



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

August 2019 Newsletter

From The Board of Directors

What a joy it is to be associated with the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center! There is joy in serving others and providing to them those things that they cannot provide for themselves.

In a very real way, we are serving the Savior as we serve those in need – “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matthew 25:40) We may not see the faces of those who receive items from the Center but they are there and they are real people.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thanks for your dedicated service and sacrifice. May you feel of the Savior’s love for you as you give so freely to those in need.



Randy Hurley
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Volunteer Highlight

When asked what brought her to the Humanitarian Center, **Lori Moser** answered, “cancer”!

When she discovered she had the same kind of cancer that had taken her mother-in-law only a short time before, she was understandably fearful. But hers was removed through surgery, leaving her with a looming question: “What am I going to do with my life now?” She found the answer at the Center. In

October she will have been volunteering there for 4 years.

Tragedy struck again just 5 months ago when Lori’s son, John, died in a traffic accident. She says that once again, the Humanitarian Center, where she finds her “second family” *saved her life. (continued)*



Lori Moser

Lori’s grandmother had taught her to crochet baby booties and hats and since then she has always loved crocheting and knitting for babies. Her motto is “Love in Every Stitch”. Dear Lori, it shows.

Product Highlight



Mary Cowley



Benny Billman



Sarah Kelly

Did you know that the Humanitarian Center makes jump ropes? Well, read on.

When you think of miracles, how often does “polyester” pop into your mind? Well, read on.

Our jump ropes are made with 4 strands of polyester, which is both durable and stretchy and *usually* readily available. According to Assistant Director Mary Cowley, before we closed for cleaning on 7/1 we had **zero** polyester on hand. When we returned on 7/22, through miraculous and large donations we had plenty and then some!

Mary says, “If you just pause and watch, you’ll see miracles!”

We now have just shy of 800 jump ropes on hand and so far this year, we have given out 1,786.

This just in . . . we have now started making “double-dutch” ropes (the long kind for 2 or more people. (Aren’t you glad you kept reading?)

Hours we're open

10 am – 3 pm, Tues. & Wed.; 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; 1st Thursday of the month for adults only 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Call Shane Ackerschott 208-206-2834 to schedule evenings.

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Meet David Packer



[Surprise, David! While you were out making deliveries, your wife was telling us all about you.]

Professionally, David was an accountant and auditor, which he loved. (Paulette said he enjoys it so much he “audits” everything she throws away.) Partially because of his professional work

as a civilian auditing for the Department of Army, the Packers have lived in Germany, South Korea, Hawaii, New York, Arizona, South Dakota and California!

David has been volunteering at the Humanitarian Center for about 4 years, starting because he needed something to do after retirement. He began by tying and setting up quilts. Now, beside making deliveries, he works at cutting squares in the quilting department.

David and Paulette have 6 children (3 boys, 3 girls, spread far and wide), 29 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

Watch Where You Step!



As you probably know, the Humanitarian Center was closed for cleaning the first three weeks of July not only to give the volunteers a break, but also to do the yearly stripping and waxing of the floors.

The process required moving everything that’s movable from one side of the *huge* room to other while it was done, then moving it back in order to clean and wax the other side, then finally moving everything back into place. It was quite a process!

Although many of these numbers were repeat workers (from day to day), adding up each day’s crews, there were 120 volunteers, donating 430 hours. Among them were a great group of our usual volunteers, especially of the strong male variety, led by the mightiest of them all: Don Neville with his trusty sidekick Kent Wood! *(continued)*

We also had around 20 missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints who were down on their knees for a very different purpose than usual. ☺

So, enjoy the new shine on the floors, but be careful: it might just blind you!

WE NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!

Please share the following with your church groups and other associates.



We need school supplies!

In the past we had enough on hand to fill the need. According to Doug Jansen, who puts them together, we haven’t had to ask for donations for about 2 years.

However, we currently have enough supplies for only about 100 filled bags, but we anticipate needing about 400 bags for the upcoming school year.

If you can help, please donate the following items. Those starred are especially crucial.

- ❖ 3-hole spiral notebooks, wide rule
- ❖ Pencils
- ❖ Colored pencils
- ❖ Rulers
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

Quote of the Month



“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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