



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Margret Taylor

I have been at the “center” since the day it opened. Originally, I was called, assigned, or whatever you want to call it but now it is my favorite place to be. I attended an orientation meeting but until I walked into the gym in Feb. 2010 I realized I had been training for the activities that would be involved at HC my entire life. I was the youngest person (60) involved and my knees held out until we moved into our current location. We had to pack everything up and down stairs each week. I found my niche in cutting fabric and putting quilt kits together for volunteers to sew at home. We started with essentially no budget for quilts, or public donations but we were blessed with generous workers who kept us limping along. We grew, we became a 501c3, we then needed to move as we were and are now a community organization rather than an LDS one. The center is a life saving location, literally. I have seen lives changed (mine especially) for the better by volunteering and then hear about how the recipients are blessed from the products produced or donated. The center is an eclectic family of volunteers. For some it is the only time they talk to another live human being.

In Quilt Prep we are few but we are quality! Donations of fabrics are brought to our department and we sort them for the proper department. Large cotton or flannel pieces go for backs and it often takes 3 pieces sewn together for a back. Other smaller cotton pieces might become a pillowcase or apron or cut into squares to be put in kits and we are so thrilled with the results of the talented home sewers. Slightly heavier fabrics are set aside to be made into hygiene bags (100 a week).

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EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Groups—1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:30

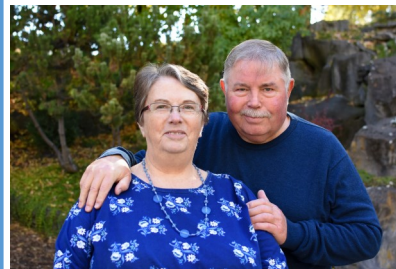
Adults Only—2nd Thursday of each month

Reservation Required—Contact Doug 208-681-0083

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6 JUNE.....6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 8 JUNE..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
- 14 JUNE..... FLAG DAY
- 14 JUNE.....8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
- 15 JUNE..... IFAHC BOARD MEETING
- 18 JUNE..... FATHER'S DAY
- 20 JUNE.....6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



MaryAnn and Ray Petersen

Ray Petersen grew up in Firth Idaho. He worked as a fixit man for Pepsi Cola for 5 years. For the remainder of his career, he worked at Pacific Steel (who bought out Gate City Steel). He worked in the warehouse for several years and then transferred to the office. He loved being a purchaser and visiting with customers.

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Appropriate light knits go for baby sleep-sacks, and the other knits go to jump ropes to sort. Now to flannel. It is divided between receiving blankets, burps, bibs, "burrito babies" (triangle doll in patterns), changing pads in newborn kits, crib quilt kits and crib backs if top is cotton (one side warm and the other cool) and don't forget plaids, if they are not big enough for a back they are set aside for adult shirt protector's then the rest become squares for quilt kits. Whew! Polar fleece goes for lap or school blankets and weighted blankets and there are shoulder capes and neck/chin support pillows and scraps are cut for a "Nerf" type ball to be sewn at home. Lots of other stuff comes in and we try to find the best home for it. It really has to be unusable to hit the dumpster and very little goes there. By the way, I have never made a quilt, when my teens wanted a track quilt they were taught how to make their own with my help. For some reason, when I act like I know what I am doing or saying you seem believe it (boy do I have you fooled). Front desk seems to think I know everything thing but that's not so, but I can tell you where to go. Sitting where I sit, and my frequent fabric forts which seem to be humorous to many, I meet a great many of the volunteers.

I was raised outside Idaho, in a family where my grandmother and mother were involved in helping the community along with their church work and I knew I would also do something for the community. Once my youngest was in school all day I knew it was time to give more back to this great community besides working book fairs or as a room mother. I volunteered in the library of their elementary school until my youngest had entered college and then the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center became my new focus. I love this crazy family and appreciate Don and Mozelle more than I can express.



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	1554
First-time volunteers.....	10
Onsite service hours.....	5728
Offsite service hour	5527
Total center items produced.....	11,255

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Ray started volunteering at the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center as a service missionary. Now he keeps coming out of habit, and working here gives him something to look forward to every week. He enjoys socializing with the people at the Center and shares that volunteering here keeps him alive. Ray loves the pumpkin decorating competition at the Center. He admires the talent of others. He is also impressed with the imagination and creativity of the painters. When speaking of the Center Ray said, "There are so many talented volunteers in all areas of the Center. Nothing is subpar."



Our Assistant Director of Folder Games and dear friend, Leanna Winder, has decided to retire from the Center. We will miss you!

We will miss you

Mozelle Neville, Leanna Winder, Vicki Duffin

DONATIONS NEEDED

- ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
- SHAVE CREAM
- DEODORANT
- BLEACH
- BABY WIPES
- TOILET PAPER
- YARN 2,3, 4 PLY
- HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES

WAYS TO DONATE



In person or by mail:
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PayPal; Venmo;
Idahofallsareahumanitariancenter.org

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm
Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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GUEST SPEAKER



Ariel Jackson
and Nicole Ward

On May 2, 2023 we had the pleasure of meeting with Ariel Jackson and Nicole Ward who are representatives of the Community Food Basket.

Started just over 43 years ago the Community Food Basket now serves 1,400 families a month with about 100 pounds of food per family. In 2022 they helped 14,583 families with 109,000 diapers, 60 mattresses, 1.6 million pounds of food and an additional 1.3 million meals. Not only do they provide food for families, they also provide food to other organizations who are able to help other families.

The Community Food Basket not only accepts food donations, they accept other items including mattresses. Their goal is to alleviate some of the stresses of their patrons by providing some basic needs. This allows those being helped to focus on the more daunting tasks in their lives.

The Community Food Basket will be moving locations in Mid June 2023. Their new distribution center was an old church building on 14th Street. While they are excited for their new center they know they will need the help from the community to fill the shelves and get things organized. Anyone wanting to donate time, money or other perishable items are encouraged to do so. For more information on hours of operations please visit their website at <https://feedidahofalls.org/>

Here's to the everyday heroes,
The volunteers who do what they can,
To ease the suffering of others,
And be of service to their fellow man.

May they know the true satisfaction
That comes from helping others
Less fortunate than themselves,
But no less their sisters and brothers.

May they feel the gratitude in our hearts
For all of the good that they've done.
The appreciation that we all feel for them
Is truly second to none.

-Kelly Roper



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