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PRCF to host volunteer appreciation & recruitment dinner

Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF) is inviting community members who may have an interest in volunteering to a volunteer appreciation and recruitment dinner to find out more about the program. The event will be Friday, April 8, 2016, at 5:45 p.m., at PRCF, located at 3600 13th St., in Baker City.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the PRCF volunteer program from current volunteers and hear from incarcerated men about the impact volunteers have had on their lives.

Incarceration can be a life-changing time of redirection and growth, which can transform people who have made mistakes into productive community members – volunteering in a correctional setting can help that evolution.

Any knowledge of gardening, knitting, quilting, art work, writing, welding, cooking, computer, exercise techniques, photography, performing arts, coping skills, budgeting, and any other activity that potential volunteers wish to share can help transform the lives of others.

In order to attend, participants are required to provide their full name, date of birth, and driver's license number by Tuesday, March 22, 2016, as a background check will be conducted. This is necessary from all guests when entering a correctional facility. **PLEASE RSVP to Lori Fuzi at (541) 523-6680 ext. 264 by March 22, 2016 with this information.**

PRCF is a minimum-security prison in Baker City that houses approximately 366 male inmates who are within four years of release. PRCF serves as a transition and re-entry facility and is focused on cognitive programming, work programs, and preparing inmates for return to the community. PRCF is home to the 128-bed New Directions (Drug and Alcohol Treatment) Alternative Incarceration Program. Individuals who successfully complete this 180-day in-prison program are released to the community for a 90-day transitional leave period. Individuals who successfully complete the transitional leave period are granted a reduction in their sentence and move to post-prison supervision. PRCF opened in November 1989.

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