

Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

Monthly Newsletter



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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE RHEA JONES



Our world today sometimes brings us much confusion, sadness, anger and helpless feelings when all we want is peace. Mother Teresa said, "The fruit of service is peace." One source of that service that will bring us peace is found in reaching out to just one person in kindness and love. If enough of us do that, perhaps a difference will be felt in our country. I love the idea that here at the Humanitarian Center we are reaching out to so many more than just the one individual. We are weekly sending out items to hundreds of people. My hope is that they understand that these items come to them because of the love and care we extend towards

people in our community who have special needs at a particular time in their lives. And hopefully, they will be prompted to extend that kindness and love to someone in their circle of acquaintances—it doesn't even need to be a specific item given to them; it can be a smile, a kind word or a concern about their situation. These gestures may seem very small but who can say if someone had extended this love and kindness to one of the perpetrators of violence at just the right time, tragedy could have been avoided. (Continued on Page 3)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



VAN SARGENT

I have been a volunteer since December 2017. Since I was retired I needed something worthwhile to do.

I live in Ucon, Idaho but have also lived in Provo (BYU), Finland (30 month mission), Salt Lake (18 month mission).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4 NOV 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
8 NOVIDAHO FALLS HOMELESS STAND DOWN
11 NOVVETERANS DAY
12 NOV8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
13 NOV $6:30$ PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
18 NOV 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
20 NOV5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING
25-26 NOVCLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
27 NOVTHANKSGIVING

GUEST SPEAKER



Tuesday October 14th Carman Morales and Sylvia Gil from Community Council delighted us with a thank you poster and candy bouquet created by the children they

serve in the migrant Head Start community.

They wanted us to know how much they appreciate the items we donate to their program.

The Community council supports the children (birth to 5 years old) of those who qualify with the agricultural income.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

I was married to LaRene Romrell for 54 years. We have 5 children, 15 grand children, which all live within 5 miles. They all come home for Sunday dinners every week.

I taught English and Debate at Bonneville High School for 2 years. Did RV sales for 5 years. Radiation Health instructor for 29 years at the Navel Reactor Facility in the Arco desert.

I have had the pleasure of going to a few places. 22 day BYU tour of National and Church sites. Paris, Skandavia, Hawaii, Acapulco. Took the whole family on Mexican cruise to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

I sang with the Sounds Choir for 16 years and was in several musical's.

My wife passed away April 2024. The Humanitarian Center gives me a reason to get up on Tuesday's and Wednesday's.



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers	319
First-time volunteers	5
Onsite service hours	5,118
Offsite service hour	11,657
Total center items produced	3,252

GUEST SPEAKER CONTINUED

They help with a variety of services including medical, dental, disability and mental health services, transportation, nutrition, and social services. They conduct monthly meetings and classes with the parent's.

We are proud to help this important community program with items we provide.



DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
SHAVE CREAM
BLEACH
WOMEN'S RAZORS
MEN'S RAZORS
TOOTHPASTE
DISH SOAP
LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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Thanks to the Idaho Falls 26th Ward Primary children for this lovely donation to our community room. Pictured is Jessica Wansgard first counselor in the Primary organization.











The Terreton 2nd Ward Primary children presented our Center with a generous donation of laundry detergent and bleach. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to tour our facility and witness the diverse range of items we produce for the less fortunate in our communities.

Assistant Director's Message: Rhea Jones ...I love whenever we have guest speakers from one of the agencies we serve. We get to hear how our work brings comfort to someone who is going through a hard time. That knowledge spurs me on to want to continue and share what I have with others with no condemnation, no conditions, no expectations—ideally we love what we're doing and that's enough.

Halloween Party and Potluck Luncheon





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