



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

Monthly Newsletter



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Let me begin by expressing how grateful my wife and I have been to be involved in the Humanitarian Center. The center was organized in 2010. It is a community based, non-profit, non-denominational, community center. We serve an area from Star Valley to Salmon and from Island Park to Montpelier. Service is provided through volunteers- no paid employees. 95% of all our products stay local 5% outside our community. We service over 100 nonprofit organizations in the Intermountain area. When we started, there were two things we wanted to accomplish. a) was to provide a place where items could be made to help the poor and needy, b) provide a place where people could come and experience the true joy of service. Unless we lose ourselves in the service to others, there is little purpose to our own lives. The Center is a 4 part organization. Those-who come to serve. Those organizations we serve to help the poor and the needy. The board of directors that we are accountable to. They are amazing! And last but not least is our kind and generous donors in the community. They are so much appreciated. Please come to the Center and see what incredible things are happening!



We are sad to say farewell to Kathleen Briggs. She is moving to Wisconsin to be closer to her grandkids. Kathleen has worked in the office at the Humanitarian Center since 2019. We have all benefited from Kathleen's talent at the piano. You never saw Kathleen without a smile. She was always making us laugh with her funny sense of humor. Thank you Kathleen! Your desire to serve is a great example to us all!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Donna Forbes

I was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming during a terrible Wyoming weather storm. My mom tells me every birthday! It was so cold, they kept me in the nursery. She thought something was wrong with me. I lived in Cheyenne with my dad, then moved to Sante Fe, NM to live with my mom. I love the Sante Fe from back then. There are too many changes, I don't even want to go back there.

I traveled extensively during my 20's. I lived in Dallas, TX; Seattle, WA; Queens, NY; and Chicago, IL being an office manager/ bookkeeper for a gift ware company, bookkeeper for an auto body shop, and a driver in New York City (Yikes!).

I decided to move back to Cheyenne. I worked at BLM where I met and married Lynn. I then worked at IRS until we moved for Lynn's job. We moved several times for his job, but we landed permanently in Ammon and love it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 AUG 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 9 AUG 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
- 10 AUG 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
- 10-12 AUG ROARING YOUTH JAM
- 15 AUG 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH

IFAHC OPEN HOUSE

September 13, 2023
10am—3pm
6pm-8:30pm



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EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Groups—1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:30

Adults Only—2nd Thursday of each month

Reservation Required—Contact Doug 208-681-0083

DONATIONS NEEDED

YARN 4 PLY

100% COTTON YARN

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER

DEODOARANT

SHAVE CREAM

HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES—ESPECIALLY
TOOTH BRUSHES, TOOTH PASTE,
AND SHAMPOO

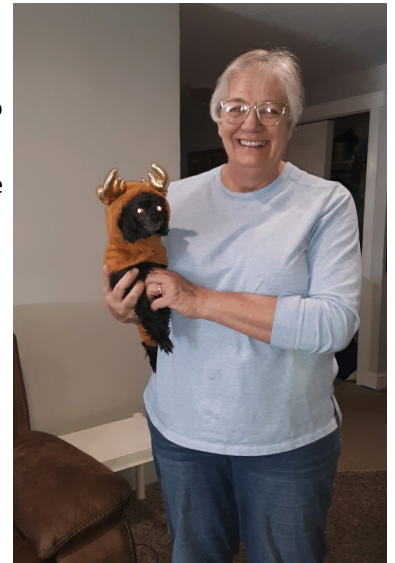
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I started working at the Humanitarian Center when it was in the DI downtown. It was a tiny room! When it moved to the church on Higbee, I went a couple of times. I met Margaret and with only a few absences here and there, I've been here since. I love the fabric, doing quilt kits, and seeing people's creativity! It is a joy to volunteer with such wonderful people and feel I have a purpose greater than myself.

Lynn and I have been married 33 years. We keep each other laughing! He is a good, kind, generous person. We have 2 daughters. One is married and has a little girl. The little girl is insightful, smart, funny, kind and I am so proud of that little family. My other daughter is engaged and to marry in December. Her partner has an entertaining little boy. I am so proud of that little family too!

I donated a quilt I had made to a woman that had cancer. She loved it and her family buried it with her. I am touched that it meant so much to her and her family. A quilt group in Wyoming made some quilts for some foster children. They all came in and got one. No arguing, they each took one and hugged their quilts. It was a moving experience.

I want to thank everyone at the center for all the things that get done and the kindness shared everyday by everyone. It is truly a joy to be involved in such a giving organization.



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

WAYS TO DONATE



In person or by mail:

1415 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

PayPal; Venmo;

Individual center workers	258
First-time volunteers.....	7
Onsite service hours.....	2,227
Offsite service hour	2,228
Total center items produced	1,755

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Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

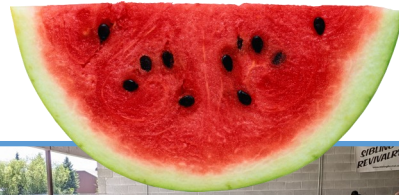
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Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center Annual Picnic

The annual picnic was held on July 22nd at the Park Taylor Shelter. *Thank you to all who helped make this a success.* There was a drawing for 6 table runners which were donated and 3 men's aprons made by volunteers at the center. We enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, homemade root beer, and tons of food provided by those who attended. Around 90 people came. It was a very warm evening, but Sibling Revivalry provided superb entertainment. We are surrounded by some very talented people who work here at the Humanitarian Center.

What a fun afternoon!



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THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with cleaning during shutdown. Many hours were donated. The center looks amazing! Thank you for helping maintain a safe and clean place for us to work.



The IFHAC was honored to have volunteers from China come and help in the burrito baby and painting departments. It was delightful to have such special guests!



Soup Kitchen

Erik from the Soup Kitchen came and presented on July 26th. The soup kitchen started in 1984. They serve a meal from 12pm– 1pm every day. The soup kitchen is open to everyone, but the majority of the people are between 30 and 50 years old. They serve between 80-150 people each day. This adds up to 3500-4000 meals each month. Near the end of this year the soup kitchen will reach its 1 millionth meal served. The soup kitchen is located at 301 South Boulevard. They are always in need of volunteers either individuals or groups of 8-10. All food is donated and protein is a big need. They also accept Venmo, PayPal, and checks. If you are interested in donating or volunteering you can stop by the soup kitchen or the office has Erik's number.

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