



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) Newsletter



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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Valarie Nelson

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." —Martin Luther King

Folks come to the center to serve others, to make friends, to feel the Spirit, and in the end they benefit the most. Miracles are seen often, and we know the Lord's work is done in that building called The Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center.

We have had a few weeks off, and we can now return to volunteer and associate with all our many friends and great people that we have learned to love and work with.

Come join us and feel the love and support we all feel.

GIFT — GREATER IDAHO FALLS TRANSIT

The Idaho Falls Public Works department has been working closely alongside the contractor, Downtowner, to bring us the Greater Idaho Falls Transit system or GIFT. Passengers can travel anywhere within Idaho Falls city limits via bus or large SUV. Rides are point-to-point, which means riders are picked up at their location and transported to their specific destination. The system has seven vans, some of which have wheelchair lifts. Wait time for a ride averages about 15 minutes.

Passengers may download the "GIFT On-Demand" app on their phone to register for a free account and schedule rides. The app can store frequently-used destinations, payment information, and has a service area map and can tell a rider if their location is within the service



area. Rides can also be scheduled by calling (208) 269-9729. Then they can request a ride from their location within city limits to anywhere else in Idaho Falls. Regular fare is \$3 per ride, and a discounted fare of \$1 per ride is available for Medicare card holders and for those with a federally-defined disability.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 am—6:30 pm, and Saturday 9:30 am—5:30 pm.



Guest Speaker Cade Marcus from GIFT

HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30 Jul..... Bikers Against Bullies Garage Sale @ IFAHC Parking Lot
- 2 Aug..... 6:30 pm IFAHC Open Evening
- 3 Aug..... 8 am IFAHC Executive Committee Meeting
- 11-13 Aug Roaring Youth Jam
- 16 Aug..... 6:30 pm IFAHC Open Evening
- 18 Aug..... 5 pm IFAHC Board Meeting
- 25 Aug..... 6:30 pm IFAHC Booth at Chukkars Game

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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BYU IDAHO COMMUNICATIONS CLASS SUPPORTS IFAHC

BYU-I faculty Susan Walton's communications class selected IFAHC as their client for last semester's public relations project. Board members and Center admin staff met on campus with students mid term to share our mission and vision and returned again for final presentations by four student teams. Each team presented a proposed marketing strategy for the Center to classmates, communications department faculty, and IFAHC Board members and staff. Each team also presented the Center with bound proposals filled with posters, brochure materials, and ideas



for social media, press releases, and community events.

Proposed marketing activities included an annual fall open house. The Board is discussing this and other ideas. One concept shared by all the student teams was that personal stories forge connections.

Board Chair Randy Hurley challenged IFAHC volunteers to create their personal story of how the Center has impacted their life and share it with five people during the month of August. Going forward, we hope to collect those stories and use them in social media, videos, sound bites, and other promotional efforts.

LINCOLN STAKE SERVICE PROJECT

The Lincoln Stake did a service project to donate hygiene kits. They ordered items and fabric, collected boxes, sorted, cut out, sewed, pressed, folded, and delivered 1,002 kits in cloth bags to the Center. Drew and Bonnie Beasley, JustServe stake specialists, coordinated a 782 hour effort over 33 days.

This generous donation came at just the right time, as the Center hygiene kit inventory was running low.

Heartfelt thanks for all their time, effort, and generosity.



BIKERS AGAINST BULLIES YARD SALE

Bikers Against Bullies is holding a yard sale to benefit the Center on Saturday, July 30, from 8 am to 4 pm in the IFAHC parking lot.

Please come and support this effort and encourage your friends and neighbors to visit the sale and extend a special thank you to the organizers of the event.

COMMUNITY ROOM NEEDS

CLEANING SUPPLIES

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

DEODORANT

PAPER TOWELS



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	165
First-time volunteers.....	6
Onsite service hours.....	522
Offsite service hours.....	2,661
Total center items produced	636
Total at-home items checked in	2,385

WAYS TO DONATE

- In person or by mail:
1415 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401



- PayPal
- Venmo
- [idahofallsareahumanitariancenter.org](https://www.idahofallsareahumanitariancenter.org)

THE LAST WORD

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss



Picnic Time



Thank you to everyone who
made this year's Summer
Picnic a success!

A special thank you to Com-
mittee Chairs Vickie Duffin
and Valarie Nelson and their
committee for their hard
work!



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