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Sheriff Pat Garrett**

PRESS RELEASE

Children of Inmates Receive Christmas Gifts

December 23, 2013--The Washington County Sheriff's Office Jail Programs staff coordinated with the Washington County Re-entry Council (WCRC) to provide Christmas gifts for children of inmates.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Jail Programs' staff in collaboration with the WCRC arranged for 37 children of Washington County inmates to receive Christmas gifts this holiday season. The WCRC is a community-based coalition of individuals, organizations and agencies working together to help the justice-involved successfully re-enter society once released from jail.

Washington County Sheriff's Office Jail Programs staff provides services to inmates on varying levels with the purpose of improving public safety by making inmates more productive upon release. Examples include, drug and alcohol prevention groups, religion-based life skills, substance abuse classes, cognitive and behavioral groups targeting violence prevention, personal control, and problem solving skills, women's groups on anger management and domestic violence prevention, life skills classes in parenting, computer skills, finding and keeping employment, education (GED, tutoring, etc), and many others.



Jail programs staff provided the WCRC "Elves" with names, ages, and contact information for the caregivers of these children to coordinate and ensure no child was overlooked during Christmas.

Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett said, "This is an important gesture by the WCRC to the children of incarcerated parents. This is a great example of treating all people with dignity and respect regardless of their situation."