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Powder River Correctional Facility hosts 4th Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner

Powder River Correctional Facility (PRCF) in collaboration with Community Connection hosted the 4th Annual Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner on December 10, 2015. Chicken Alfredo was served with a variety of desserts to over 60 seniors in attendance. The food for the dinner was



PRCF's adult in custody holiday choir.

purchased, cooked, and served by the adults in custody from PRCF as a way to give back to the Baker City community. Those in attendance were entertained by the PRCF holiday choir led by Marvin Sundean and several guests joined in singing their favorite Christmas carols.



Community Connection seniors enjoying a meal with PRCF.

Adult in custody Jordan Willis told guests this was an opportunity to give back to those who have given him a second chance. Mr. Willis said events such as these give him and the other adults in custody an opportunity to have "regular" conversations with people. Mr. Willis thanked the guests for allowing him and the other men to share a meal with them.

PRCF's Superintendent, Brad Cain told those in attendance "This dinner has become an event we hope will continue to grow each year, and we hope you will all share your positive experiences tonight at Powder River Correctional Facility".

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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