

## Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

# **Monthly Newsletter**



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# **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE BY DON & MOZELLE NEVILLE**



Fifteen years ago a local religious leader called us and told us he had a vision that we needed to start a humanitarian center in Idaho Falls. He asked us if we would head it up. The two things we were asked to accomplish were 1 - provide items to help the poor and the needy in our area and 2 - provide a place for people to come and experience the true joy of service.

We were asked to work with the Non profit agencies because they know where the needs really are. As we visited these organizations, I was in total shock to

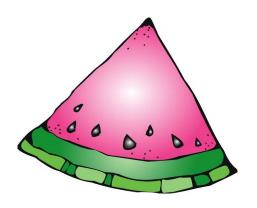
realize how many needs there were in this community. After many hours on our knees, and some calls to a group in Utah that was doing a similar program, we opened our doors for our first meeting on March 10th of 2010. We only had 10 volunteers show up. Now we have at least 150 volunteers and all of our staff that come everyday we are open, plus all of the youth nights.

We know that the Savior had a definite plan for this center. We have seen so many miracles happen. We have become a total non-profit, non-denominational community based organization. No one here is paid (except in blessings) and we do not sell anything. We survive on grants, and generosity of local businesses, and personal donations. What a blessing it is to be able to help those that are struggling and need love and compassion. This program has totally changed our lives and those that come to serve. When you lose yourselves in service without expecting anything in return you find true joy. To all of you that serve here, please tell your friends & neighbors about this wonderful place and invite them to come.

Thank you so much to all of you for being so wonderful and becoming such an important part of our lives. Don & Mozelle Neville

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

5 AUG 6:30 PM IF	AHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
13 AUG	8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
21 AUG	5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING
1 SEPT	LABOR DAY
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## **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



LouAnne Johnson has been at the Humanitarian Center since March of 2024. Another volunteer at the center got her interested in volunteering herself. Both she and her husband have served a mission for The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter –day Saints in

Southern California and also a mission in the Ammon Stake.

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# **GUEST SPEAKER**



On July 29th we heard from Shannon Blaskovich. She is from Children's Supportive Services.

Children's Supportive
Services, INC. is committed to
the concept that treating kids

with emotional and behavioral problems can be most effectively done in the environment where the problems occur. By providing treatment in the home and community, they are able to vastly increase the opportunity for successful results for both the child and the family.

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# **LAST MONTH'S IMPACT**

Individual center workers	290
First-time volunteers	11
Onsite service hours	3,165
Offsite service hour	7,628
Total center items produced	2,293

# 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

#### **WAYS TO DONATE**

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#### **VOUNTEER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED**

She has been married to a firefighter for almost 50 years. They were engaged for 6 weeks, no one thought that they would survive, but they both hung in there and are both so thankful that they did.

She has 7 children which have multiplied into 25 grandchildren,14 children-in-laws, 6 Dogs and 8 Cats. Stubbornness, sassy mouths and the need to be right runs in her family.

She has been a hotel maid, donut maker, recipe tester, USDA potato nematode searcher, contact lenses factory worker (2 day career). Being a wife and mother have been her most satisfying work experience.

She is a homebody, but has traveled a little bit even though it is not her thing to do.

She feels the Humanitarian Center is an amazing place! As a child she was the recipient of generous people like those at the center and is thankful everyday for experiencing that kind of love. She is learning to give back and feels that it had been a true joy to serve here.

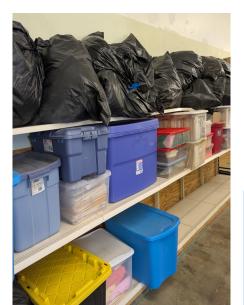


Their founders' statement says "I feel a responsibility to get this service to as many kids as we can. Because it works. We will be able to save a large number of these kids from going through hell that untreated—or poorly treated mental illness is." Joe Keele, Founder.

The services they provide are Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Case Management, Family Support Partner, Targeted Care Coordination, Respite. Children's Supportive Services are dedicated to the wellness of children, their families and our community through prevention, intervention and treatment.

#### DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
SHAVE CREAM
DEODORANT
BLEACH
BABY WIPES
TOILET PAPER
YARN ,COTTON, 4 PLY
12 INCH RULERS



We received this huge donation in memory of Connie Merritt. Donated by her son and daughter-in-law. The donation included fabric and sewing notions. We appreciate all these beautiful donations that help us fulfill our mission to help the underserved in our community.

We express our condolences to the family of Eric Browning who passed away on July 24, 2025. Eric served as the Chairman of the Board for the Humanitarian Center for several years. He was a remarkable person who will be sorely missed.