

# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) Newsletter



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#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Doug Jansen

As the Humanitarian Center's accountant an the person who put together hygiene kits and school bags, it has amazed me that the money and materials arrive when needed. I'm convinced that the Lord has a hand in running the Center. I have seen the love and

concern that people have one to another and the friendships that

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#### **NOW OPEN TUESDAY EVENINGS**

Effective June 7, the Center will be open for youth groups on the first and third Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., under the direction of Doug & Patti Owen. Thank you to all who have offered to volunteer during these hours! Attendance is *by appointment only*. To schedule, call **208-681-0083** *at least a week* in advance. A ratio of one leader to five youth is required, and leaders must remain with their youth. We ask that all volunteers put away their cell phones while they are working.



# HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH

Last month our Humanitarian Outreach Committee attended: **Celebrate Seniors**—Vickie Duffin, Nancy Long, Sylvia Marlow, Kathryn Moore handed out hats and folder games. The remodeled Westbank was a great venue. Our own Irene Larsen played the piano as part of the entertainment, and Beth Edgerton had a display of her beautiful needlework. Congratulations to Kathryn who won \$100 at the event, just in time for her birthday! **Community Council of Idaho**—Cindy & Gary Branson,

Judy & Lane Luke, and Irene & Vanessa Gomez handed out English and Spanish flyers, cars, folder games, jump ropes, and burrito babies on Friday/Saturday at Thunder Ridge and Hawthorne Elementary. **Ukraine Orphanage**—A private group visited Ukraine and took 896 of our excess inventory items with them. An airline provided free shipping! Without our dedicated volunteers, we would not have had the extra inventory to fill this last-minute order for Ukraine war orphans. We received word that 30 more children had entered the orphanage since our first shipment. A second shipment of 48 hygiene kits and 80 toy cars shipped early in May. We are thankful we can help fill such a big need in this

small way!

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Mayo @ Tauphus Park—We gave out wooden toys and burrito babies. Both were a big hit with the kids!



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 16	7 pm, IFAHC Chukkars Booth*
June 19	Father's Day
July 5-19	IFAHC CLOSED
July 9	1-4 pm, IFAHC Summer Picnic
July 11-15	Annual Building Cleaning
July 12	Camp Magical Moments**
July 26	IFAHC Reopens

\*Chukkars Booth—We have a booth at two home games this season. Fred Meyer is sponsoring our booth space, and Idaho Steel is providing 20 tickets for us for



each game. Stay tuned for more information on how to get tickets.

\*\*Camp Magical Moments— Cancer Camp for Kids, Inc. puts on this camp sponsored by the

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#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR...**

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are made. I have experienced support for the work that I do. The Center is staffed by people who have lots of experience (like the elderly) and it gives them an outlet to do good works. For those of you who have experienced the spirit of the Center, I highly recommend that you ask your friends and neighbors to experience that same spirit by coming and working here. Many elderly people think that they have nothing to give, but in reality many need to be encouraged to leave their homes and get involved.

#### **EVENTS...**

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Children's Oncology Camping Association. We will donate comfort kits for 30-40 children who have cancer as they enjoy being a "regular kid" for a week.

## **COMMUNITY ROOM NEEDS**

PAPER TOWELS
LAUNDRY DETERGENT



# **LAST MONTH'S IMPACT**

Individual center workers	286
First-time volunteers	26
Onsite service hours	4,122
Offsite service hours	9,845
Total center items produced	2,994
Total at-home items checked in	5,869

# SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY WORLD DAY PROJECT DONATION

Bunches of thanks to the students of Sunnyside Elementary for the wonderful donation they prepared for us as part of their World Day celebration. Every class con-

tributed to the Center. Projects ranged from kindergarteners folding and packaging socks to first, second, and fifth graders assembling hygiene kits to sixth graders assembling file folder



games. Sixth grade teacher Melissa Hiltbrand said, "Everything that we do has a focus on how do we become better people. How do we share? How do we make a positive impact both in our schools and in our community, so this is kind of a culminating event for them to really get a feeling that they are making a difference."

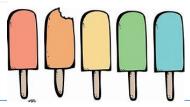
One sixth grader said, "It makes me feel good to know we're helping a lot of people in our community." Each grade level was tasked with making more than 200 of the assigned items, said Sunnyside Counselor Shelby Whiting.

We so appreciate Shelby and all the administrators, teachers, and students involved in this generous project.

### **WAYS TO DONATE**



In person or by mail: 1413 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, PayPal, or for Venmo, scan the QR code here or go to our website at Idahofallsareahumanitariancenter.org



# THE LAST WORD

"You may not have saved a lot of money in your life, but if you have saved a lot of heartaches for other folks, you are a pretty rich man." — **Seth Parker** 

