



## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It was nothing more than a New Year's resolution. I resolved that I would produce 500 wooden toys for the Humanitarian Center during the course of 2021. By then I had been cutting out little cars for about a year and a half, even though the pandemic had slowed everything down. 500 was my resolution and it represented an uptick in what I had been producing, so I was comfortable that for once I had a resolution that wouldn't be forgotten before the end of January.

Winter turned into spring, and I conscientiously made progress toward my goal... until that fateful phone call. Someone named Don Neville wanted to visit with me at the Humanitarian Center. My wife and I came down, Don, still non-motorized and ambulatory at that point, gave us a nice tour of the facility, ending at the Wooden Toy area. It was there that he popped the question. (It is atypical of any location south of Rexburg to have a first date end in a proposal.)

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Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and the bless you, the giver.

—Barbara De Angelis



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 JAN .....NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2 JAN ..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 11 JAN .....6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
- 10 JAN ..... 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
- 15 JAN ..... MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 16 JAN ..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 18 JAN ..... 8 AM IFAHC BOARD MEETING

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Tami Case was born and raised in Idaho Falls. She is married and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. She and her family love the outdoors. "Camping and four wheeling is our summer time life." In 2023, she vacationed in Cancun, Mexico. It was her first time out of the country. What an adventure!

Tami worked at Porters for 20 years. She describes herself as a "lifetime crafter and hobbyist."

Tami started volunteering at the Humanitarian Center in 2017. She loves the atmosphere at the Center. "Working at the Center is like therapy. Great lifetime friendships are made there with the unity of helping our community. Everybody can benefit from the Center."

## DONATIONS NEEDED

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



We are in need of someone that would like to be our wooden toys supervisor. Ideally we would like someone who can commit to working at the Center on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Please come see Mozelle or Don if you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering in this capacity.

We also need more delivery drivers. See Theron for more details.



*Gift the Center*

In December, volunteers donated items such as laundry soap, diapers, and hygiene kit components. Those donations in addition to generous donations from other community members and organizations helped fill the shelves in our community room. We are beyond grateful. Thank you

## Thank You!

We are so grateful for all the donations we receive. We love and appreciate the generosity of so many! Named or unnamed, we are thankful to all!



December 6, Frontier Credit Union presented the Humanitarian Center with hygiene kits and a \$2000 check. Thank you Frontier Credit Union!



## EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Adults Only—2nd Thursday of each month

Reservation Required—Contact Randy 208-589-4974

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

Phone: 208-497-2868 Website: ifareahumanitariancenter.org

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PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

With the Holiday season here, we have had extra volunteers at the Center. We love and appreciate all who walk in our doors to serve!

Pictured below is a group from BYU-I.



We said farewell to Patti and Doug Owen in December. They have always gone the extra mile to ensure the woodworking and jump rope department runs smoothly. They have lead with love and compassion. We will miss them!

### LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	304
First-time volunteers .....	19
Onsite service hours .....	2,571
Offsite service hour.....	1,656
Total center items produced .....	2,213

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His proposal was that I become the fearless leader of the Wooden Toy area and that my wife Patti become the matron of the Jump Rope manufacturing operation. We actually said yes.

The 500-toy resolution was left in the dust. As we worked with the many volunteers in our areas to provide toys for those that have little or nothing, to provide jump ropes to all the area schools as well as toys for bigger events such as the Roarin' Youth Jam, Spud Days, and the Festival of Trees, piddling numbers like 500 became a distant memory.

It has been a memorable two and a half years. Things change, opportunities arise and we find ourselves moving on to new adventures. But as we leave behind our "full time" participation at the center, we will continue to whole-heartedly support the center, whether it be simply cutting out wooden toys, or braiding ropes, the center will always be a part of our lives and experience.

I would encourage any of you who are resolving to do more in the new year to consider what you can do for the humanitarian center and the individuals near and far that it serves.

"I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." (Frost, lines 16-20)

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

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