



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

## December 2019 Newsletter

### A Message from Our Director

The first time I walked into the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center I felt like I had come home. I felt like everyone was my friend even if I had never met them. There was such a strong spirit of serving and love that I was completely drawn in. I have truly loved every day spent serving for and at the Center. I love and admire the many volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents, almost always with a smile on their face. We all have something needed to contribute to the good work of serving the poor and needy in Southeastern Idaho. My Christmas wish for each of you is to stay enthusiastic about life. We can't change what is but we can control our attitude. There is always so much to look forward to. Life is good so KEEP SHOWING UP! Merry Christmas.



**Amy Pancheri**  
*Assistant Director, IFAHC*  
*Member, IFAHC Board of Directors*

she explained that they would need to see it to believe it. They did so and just before the next prayer meeting, Randy Hurley, Chairman of the Board of Directors received a message that they would not only be donating 9,000 lbs. of rice, but that it would be delivered as needed, rather than asking us to use our limited storage space. ***Miracles never cease!***

### Visited by Royalty



*Miss Idaho High school*  
*Brinley Hall*

Who knew that our little “factory” would be visited by royalty! Maybe we need to have a few lessons on how to bow!

Recently Brinley Hall, who has been dubbed Miss Idaho High School, came to the Center to volunteer. Her next leg of the journey will be one to the national competition.

### Product Highlight

Weighted blankets often provide effective comfort for autistic or ADD/ADHD children. ***It takes about 10 lbs. of rice for one child's blanket,*** divided into cells, strips and pockets sewn in a fleece blanket.

Because of the demand, we require a prescription from a health professional, and a request from a school or some other agency for an order to be placed. There were 94 such



*Barrels of Rice*

blankets delivered during the month of October through 23 agencies such as school districts, counseling centers and hospitals.

Recently we needed more rice (a common dilemma). There was a possibility of a grant, but the donors were curious about how we can use such large quantities of rice. In true Mozelle style,



*Filling the strips*

### Eagle Scout Projects

Because of the dissolved partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day, many boys who had planned on earning their Eagle Scout Award are scrambling to complete their projects. Some have chosen to organize drives of various kinds and donate to the Center. An example is McKay Bird, pictured here. He collected over 1,000 pieces of warm clothing, including hundreds of coats. He brought in sweaters, jackets, socks, hats, boots, etc. He and his scout troop, leaders and family can be very proud of their good work and many people will be warmer this winter as a result.



*McKay Bird*

### Hours we're open

10 am – 3 pm, Tues. & Wed.; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Our Mighty Chairman



Randy Hurley being taught by Rex Johns

You can spot a good leader by how well they follow. Recently, Randy Hurley – Chairman of the IFAHC Board of Directors - was spotted *not playing with spaghetti, as it looks, but* learning how to quilt. That’s Rex Johns teaching him. Keep it up, fearless leader!

## An Award Well-Deserved

Don and Mozelle Neville, who are the Directors of the IFAHC, received the 2019 Andrus Award for Community Service, the most prestigious award the AARP gives. The award is named in honor of Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, founder of the AARP and is a symbol of the power of individuals to make a difference in the lives of others. AARP Idaho state director Lupe Wissel presented the honor to the Neville’s at a dinner ceremony last October. All of us know they are *very well deserving* of it, but of course they repeatedly said



## Quote of the Month



*No one has ever become poor by giving.*

-Anne Frank

that it belonged to all IFAHC volunteers. (Doesn’t that just strengthen the fact that they deserve it?)

On the heels of this honor, Mozelle was among 3 individuals in Eastern Idaho honored for their “exceptional leadership in philanthropic efforts benefiting charitable organizations”. And yet her head still doesn’t seem to be growing!

## Encompass Health Donation

Encompass Health, Home Health and Hospice is a nationally owned company with offices in Idaho Falls, Rexburg and Pocatello. They also have a charitable donation program called “Encompass Cares”.

Recently they proved their motto by using a \$4,000 grant to purchase needed items for the Center. Pictured here are some of the employees who delivered it to us.



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