

### MIAMI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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# Miami Correctional Facility Celebrates P.L.U.S. Graduates

Bunker Hill, IN (November 17, 2017) – Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) recently held a Purposeful Living Units Serve (P.L.U.S) graduation ceremony for nearly sixty (60) offenders. MCF opened a P.L.U.S. program in January 2006. The unit provides an opportunity for offenders to explore and choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior through an emphasis on spiritual, moral, and character development, life-skills training, and intentional preparation for living as law abiding citizens who contribute to the well-being of their community. As part of their program, the offenders are required to complete 320 hours of community service.

Deputy Warden Sharon Hawk, Chaplain William Croto, Unit Team Manager Katie Miller, and Reverend Steve Branstutter were among the key note speakers providing words of encouragement to the P.L.U.S. graduates. "Take this time to reflect on the six core values of compassion, tolerance, respect, responsibility, integrity, and honesty, and allow yourself to apply these to your everyday life not just here at Miami Correctional Facility, but when you are successfully released into society," stated Katie Miller during the ceremony.

The P.L.U.S. graduates were also praised by their family members and friends whom attended the ceremony, some of which traveled from out-of-state just to attend. Following the ceremony, the P.L.U.S. graduates were provided an opportunity to visit with their family members and friends while enjoying cake and punch. "These graduates have proven their commitment to the P.L.U.S. program and I'm confident they will utilize what they have learned while in the program to aid them in their successful re-entry into society," stated Executive Director and MCF Interim Warden William Wilson.

**More about the Purposeful Living Units Serve:** This program is designated by the Indiana Department of Correction with the intent to provide an environment for offenders to change past attitudes and behaviors in a manner that will assist them in their return to the outside community. P.L.U.S. units have been implemented in adult and juvenile facilities to facilitate offender and student adjustment, rehabilitation, reintegration into the community, increased system-wide facility security, reduction of recidivism, and shall accommodate persons of any or no faith.

About the Miami Correctional Facility: MCF is located on the southeast corner of Grissom Aeroplex, just south of Peru, Indiana, in Miami County and spans 200 acres. The facility is classified as a Level 4 maximum security correctional facility. The Phase I of the facility houses more than 1,224 offenders including the minimum security facility, which is located outside the secured perimeter of the medium security facility. Phase II construction began in 1999 and ended in 2001. The first housing unit in Phase II opened in October 2001. This phase houses an additional 1,632 offenders. Miami Correctional Facility's total bed capacity is 3,188.

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