



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Doug Jansen

My name is Doug Jansen. The Humanitarian Center does a lot of things such as making quilts, building toys, and putting together hygiene kits. These activities are what you see. Behind the scenes there is accounting and budgeting.

As an accountant for the Humanitarian Center, it is my responsibility to collect and record money from donations by individuals and businesses. I also pay the bills like rent, utilities and supplies.

We have a budget process for the Center. This requires each department head to submit their needs and wants to the Director, Mozelle Neville. She and her assistants discuss these and they put together the budget. Mozelle then submits the budget to the Board of Directors. After the Board discusses the budget and makes any necessary changes, they approve it.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Steve and Nyla Aitken

Steve and Nyla Aitken started working at the Humanitarian Center 2 months ago, but they have been sewing from home since 2015. They decided to join us because it gives them the opportunity to serve and help others. It also was a way to be productive after an accident that resulted in Nyla's broken pelvis and hip.

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GUEST SPEAKER



Robert Swiston

We had the privilege of having Robert Swiston from Club Inc. talk with us. Club Inc. is a non-profit organization that helps the homeless population and those at risk of becoming homeless.

They have 38 properties in Idaho Falls, 31 of those are for low income families and cost \$700 to \$800 a month. Club Inc. also has transitional homes for people who come out of jail and need a place to live. There are two types of transitional homes: one for men and one for women. All of the homes help provide shelter, food, and the opportunity to find a job.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5 MAY..... CINCO DE MAYO
7 MAY..... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
8 MAY..... 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
9 MAY..... IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
12 MAY..... MOTHER'S DAY
16 MAY..... 5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING
21 MAY..... 6:30 IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR YOUTH
27 MAY..... MEMORIAL DAY





When there is kindness,
 there is goodness. When
 there is goodness, there is
 magic. ~Cinderella's
 Mother (Cinderella 2015)



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	414
First-time volunteers	14
Onsite service hours	5,846
Offsite service hour.....	5,192
Total center items produced	3,906

(Assistant Director's message continued)

During the year, people submit invoices for the supplies they bought. The reimbursements are then approved by the Director and checks are written. Each check requires two signatures of the five people who are authorized to sign. We are a 501 C-3 Charitable organization that means we do not pay Federal or State income taxes. We still need to file Federal income tax forms. The information that I provide for this form are: incomes and expenses, number of people who worked at the Center, number of hours worked, number of items donated, and number of items made. This is the reason that we need you to sign in each day and provide us with the number of hours that you worked at home and the number of items that you donated.

Although you don't see them, accounting and budgeting are essential to keep the center operating.

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 Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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(Volunteer Spotlight Continued)

Steve grew up in Blackfoot and Nyla in Shelley. They have lived in Shelley, Jamestown and Idaho Falls. They have one daughter and three sons. Their daughter's family lives just two blocks away from them! Their sons live in Boise, Las Vegas, and one is a travelling physical therapist, who is in Tennessee right now. They have 13 grandkids and three great grandkids.

Nyla worked at EIRMC in admissions for about 10 years and then she worked in a doctor's office for seven years before her accident. Steve worked in construction as a carpenter and superintendent for 17 years. He then went to college for his bachelor's and master's degree as a radiological engineer. He was a radiological control manager for 24 years after he got his degree.

Nyla and Steve like to go camping, fishing, and shooting guns. They have taken trips to Nauvoo, Illinois and Branson, Missouri. Recently they went to Dubois, Wyoming to the National Museum of Military Vehicles and to Mt. Rushmore. They are going back to Nauvoo this summer to provide security for the Pageant.

Nyla shared "I found the Humanitarian Center after my accident. It has been really good therapy for me. With Steve's help, we have sewed over 575 quilt tops and tied and bound over 170 quilts". For every 25 quilts completed using materials from the Humanitarian Center, they donate and complete another quilt.

Steve has worked on overhaul and refueling of all four Navy nuclear reactors at NRF. He developed methods to build containments for radioactive contamination. He then took this technology to the remainder of the INL and to other DOE sites, such as Savannah River in South Carolina. Nyla played on the first girls basketball team at Shelley High. She was the only senior on that first team. Her husband says that she is still fiercely competitive.

We are grateful for Steve and Nyla! Thank you for everything you do!

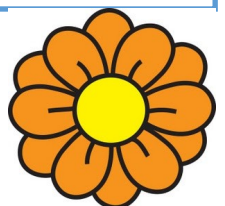


(Guest Speaker Robert Swiston from Club Inc. continued)

Robert recalls an experience with a big man who had just been released from jail. This man had been in jail for 8+ years. Robert helped the man obtain necessities including a quilt from the Humanitarian Center. Robert told the man that the quilt was handmade and not store bought. The man then began to cry because the quilt was made handmade with love.

Robert shared that many people ask for the quilts that are provided by the Humanitarian Center. There is a detective that works with Robert who often takes as many quilts as Robert has and gives them to people who are without homes. The Humanitarian Center has helped Club Inc. by providing quilts, hygiene kits, and other supplies. Robert says he only has a few rules. If they are not followed then the person will be kicked out of the house. The rules are no drugs or alcohol at all and no weapons of any sort. He also shared that he has a high successful rate in all of the houses when the people follow the rules and try to change. Robert shared "we don't make mistakes, we make life lessons".

Thank you Robert and Club Inc. for speaking with us and for everything you do!



Memorial Day

REMEMBER AND HONOR



Thank you for all of your donations! We appreciate the generosity of all, whether they are named or unnamed!

- ### DONATIONS NEEDED
- NEW BORN DIAPERS
 - SHAVE CREAM
 - SHAMPOO
 - BLEACH
 - TOOTHPASTE 6OZ
 - PAPER TOWELS
 - YARN 2,3, 4 PLY
 - HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES
 - ANY FEMININE PRODUCTS

Wade Rumsey, Terry Vance, and Jedd Jones flew to the Philippines to build an expansion to a school, fix roofs, and add screens to the windows. The Humanitarian Center donated toys, jump ropes, folder games, and puppets for the group to share with the kids.



Pictures of people in the Philippines receiving items created at the Humanitarian Center.



Firth Stake Relief Society donated feminine products. Thank you!

EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Groups—1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:30
 Adults Only—2nd Thursday of each month
 Reservation Required—Contact Randy 208-589-4974

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In person or by mail:
 1415 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
 PayPal; Venmo;
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GUEST SPEAKER



Bonnie Champagne

We had the opportunity to hear from Bonnie Champagne from the People in Need Coalition. The People in Need Coalition started with handing out meals to people who were quarantined and were affected by Covid. They eventually started helping anyone who was in need of a meal whether they had Covid or not. They were able to use the First Christian Church's kitchen to make the meals.

Bonnie shared that they have a closet in the First Christian's church that has clothes, bedding, toilet paper, and other emergency supplies. She reported that there is also a sharing table that anyone can take from. This table holds food that her committee won't be able to use before it goes bad and other donated materials.

The Humanitarian Center donates mostly quilts and toys. The quilts are given to people who need some sunshine and to feel loved. Bonnie shared a story of an elderly woman who needed a gift for her granddaughter and was given a quilt. The granddaughter then came back in tears and thanked the People in Need Coalition.

When PINC notices one of their regular friends in need do not show up, they check on the person and see if the person needs something. The PINC cares about the people they serve. They say even if they helped just one person, that is one more person helped.

In March, they provided over 4,400 meals to people in need. Bonnie shared that the Lord does provide for people who are need. No one is forgotten. They are changing lives one person at a time.

We are grateful for all that the People in Need Coalition do for the community! Thanks for speaking with us Bonnie!

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

~Nikki Banas



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