



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

November 2019 Newsletter

## A Message from Our Directors

As we approach the holiday season, we need to think of those in our community who are in need. We have so much and so many have so little. Please think of coming and serving at the Center to help us get ready for this special time of year while you experience the true joy of service.



Don & Mozelle Neville  
Directors, IFAHC

## Product Highlight

Can you imagine how traumatic it must be to go through an event such as a house fire, domestic violence, or any such thing? Now imagine that you are a child going through it and how much it would help to have a new puppet to help share the horror. We've made puppets for many years, but it was Maureen Gordon who took them to the next level of "adorable".



Recently, Kent and Betty Wood went on a humanitarian trip to a girls' orphanage in Cusco, Peru. With them went a number of these puppets, burrito babies and jump ropes.

As a rule our products go exclusively to people in our service area. But when someone we know and trust is traveling to another country and if we have enough to share, we're



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happy to help. So, it was with Kent and Betty. You'll notice some of our toys on the table (and on Kent's and Betty's hands) with the sweet recipients behind them.

## We are going to miss you, Amy!

### *Amy Clements Pancheri*

is a native of Idaho, born, raised and educated in Idaho Falls. She married Mike Pancheri, a potato farmer, and together they raised 6 great kids. They have 14 grandchildren.

Amy earned her BS, Master's, her Ed Specialist degree and EdD, each one qualifying her for another opportunity in the field of public education. She taught school for 12 years, then was Principal for 6 years each at A.W. Johnson Elementary and Firth Middle School. After Mike passed away, she served as Superintendent of Schools at Butte County for 8 years and South Lemhi for a time.

Amy has always loved hard work and after finishing a 2-year mission in the Salt Lake Headquarters Family and Church History Mission, she looked for the next thing. She drove past the IFAHC and it looked familiar, so she went in. (We know the end of that story because it's likely much the same as our own.)

She says, "I love the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center, all of the volunteers, and the people we serve. I love sharing my passion for the Center and its good works with others. I believe this organization is led by angels and the volunteers are angels, also. We get to rub shoulders with the very best people I have ever met. The spirit of the Center is very strong, and people feel it when they enter the building. I know that the good work will go on because our work is led by one on high. The Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center will continue caring for the poor and needy in Southeastern Idaho."

With tears in her eyes, Mozelle added, "Amy was a gift sent from Heaven at the exact time we needed her. What a special person in every way! I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her and to call her my friend. Please know that you are loved by many, Amy!"

***Amy will be leaving us soon as she moves to Henderson, Nevada to be nearer to family.***



### 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

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## Volunteer Highlight

Mark and Valerie Nelson met in Star Valley High School. They were married in 1964. They have 9 children, and 40 grandchildren and *almost* 8 great-grandchildren.



*To switch it up a bit, we asked Mark to tell us about Valerie, and Valerie to tell us about Mark.*

Mark was born in Afton, and raised in Auburn, WY. He was riding horses before he was 3 when he ruptured his appendix and he

couldn't ride for a while,

which devastated him. He has always loved to have the wind on his face, whether riding a horse or racing on a motorcycle. According to Valerie, in high school he "liked football and girls." He has always loved the outdoors and was a hunting guide when they were first married. Valerie says, "Mark would love to live in the mountains as a hermit except he needs his shower." He loves people and talks to everyone (which is not in his nature). He always tries to compliment people, which has made some people uncomfortable, because they are not accustomed to it. He always thanks veterans for their service and helps anyone he sees who might need help. According to their daughter, sadly he's been replaced by the cell phone because now when he stops to help, they often just hold up their phones and say, "No, we're good." And it's no surprise that Mark *loves* children. (Valerie, you have excellent taste!)

Valerie was also born in Afton, but raised in Thayne, WY. Mark says she had 10-12 boyfriends before him and he "accidentally" dated two of the girls in Valerie's group before getting up enough nerve to ask her out. When asked what her favorite movie is, Mark's reply was "Well ... we've watched 'While You Were Sleeping' several times".

(Get out the Kleenex. This part is *super* sweet.)

Mark says, "It's hard to express, but Valerie would sacrifice her life for anyone." He says, "Dependability is the best ability there is and Valerie epitomizes that. If she says she'll be there, she'll be there." And while fighting away the tears, he added "I honestly know that I wouldn't be here, helping people if it were not for her. Had she not been there to give me the love I needed I would not be the man I am."

We are all blessed to have BOTH of the Nelsons as our friends!

## Deserved Congratulations



*The following is the official announcement from the AARP.*

"AARP Idaho is pleased to announce that Mozelle and Don Neville of Idaho Falls were selected to receive the 2019 Andrus Award for Community Service, the Association's most prestigious volunteer award. Each year AARP honors the legacy of AARP founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, with the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. The award is a symbol of the power of individuals to make a difference in the lives of others. AARP Idaho state director Lupe Wissel will present the honor to the Neville's at an upcoming ceremony in Idaho Falls."

This award was presented to Don and Mozelle at a banquet on October 15. They are quick to give most of the credit to the IFAHC volunteers, but we all know that we couldn't do any of it without them.

## Quote of the Month

*"End is not the end, in fact E.N.D. means "Effort Never Dies". If you get No as an answer, remember N.O. means "Next Opportunity". So let's be positive."*



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