



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) Newsletter



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Randy Hurley

I first became acquainted with the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center over nine years ago. Like many people who first visit the Center, I wondered who are these people and why are they doing this? I have been blessed to learn the answers to my early questions. The people who serve here are from our community. They

are ordinary people with an extraordinary love for God

and their fellow man. They love to serve and help those in need. They feel productive and a part of something bigger than themselves. They know that what they are doing is blessing the life of someone in need. When they return to their homes after serving, they feel joy. On behalf of the Board, thank-you for your loving service and compassion given so freely. Your contribution of time, talent, and love are making a beautiful difference in someone's life. You are the ones who come here week after week, and we love you for what you do.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

We were blessed with some special guest speakers and visitors last month.



Derrick Emery, a supervisor at **Stewards of Recovery, LLC**, explained how we help their RTC, PHP, IOP youth, women & infant program through donations of hygiene kits and bedding. Owner Janna

Kulow has purchased over ten properties where recovery patients can be safe and supported. We are privileged to partner with them. Jason White, community liaison with **Bikers Against Bullies**, works with Derrick to coordinate give-back efforts in the community through donated service. Jason does school assemblies where bikers ride into the school and encourage youth to support community values. "Bikers" started in 2012 and has over 52 chapters in the US as well as in Italy and France.

We were delighted to welcome LeAnn Gomez' 7&8 graders from **Teton Middle School in Driggs** to tour and serve at the Center. They helped in wooden toys, folder games, and quilting. Thank you for coming to learn more



TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

The Center needs more volunteers trained as tour guides. We will be having an upcoming training on how to conduct a center tour and would love to have more of our volunteers available to conduct tours.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Outreach Committee made the several presentations in April:

Federation of the Blind—Lori and Dudley Mosely to a mixed group of sighted and blind individuals. The center received a generous donation of hygiene and school supplies from the federation. Thank you so much!

Chubbuck Stake Preparedness Fair—Doug and Patti Owen represented the Center at the event and distributed flyers and folder games. We received a welcome do-

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Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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nation of hygiene supplies and diapers. A highlight of the event was a visitor to our booth who had been a recipient of one of our newborn kits from the Grove Creek Medical Center. It is so gratifying to get to meet an individual who has received our service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SD 91 & SD93 Migrant Council—Cindy & Gary Branson, Judy & Lane Luke, and Ingrid & Vanessa Gomez will represent the Center. We finished a Spanish translation of our new center flyer just in time for this event. Thank you to all who have helped fold the hundreds of brochures we have prepared to distribute to the community!

Chukkars Games—We will have a booth at some of Chukkars games this season! So much fun!

Came Magical Moments—Cancer Camp for Kids, Inc. This gold ribbon camp is sponsored by the Children's Oncology Camping Association. We can't wait to see what items they can use from our inventory!

Ukraine Orphanage—A private group is visiting Ukraine and is taking some of our production and inventory items with them. We are so thankful we can help!

IF Cinco de May @ Tauphus Park—We plan to have a booth to represent the center on Saturday of this two-day event.



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	305
First-time volunteers.....	16
Onsite service hours.....	4,444
Offsite service hours.....	11,803
Total center items produced	2,997
Total at-home items checked in	1,903

SERVICE IDEAS



We keep a small inventory of projects that can be checked out and completed at home. Our check in/out ladies can help you select a project.

When you check it in they'll record the hours you spent on it. Please be patient if we run short on projects, as items to be completed at home are currently in high demand.

A congregation held a three month drive for often needed items. Celia Simmons of Blackfoot North Stake explained, "It was a great opportunity for anyone who wanted to help, It really showed that small and simple things can make a big difference." Check back for other ideas in future newsletters.



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THE LAST WORD

AND GOD SAID NO!

by Claudia Minden Weisz

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said "NO." He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said "NO." He said her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and God said "NO."

He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation, it isn't granted, it's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and God said "NO." He gives blessings; happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and God said "NO." He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow, and He said "NO." He said I must grow on my own, but He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me, And God said "Ah, finally you have the idea!"