee Multi-

Purpose Service, Adventure for Axl or homeless children in the Riverina had benefitted.

"The inmates get something they can't normally have and inmates always get a bit of pride through raising funds for charity," Mr Nimmo said.

"We keep it local so we can see the money is going to a good cause."

The fundraisers happen once every month and he estimated over five years the inmates had raised more than \$50,000.

"They raised \$16,500 last year," he said.

Mr Nimmo said the fundraising effort was purely an initiative purely of the inmates, with correctional centre management facilitating and supporting the process.