



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

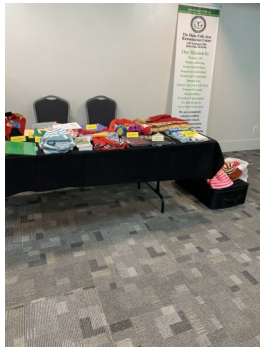
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On April 29th, Senior Solutions hosted “Celebrate Seniors,” a free committee event in Idaho Falls. The Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center was invited to attend. Bernice and Nancy set up a booth at the event. It was a fun way to meet people in the community and show them what we do and what we have to offer.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SYLVIA MARLOW

Greetings, ya’ll. I’ve been asked to tell you all a little bit about myself – OK.

I was born in Salmon, Idaho. Lemhi county on 3-3-43. My mama, daddy and 3 year old brother welcomed me and helped me enjoy my new life on earth. My Dad, Mom, big 3 year-old brother and mom’s mother, Sylvia Rose, lived 55 miles away in the beautiful Pahsimeroi Valley. Granddad ran the ranch there. They had to have a little house in Salmon so they could have a place to send 6 younger kids to grade school and high school. My oldest brother and I welcomed 2 more brothers.

There was a 2 room grade school in May, then after that we rode on the bus into Custer County and Challis High School.

There was about 30–35 kids in each of the 4 classes. I went to Ricks College, even though I wasn’t a member of the LDS Church, but you could still come by walking on dirt and pavement roads, taking shortcuts, which came out in Thornton (near Rigby).

I was baptized May 17, 1962.

At Ricks College I had wonderful roommates, teachers and friends, who helped me understand the L.D.S. teachings and all.

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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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

DEONA KIRKHAM

“Isn’t it fun to be at the Humanitarian Center?” Deona Kirkham asks. “To me, it’s like a big hug to be able to serve here!” Deona loves to recruit others to serve at the Humanitarian Center. Just this year, she has invited three new volunteers who now come regularly.

Deona has lived in Shelley most of her 91 years except the 18 months she served a mission in New York City with her husband. Deona has been blessed with a large family whom she dearly loves. She has 6 children, 30 grandchildren, 85 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Deona shares, “My dear husband returned HOME to his Heavenly Father on September 4, 2018, “Love you Sweetheart! Meet you in the Hereafter!” In 2019 I was thinking and praying about what I wanted to do in the future with my life. I glanced at a precious little framed saying that I have had in my living room for about 50 years. It says, “FATHER MAKE ME A BLESSING TO SOMEONE TODAY.” I had used this as a guide in my life, so I decided it was time to talk to my Bishop and told him I was ready to serve a service mission at the Humanitarian Center if possible.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1-15 JULY IFAHC CLOSED FOR CLEANING
- 4 JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 18 JULY 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 20 JULY IFAHC BOARD MEETING
- 22 JULY IHAHC PICNIC

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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On June 6, 2023 Morgan Ore from Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) came and shared some information with us. EICAP has multiple locations throughout Eastern Idaho. Morgan is representing the Rexburg office. EICAP is an organization that aims to help and empower individuals and families in need to overcome the burdens and trials of everyday life. EICAP helps transform individuals lives so they can create a better future. Some of the assistance they provide is helping senior citizens with a variety of things like dental, health, legal, low cost housing and meals. This is just a few things that they do to help the aging population.

EICAP also provides opportunities for younger children to prepare for and be successful in school through their Head Start program. They also provide Family Services and even have a Food Pantry that serves more than 100 households. Clearly, EICAP is on a mission to help and improve the life situations of others in the community. Volunteers are always welcome.

Morgan and EICAP express their sincere gratitude to IFAHC for their donations of quilts, fleece blankets, hygiene kits, diapers and cleaning supplies. These items are essential for families trying to make a better future for themselves.

To learn more about EICAP please visit their website at <https://www.eicap.org/>



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers	1,197
First-time volunteers.....	20
Onsite service hours	3,766
Offsite service hour.....	1,681
Total center items produced	2,914

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And on to I.S.U. I went, enrolling as a Junior. I enjoyed the wonderful L.D.S. Institute on Red Hill in Pocatello. I said O.K. to a blind date in Pocatello and he became a keeper! We married and lived in a few places like Kemmerer, Wyoming. I worked in the first J.C. Penny store in upstate New York.

