

Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

Monthly Newsletter



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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Eric and Besty Shultz

We began serving at the Humanitarian Center in February 2022, tying quilts, working the front desk and helping in folder games. In August 2022, we were asked to take over the Community Room, where the Branson's had been serving for 8 years. They were a hard act to follow. It has been over a year now, since we began our service in the Community Room and we have experienced many miracles. When we did not have enough laundry detergent, dish soap, or whatever was needed to fill orders, out of the blue a donation would come in

with exactly what we needed. Just today, November 1st, we were completely out of bleach and a donation from the Rigby Stake came in. They brought 113 bottles of bleach. This has happened over and over again. We know Heavenly Father is in charge and knows our needs. He is pleased with the service we all give to bless the lives of others. It is a pleasure to serve with all of you.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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In 2015, Sherry Ray was looking for a place where she could volunteer using her sewing skills. We are blessed that she chose The Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center. Sherry Ray grew up in Portage

Sherry Ray Michigan. She has lived in Michigan, California, Missouri, Utah, and Idaho.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4 NOV IF HOMELESS STANDDOWN
7 NOV6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
9 NOVIFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
15 NOV8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
16 NOV5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING
19-24 NOV CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
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GUEST SPEAKER

On October 17, 2023, we had the opportunity to hear from Clint Long and one of his participants, David, who were from JC Safe and Sober Living. Clint started his company 10 months ago. He has been helping men who are struggling with addictions and those who have just gotten out of jail. He helps eight men at a time, although he only has seven right now. Clint helps the men in his halfway home by having house rules, supporting growth, being kind, and showing what he believes rather than telling them. David, one of Clint's participants, said that Clint is supportive and provides a good environment for the men by not having more than eight men in the house at a time. A participant said that they "are grateful for JC Safe and Sober living. Quality is over quantity". David also shared that Clint provides working opportunities within the home to help the participants earn some money to get by for the rest of the day.

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When rules are broken, Clint tries to learn why the rules were broken and address the underlying issue instead of not understanding what is going on.

Clint uses the Humanitarian Center's resources to help the men in his halfway home. He uses the grooming kits to help get the participants feeling better. He also uses the bedding to help the participants not sleep on the floor or a dirty mattress. These resources are given to the participants when they enter the home.

Clint's goal is to help the participants get ready to enter society again and to be successful in life. Some of the things that the participants have said were "this place is benefiting me by giving me time and space to regrow what has been lost for so long". Another participant shared, "[Clint] encourages growth for the betterment of all whom participate in his temporary housing program. Clint Long provides a great place for those striving to find their way back from dark places".



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All through school she went by Scarcianna Maria Againeses.

Her father passed away when she was young. Her mother was only 28. Sherry is the 2nd child of 7. Sherry Ray started sewing at a very young age. She learned to fix tears and hems. "I got spanked for sewing my sister. We were little 7 and 8, and my big sister was sitting sewing. I was supposed to push on the pedal for her. I always wondered why she did not move her fingers. I mean I was on the floor. Duh!"

Sherry is married to Tom Ray. She has one daughter and two grandchildren. She worked as a switch board operator for 9 years and in industrial sewing for 9 years. Doing industrial sewing gave her many opportunities to learn many different machines. She also took a German design class to learn to measure and draw people.

Sherry's first love is sewing. She also loves horses, rodeos, birds, cats, and all of God's creations.

Sherry shares, "After I started, I noticed that when someone had to leave because of health or other there would be someone to take their place. There just seems everyone can take a place. We've lost some who have passed away or a sickness that they struggle with. We send flowers and cards. Then covid cam, and sadly some couldn't come back. They are like old friends that we miss and think of them often."

We love Sherry, and we are glad that she chooses to share her talents with us.

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

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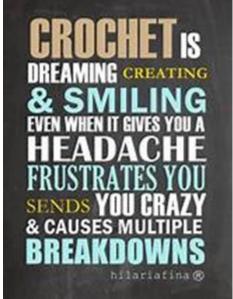
Would you like to learn a new skill? We have some amazing people who would be happy to teach you how to crochet. Recently we had a few missionaries who learned how to crochet. They crocheted newborn sweaters, stockings, and blankets. Everyone can learn! Give it a try!





















On October 24th and 25th, we celebrated fall with a Potato Bar. People signed up to bring food and we had a wonderful turnout. We had a lot of good food. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest. Contestants decorated their pumpkins in hopes of winning a prize. On the 25th, we had the board of directors come and judge all the pumpkins. The pumpkins were judged by how funny, pretty, scary, and how original the pumpkins were.

October 31st was Halloween! There were many people dressed up. There were witches, farmers, a scarecrow, firefighters, a cute yellow mustard, and many other costumes. Each person who dressed up re-



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We are so blessed to receive generous donations from those in our community. This month, we received a donation of 200 hygiene kits from the Moreland 6th Ward. We also received sleeping bags and warm clothing for the Homeless Stand Down from the Eastview Ward Relief Society. Walmart, Sam's Club, Mitch Loveland and Toyota also generously donated to the IFAHC. We appreciate all that we receive and are blessed with. Whether our donors are named or not, we are so grateful! Thank you!









LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers	368
First-time volunteers	26
Onsite service hours	5,739
Offsite service hour	4,562
Total center items produced	4,211
Total items delivered	11,161

DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER

SHAVE CREAM

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BLEACH

BABY WIPES

TOILET PAPER

YARN 2,3, 4 PLY

HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES

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