



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) Newsletter



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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

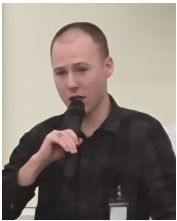


Mozelle & Don Neville

What a blessing it is to serve our community with the wonderful people who come to the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center. The purpose of the Center is to seek out the needy in our community and to provide a place to give service to others. We work with some wonderful non-profit organizations that are dedicated to help the needy. We have a wonderful spirit that radiates throughout the Center. We do our best to emulate the Savior and try to follow His example as we serve those in need. So many great things happen at the Center. We will have over 200,000 hours of service given in 2022. Our toy department will make and deliver over 20,000 toys to be given to needy children. We will hand-make and deliver approximately 3,000 quilts. We also make weighted blankets to help calm children with autism or trauma. These are just a few examples of the approximately 70 items we produce. We are often asked, "How many people are paid?" It's such a wonderful blessing to have so many people volunteer their time. No one is paid in monetary terms, just in blessings. When you find someone willing to do something for someone else and not expect anything in return, that's when you find the best people on earth. That's who we have at the Center!

## REHABILITATIVE HEALTH CENTER (RHC)

We welcomed guest speakers from the Idaho Falls crisis center, RHC (Rehabilitative Health Center), to our August 17 prayer meeting. Executive Director James McLain and



James McLain

Assistant Director Kenneth Asay shared information about the work done there.

With 250 employees and a 20-bed dorm, RHS uses bedding from IFAHC. They are open 24/7 to provide crisis intervention, all at no cost to the individual. They provide case management and staff a medical unit

equivalent to a hospital emergency room. Referrals to community resources are made within 24 hours. The Governor has mandated that RMS remain open at all times, even during COVID, and McLain stated that they accepted COVID positive clients during the pandemic shutdown. Serving clients from Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho, RHS has experienced great success in saving the lives of vulnerable



Ken Asay

adults in crisis. Last calendar quarter they served 1,500 clients.

Assistant Director Ken Asay, a veteran of multiple wars, has the longest tenure as a crisis worker in Idaho and has been with RHS since the beginning. Asay states that there are three primary groups of clients: those experiencing

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6 Sep ..... 6:30 pm IFAHC Open Evening
- 14 Sep ..... 8 am IFAHC Executive Meeting
- 15 Sep ..... 5 pm IFAHC Board Meeting
- 20 Sep ..... 6:30 pm IFAHC Open Evening

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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## COSTCO POCATELLO EXPERIENCE

Drew and Bonnie Beasley, JustServe specialists from the Lincoln Stake, coordinated a hygiene kit drive for IFAHC last month. They shared the following experience:

“As [we] were gathering [items] for the ...project, we [learned] that the bulk discounted order of bar soap would not be available until October 2022. We had to scramble to find another provider at minimal cost and readily available.



## RHC, CONTINUED

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addiction, suicidal ideation, and severe mental illness. He said that RHS has a loose definition of “crisis” and helps a variety of clients including veterans with PTSD. Located northwest of IFAHC and initially modeled after Montana’s state crisis centers, RHS is one of seven Idaho centers developed eight years ago under the Governor’s direction in response to the lack of crisis services available statewide.

## LAST MONTH’S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	281
First-time volunteers.....	23
Onsite service hours.....	4,020
Offsite service hours.....	5,665
Total center items produced .....	5,927
Total checked in item work .....	608

“Although we had previously spoken with the Idaho Falls Costco manager, we returned asking for his help. ...An hour later he called and said he had identified bar soap at the Pocatello Costco and has reserved 1,000 bars of soap for...pickup.

“Cameron was the front-end manager on duty. We mentioned that IFAHC had recently sent about 300 hygiene kits to an orphanage in Ukraine. Tears began to roll down his cheeks. He said, ‘My wife is from Ukraine; our family is still there. Your efforts have deeply touched me and our family. Thank you!’ He...contributed \$100 out of his personal account...and said, ‘May God bless...the Humanitarian Center for these acts of kindness and generosity.’...

“...You can never underestimate to what extent your acts of service and kindness reach people--literally around the world. “

## COMMUNITY ROOM NEEDS

New Christmas toys, winter gloves, school supplies, cleaning supplies, paper & personal products



## WAYS TO DONATE



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In person or by mail: 1415 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; PayPal; Venmo; [idahofallsareahumanitarian-center.org](http://idahofallsareahumanitarian-center.org)

## THE LAST WORD

Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away. --Abraham Lincoln

