



# News Release

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### SRCI Staff & Community Partnership Committee gives back

The Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) Staff & Community Partnership Committee (SCPC) is no stranger to giving back. SRCI staff formed the group to find ongoing ways to support local community needs. For some time, the SCPC has been involved with providing and serving meals at the Harvest House, in Ontario, on a quarterly basis. For the August meal, the group took a different approach – a picnic in the park.

Typically, SRCI staff members visit Harvest House each quarter and help serve the meal being offered on that given night. When the time came for the August meal, they decided to host a barbecue at Kiwanis Park in Ontario. Not only did they serve the meal, they used it as an opportunity for staff and their families to share a meal with the community members they serve. “The event was a huge success, with committee members and families showing up to serve, eat, and have fun,” said SRCI Officer Max Arvidson.

This is the first time they have served a meal off-site, and Arvidson stated they provided meals for more than 60 people. In addition, SRCI served watermelon from the minimum institution’s garden; the extra was sent home with those that attended.

The involvement between SCPC and the Harvest House is mutually beneficial. Arvidson stated, “These events fulfill a need, not only for those in our communities that come for a meal, but also for us to be in the community helping and sharing in fellowship.”

SRCI is a multi-custody prison in Ontario that houses approximately 3,000 male inmates. SRCI has multiple special housing units including disciplinary segregation, intensive management, infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care, and an administrative segregation unit. SRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including a contact center, laundry, and sign shop. SRCI specializes in incentive housing, specialized housing, inmates with mental health/medical vulnerabilities, education and trades programs, cognitive and parenting programs, and institution work programs. SRCI opened in 1991 and is the largest correctional institution in the state.



“Grill Master”, Officer Max Arvidson.



SRCI Captain Tom Jost with his wife, Officer Stephanie Jost and their family, enjoying some quality time together while they serve at the Harvest House meal.



SRCI Staff members serving at the “Picnic in the Park” lunch for Harvest House – left to right, Peggy Miller, Maureen Rossi-Hill, Alice Tomlinson, Megan Wilson, and Jim Eastwood (retired).

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