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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE JOY RUCKS

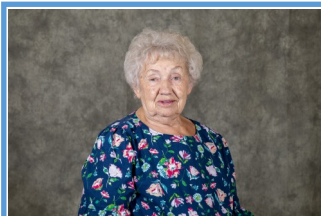


For the past 6 years, I have had the privilege of volunteering at the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center, working in the quilt area. Most of the fabric we use is donated. From those simple pieces of cloth we create quilts that bring warmth, comfort, and love to many people in need. Our quilts—along with many other hand made items—are sent to homeless shelters, nursing homes, and agencies that serve individuals and families facing difficult times.

Being part of this work has truly blessed my Life. It's amazing how serving others brings such joy, purpose, and peace. Every stitch feels like a small act of kindness that reaches far beyond our walls. The friendships and the spirit of giving that fill this place make it something very special.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Virginia Smart

I have been a volunteer since November 2014 when the Humanitarian Center was at a church. I would go and get crocheting to do at home while my husband was in bed I sat beside him and crocheted. My hometown is Salt Lake City, Utah but have also lived in Cottonwood Heights Utah.

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GUEST SPEAKER



On Tuesday November 18th we had Donna Johnson from the Center for Hope come and visit us.

The Center for Hope works in conjunction with the Behavioral Health Center. They serve those with drug and alcohol abuse problems. They also serve people coming out of the prison system and anybody who can benefit from their help.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2 DEC.....6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
10 DEC..... 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
11 DEC.....6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
16 DEC.....6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
18 DEC - 5 JAN CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
24 DEC..... CHRISTMAS EVE
25 DEC.....CHRISTMAS DAY

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

I served a 9 month mission in New Mexico, and now I reside in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

I am the youngest of 12 children. All but my one brother and myself have passed away. My husband has also passed away and gone to live with his Father in heaven. I have 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. I lost one at 18 months old. I have 18 Grand children, and 13 Great Grand children.

When I was younger I baby sat. I worked at fast food, in the kitchen at a restaurant. I sewed in a factory, at Granite Electric. I was a crossing guard for Salt Lake Police. I worked for 20 years at the Museum of Idaho. I've been a soccer coach and referee.

I have had the privilege to go to Hawaii 5 times. I visited England, France, Florida, Mississippi, New Orleans, Texas, & New Mexico. I have put my feet in every body of water around the US.

I taught Nursery off and on most of my life starting when I was 16 years old. The last time for a straight 10 years. I have been Relief Society President 3 times, Primary President, & Scout leader for 8 years.

There is a lot of love here at the Humanitarian Center. Everyone has each others back.

I am so thankful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I would like to encourage anyone who can to come and be part of this wonderful service—whether by volunteering, donating supplies, or simply spreading the word.

Together, we can make a real difference and share warmth and hope with those who need it most.

I would also like to thank everyone who comes and volunteers. We could not do it without them.

Joy Rucks & Vicky Sauer



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LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	315
First-time volunteers	8
Onsite service hours	3,978
Offsite service hour.....	8,200
Total center items produced	2,551

WAYS TO DONATE

ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate

In person or by mail
1415 Northgate Mile
Idaho Falls, ID 83401



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Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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Guest speaker continued

They provide counseling and services and refer their clients to those agencies that can give them the services they need. They have an open door policy and welcome all who need their help. They are providing a Thanksgiving dinner for any people that are in need. They order hygiene kits and quilts and occasionally newborn kits from us.

DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
SHAVE CREAM
MEN'S DEODORANT
WOMEN'S RAZORS
MEN'S RAZORS
TOOTHPASTE & TOOTH BRUSHES
DISH SOAP
LAUNDRY DETERGENT



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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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Because I have been given much I too must give.



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Help us help those in need.

Gift the Center

Please donate unwrapped items for hygiene kits or items for our community room.

- **1 (2) Travel Size Facial Tissue**
- **1 (2) Hand Towels 15"x25"**
- **1 (4) Comb (not rattail)**
- **1 (4) Indiv. Wrapped toothbrush**
- **1 indiv. Wrapped bath size bar soap**
- **1 shampoo 12-15 oz.**
- **1 boxed toothpaste 6 oz**

Laundry Detergent
All Purpose Cleaner
Disposable Diapers
Men's and Women's Deodorant
Disposable razors
Toilet Paper
Shaving Cream
Bleach
Paper Towels
Sheets
Baby Wipes

