



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) Newsletter



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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Joy Rucks

Things We Can Learn While Helping Others

I have had a great opportunity to serve here. I have been working on making the quilt backs after a lot of you have sent in beautiful tops.

I have made quilts before, but working with others I have found a great respect for matching fabrics to make the backs. It has been fun trying to figure out what colors we can put together. I have also taken the opportunity to learn new skills in my own life and be able to create new things by just trying and having the desire to try something new.

I am so grateful for the people I work with who have given me an opportunity to try. I am also grateful that I can help others to keep warm during trying times in their lives. I love to meet the volunteers at IFAHC and see all the work that goes on here. I invite you to come and see the things each of you can do to make someone else happy and also find happiness yourself in serving others.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



L-R Nancy Deschamps, Lori Priest

The very first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia in 1974. Since then, over 365 houses have been opened around the world in more than 64 countries, all with a common mission of supporting families with sick children. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho (RMHC of Idaho) opened the Boise RMHC on February 1, 1988 with four bedrooms, the smallest RMHC in the world.

Lori Priest, Ronald McDonald House Director of Community Engagement – Eastern Idaho, was a guest speaker on October 19 at IFAHC. She introduced us to their mission and vision and explained the services available in Idaho Falls. In Idaho Falls, Ronald McDonald House is located inside EIRMC adjacent to the NICU. Lori described how IFAHC has been able to help provide a nurturing atmosphere for families who are going through some of the worst times in their lives. Quilts, blankets, toys, and games are a few of the items ordered to help to comfort little patients and soothe worried parents. We are going to be making coverups in a child's size for bedridden children at mealtime.

Families like Ty and Ariel Dansie of Idaho Falls benefit from the services at Ronald McDonald House. Ariel gave birth to triplets at 29 weeks, and the Dansies spent seven weeks in

the NICU at EIRMC. "We didn't stay at the Ronald McDonald Family Room overnight, but we ate lunch and dinner there almost every day. It was amazing to be able to have that resource. Our life without the Family Room would have cost us more in gas, food, and time. There was always a good selection of healthy food and drinks to help you make it through the day. It was more than convenient, and we loved the extra time we could just spend with the triplets and not worry what we were going to do about food.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 Nov..... Open Evening
 - 8 Nov..... Election Day
..... 1 pm DL Evans Bank Premier Club
 - 9 Nov..... 8 am IFAHC Executive Meeting
..... 12:45 pm Chamber Leadership Group tour
- WE WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING**

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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2022 Halloween Hijinx



Congratulations to our Pumpkin Contest winners:
Funniest, Debbie Cramer
Scariest, Virginia Smart
Prettiest, Jane Bahrain
Most Original, Ellen Bates
Special thanks to this year's esteemed contest judges Jackson Ames, Kelton Tracy, and Bryan Larson



November




DONATIONS NEEDED

- Diapers, all sizes
- 100% acrylic yarn (light colors)
- Bleach and laundry detergent
- Dish soap and disinfectant cleaning spray
- Deodorant and disposable razors



WELCOME OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Debbie Bennion, Kelly Bennion, Shelagh Davis, McKenna Holmes, Amy Jensen, Isaac Karlinsey, Carol Matthews, Gail & Jerry McLane, Eva Smith, and Shannon Wride

WAYS TO DONATE



In person or by mail: 1415 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; PayPal; Venmo; idahofallsareahumanitariancenter.org

LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	290
First-time volunteers.....	32
Onsite service hours.....	3,853
Offsite service hour	4,741
Total center items produced	2,929
Total at-home items checked in.....	545

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SPECIAL THANKS

A huge thank you to our wonderful service missionaries! It is so wonderful to come into the Center in the morning to clean floors and restrooms and empty wastebaskets. We love you and thank you for your service!

Jacob Page has donated countless hours to develop and maintain our database. Jacob is Jill Crooks' son; he works for GoDaddy in Washington. In addition to database support, Jacob donates our GoDaddy account which makes our website possible. So much of the essential service he provides is not visible to volunteers, but his generous donation of time and money make our day-to-day operations possible.

In addition to supervising our delivery drivers, Theron Hurst is over building maintenance and helps with donations, inventory order prep and reporting, and onsite and offsite storage...AND...he brings an anonymous donation of food to IFAHC every Tuesday morning. We are so grateful for his dedicated efforts and constant support of Center activities.

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The staff at the center...offered to make meals if there wasn't anything available and if you just wanted time to relax and be to yourself, they were happy to let you be. We are so grateful to the staff, the people that donate food and time there..."

We love the idea of making a difference in our community by providing items that help share that encouragement and hope.



THE LAST WORD

"God is using more than one people for the accomplishment of his great and marvelous work. ... It is too vast, too arduous, for any one people." — Orson F. Whitney