We had our 2nd son and had to take him to Albany, N.Y. (100 miles away) for his baby blessing.

“Home” became Moreland, Idaho where we raised our 3 sons. All three served a mission: one in Paraguay (*is there such a place?*), next on in Argentina, and next to Brisbane, Brazil.

The boys’ father – my husband – had a very bad liver. We traveled to the Mayo Clinic 2 times, but he passed a month before our youngest son would be home from Brazil.

Now I’ve enjoyed – *loved* – been helped by 6 granddaughters and more grands and greats to come.

The Humanitarian Center and all of the fine folks and Don and Mozelle and many more wonderful examples help us enjoy and turn out wonderful, helpful and needed products.

I served in the I.F. Temple 4–10 years. I also served a full time mission in North and South Dakota. YIKES! Cold, but great!

The words that come to my thoughts are: **“Carry on, carry on, carry on”!**

Love ya’ll,
Sylvia



Walker Produce donated 800 potato boxes. We appreciated there generosity!



We have been blessed with many anonymous donations from community members. Thank you!

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm
Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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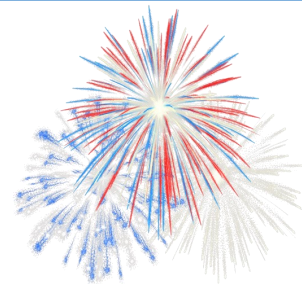
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I had been to the Humanitarian Center many times to serve and donate items. (In 1999 I made 44 quilts in 18 months and my dear husband finally stopped asking me how much longer the quilting frames were going to be up in the family room. In 2003, I made 25 quilts at home for the Humanitarian Center. We had made many quilts and receiving blankets for the Center in Relief Society, and I loved the Center.) I had just purchased some packages of onesies a few days earlier and handed them in the day before because I heard they were in need. We completed my mission papers, and they sent me to the Humanitarian Center to talk to Mozelle. I immediately loved Mozelle and still do. She gave me a copy of the current newsletter as I left. When I arrived home, I sat down and read it. On the front page there was a small article "Speaking of Onesies" and after reading it, I shed tears because I was the one who donated those onesies. And I felt like this was a confirmation I needed to know that I was doing the right thing at this time."

"I like to remember that each of today's donations will have an impact on the one who receives them. Sometimes we can't do a lot on a bigger scale, but on a smaller scale, we can make a difference in our own corner of the world, here at the Humanitarian Center. Helping someone in need at any scale is a way to become more like the Savior. It gives us the opportunity to lift people that are suffering. That's what Christ did. And it's a meaningful opportunity for that reason. So, my friends, Let's just go to work and keep on loving, caring, and serving in this HAPPY PLACE, the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center!"



On 6/27/23 IFAHC welcomed guest speakers Erica Farnes and Penny Espindola, representing SEICAA: Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency, which serves Pocatello and the seven surrounding counties. SEICAA's mission is to give people a hand up, not a handout. Programs and agencies benefitted by SEICAA include self-help housing programs, which assist first-time home buyers in building a new 3-bedroom home. They also support Meals-On-Wheels, and The Community Service Area, and several agencies which are organized into "closets": The Working Closet (clothing for the work force), The Birthday Closet (brand new clothing for birthday boys and girls), and The Hygiene Closet (personal hygiene items, serving over 1000 participants in 2022). They also help students with school supplies, help in paying fees, and financial aid for students working toward their GED. Other Aide provided via SEICAA includes financial assistance with utilities, assistance with rent, aid to those elderly and disabled who live in apartment buildings, assistance to veterans, and extra help at Christmas time. (Families must qualify within specific family-size and income parameters.)



DONATIONS NEEDED

YARN 4 PLY
COTTON YARN
HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES
LAUNDRY DETERGENT
ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
BABY WIPES
DISINFECTANT



WAYS TO DONATE



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