



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE JILL AND SHERWIN CROOKS



Our most valuable asset at the Center is our volunteers. Their dedication is inspiring. They create, build, sew, cut, color, assemble, knit, and crochet the raw materials that are delivered and donated to the agencies that serve the underserved in our community. Another asset is our donors. We are grateful to live in a community where we have generous businesses that donate funds and provide grants. These funds help to finance our lease, power and heating for our building. There are also large purchases of equipment like our sewing machines, computers and printers that benefit from monetary donations.

We are also grateful for the individual monetary donors, also church organizations, schools and individuals who donate the raw materials we use to make the myriads of items we donate. Donations of fabric, yarn, thread, hygiene, and cleaning supplies are items that are always in demand. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to our wonderful community.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Tenia Ricks

I have been a volunteer since September 2012. I heard that the Center had a crochet group and needed volunteers. Once I started coming,, I found an amazing place to serve others.

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GUEST SPEAKER



Jeff and Wendy Merrill had the great opportunity to with a group of volunteers to South Africa in the cities of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth in March 2025. The organization they are associated with is

Voluntour INC. It is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Emmett, Idaho, dedicated to connecting compassionate individuals with meaningful volunteer opportunities worldwide.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

7 OCT.....6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
8 OCT..... 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
9 OCT.....6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
16 OCT..... 5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING
21 OCT.....6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
28-29 OCT..... PUMPKIN DECORATING AND POTATO BAR
31 OCT..... HALLOWEEN



Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

I was inspired by my mom who always looked for ways to serve others. I love the spirit of service at the Center. My hometown is Rexburg. I have also lived in San Diego, Rexburg and currently Ammon. I married BJ Ricks in 1989. We have 2 children, Jessica and Brian. Jessica has given me one grandson and another one is due in November. Brian graduated from ISU and is serving a local service mission. Both of my children have also served with me at the Center. BJ has taught math and history in Shelley HS, Bonneville HS and currently teaches at Thunder Ridge as well as in the Pathway Program at BYU. I have worked for Cottontree Inn cleaning rooms in Rexburg and Idaho Falls. Our family has traveled to Los Angeles, San Deigo, Nauvoo, Florida, Palmyra, Georgia and several other states. We love visiting church history sites and pageants. We also enjoy theme parks and have visited Disneyland and Disneyworld multiple times. Many times supplies run low and the Lord always provides more.

I am so grateful for the friends I've made here. The center is my happy place and favorite yarn store, free yarn to play with and I don't have to figure out what to do with the things after I make them. Serving here is truly a blessing.



LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers	337
First-time volunteers	10
Onsite service hours.....	4,708
Offsite service hour	12,302
Total center items produced	3,689

GUEST PEAKER CONTINUED

One of the many service projects the Merrills were able to do was visit a Youth Hospice Organization where there are many orphans living. They also visited local preschools, and soup kitchens, always serving the less fortunate.

One of the blessings was to be able to provide these organizations with donated items from the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center. These items included: Lap blankets, Jump Ropes, Burrito Babies with the painted wooden cradles, wooden painted cars and animals, newborn kits which included receiving blankets, crochet caps, burp cloths and sleep sacks. There were children that had never seen a jump rope and were able to learn how to use them. The little children who received wooden toys and burrito babies were overwhelmed with excitement because of the joy of receiving such precious toys. Many children don't have toys of their own in their humble homes. Of course, the lap blankets, hand-made quilts and newborn kits were a joy to so many people who loved the beautiful handstitched items. The Humanitarian Center is so grateful to volunteers who spend their time creating these handmade items that are delivered to those in need ... not only in our local communities but the blessing to share these gifts throughout the world. Who would have thought our burrito babies are being held so tightly by little ones in Africa? Our hearts are full and so humbled by the financial donations of so many that also provided them means to purchase materials needed for such time as this. Thank you to the Merrills for sharing such a wonderful presentation.

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Tuesday Evenings by appointment only

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Happy Halloween



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SHAVE CREAM

BLEACH

WOMEN'S RAZORS

MEN'S RAZORS

TOOTHPASTE

DISH SOAP

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

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

WAYS TO DONATE

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