



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

## Monthly Newsletter



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### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Nancy Deschamps—Service has always been a big part of my life. I started helping my dad with the Idaho Falls Civitan Club when I was young. My husband Rocky and I have been involved in the IF Civitan Club and community service most of our married life. I also was involved in putting on the Civitan Youth Seminar each summer at ISU for 30 years. The last six years I have had the privilege of working with the Hearts and Hands Inclusive Civitan Club. We recently did a service project where we assembled and donated 30 hygiene kits to the Humanitarian Center.

The Humanitarian Center has been such a wonderful place for me. Vicki Duffin is a friend of mine and got me started coming to the Center. My granddaughter and I would come in and get file folders for my mom to cut out the pieces and I would put the Velcro on. And of course get yarn. Doing the file folders has given my mom something to do where she can help children and feel like she is contributing. I have found my home in the yarn department. I love sorting the yarn and putting kits together.



Nancy Deschamps with the Outreach Committee

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### Shake a Volunteer's Hand

By Kelly Roper



Volunteers are a very special breed.  
They're not afraid to step in when they see the need.  
They're always willing to lend a hand,  
To lift someone up who's sinking in quicksand.

They always have something encouraging to say,  
And they manage to say it in the kindest way.

They share their skills, talents and time.  
And in return, they don't ask for a dime.

So the next time you meet with some volunteers,  
Shake their hands, and let them know you're happy they're here.



### 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2 MAY..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 5 MAY..... CINCO DE MAYO
- 10 MAY.....8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
- 11 MAY.... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
- 14 MAY.....MOTHER'S DAY
- 16 MAY..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
- 18 MAY..... IFAHC BOARD MEETING
- 24 MAY..... PAPA MURPHEY'S FUNDASIER
- 29 MAY..... MEMORIAL DAY

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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Linda Myers

Linda Myers grew up on the Blackfoot Fort Hall Indian Reservation. She married James (Jim) Myers 54 years ago. Linda and Jim were blessed with 4 sons, 9 grandsons, 5 granddaughters, 6 great grandsons, and 1 sweet great granddaughter. She loves and adores her family.

Jim was in the Navy, so they lived many places including Groton Connecticut; Charleston South Carolina; Oakland California; and back to Idaho Falls. While living in Charleston, Jim was in the Submarine Navy aboard the USS 649 Sunfish. Linda had the opportunity to go out on a dependent run with him twice. After their adventures they moved back to Idaho. They have lived in Idaho Falls for the last 47 years.

Originally Linda was called on a service mission to serve at the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center in May 2015. When she completed her mission, she just kept coming. She loves serving at the Center. Linda shares, "I love working at the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center. It has become a very important part of my week, and everywhere I go I tell people about it. I love the people that come to the center to volunteer and feel as though they are my family too."

### **Creativity at Work**

Some of our talented volunteers have worked hard to update and freshen our displays. Thanks for sharing your talents!



We say a fond farewell to our friend and fellow volunteer, Susan Allen. We have loved serving with Susan. She has volunteered at the center for many years. We will miss you! We hope you will visit often.



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We have been working hard to use all the donations we get to make items that will help those in need. Recently Ellen Bates has been instrumental in getting us making fidget toys and fidget blankets. We know there are needs for these and we will be sending out fidget toys with the weighted blankets.

We have been making changes in the yarn department and hope everyone will help us make this a fun place to be!



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# It's May!

## GENEROUS DONATIONS

The Ririe Stake donated 225 Hygiene Kits and an additional 2 carts of extra supplies.

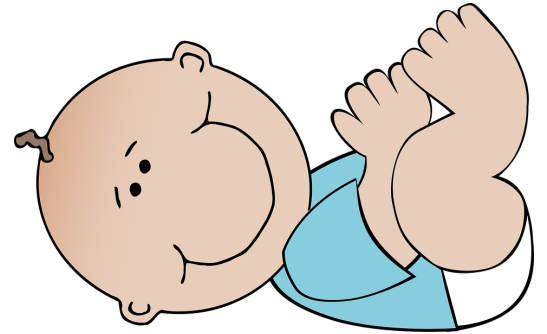


A stake in our area donated over 1500 diapers. Thank you!

The Freedom Wyoming Stake donated over 30 hats & more than 30 quilts with a hint of many more to come.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

- WOMENS AND MENS DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- ALL PURPOSE CLEANERS
- BABY WIPES
- HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES



### LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers .....	358
First-time volunteers .....	20
Onsite service hours .....	5,312
Offsite service hour .....	3,771
Total center items produced .....	4,022

### WAYS TO DONATE



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

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 Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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