



IDAHO FALLS AREA HUMANITARIAN CENTER

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VOLUNTEER----DONATE ---- SERVE

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Vicki Duffin

Vicki works and oversees the Educational Folder department and began volunteering at the Center in June 2017. In May 2017 Vicki was invited to serve an 18-month service mission at the Center. At the time she thought, "18 months? I can do that." Little did she know it would grow to 9 years and impact who she is and what she does. It's become part of her identity and her lifestyle.

"Serving at the Center is one of the truest forms of service. Time, love, and labor given with nothing expected in return. Yet, the returns are there – feeling valued and productive with a purpose. Being connected to other volunteers as well as an intrinsic connectedness and empathy to those we serve."

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Donna Pruett

Hello friends! Meet Donna Pruett. Donna began serving at the Humanitarian Center in 2016. Her friend brought her to the Center after a Curves workout where they made Burrito Babies in Small Projects.

Donna is from Oakland, CA and she has lived in Washington, Oklahoma, and several cities in California. She has three children (residing in CA, ID, and OK), four stepchildren, two sisters and one brother. Her travels have taken her to Florida, Tennessee, and Hawaii.

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Fill your mind with TRUTH. Fill your heart with LOVE.
Fill your life with SERVICE.
~ Thomas S. Monson



August 2026 Impact

Director's Message: Vicki Duffin (cont)

One of Vicki's most rewarding experiences is to do tours and see awe, awareness, and appreciation expressed by those visitors. She sees the influence of our Father in Heaven as miracles transpire to care for his less fortunate children.

"May you be blessed for your part in making the Center thrive."

Volunteer Spotlight: Donna Pruett (cont)

Donna worked in Superior Court in both Alameda and Sacramento Counties, CA. Her work included medical depositions in worker's compensation cases. She worked on high-profile civil cases including the Patty Hearst and OJ Simpson cases.

Donna makes delicious homemade treats, including peanut butter cups, peppermint creams, cherry and pineapple cordials. She recently brought a huge batch of peanut butter cups to the Center! She uses all-natural peanut butter (no sugar/additives) and real butter in her recipes. She special orders chocolate as well. She has learned to make and decorate cakes.

Donna has many friends at the Center. She spends her time in the Knit/Crochet department.

Center Activity:

Total Volunteers.....1,390

First-time volunteers.....10

Service Hours:

Total Hours.....12,025

Total On Site Hours.....3,500

Total Off-Site Hours8,525

Items Donated14,476

Items Produced.....3,123

Total Items Delivered3,450

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In person or by mail
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Evening Volunteer Opportunities:

Adults Only: 2nd Thursday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Reservations required: Contact Frannie 208-227-4229

The Center's Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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The highest of distinctions is service to others.
~King George VI



~Park Taylor Ward Donation~

The Park Taylor Ward youth (Canteberry Stake) held a Donation Drive and collected 500 rolls of toilet paper for our Community Room. This is a huge blessing! We will now be able to service our partner agencies more effectively.

It's easy to serve and make a difference. What ideas do you have that can promote loving service to those in need in our communities? Please share your ideas so we can help others discover creative ways to bless the needy.

Thank you, **RILEY BLAKE DESIGNS**, for the recent fabric donation to the Center. We use an average of 300 yards each week... this donation makes a difference. Every donation helps. Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate your support.

This Month's Events:

Sept 9	8 am Executive Meeting
Sept 10	7:00-8:30 pm Adult Night (By reservation only)
Sept 17	5:00 pm Board Meeting

IFA Humanitarian Center

In August, The Center was given a \$1,500 grant from "**Battelle Energy Alliance, operator of Idaho National Laboratory.**"

Thank you for your generosity and kindness. This grant money will be used to continue to provide materials for our volunteers to turn in to products for our partner agencies and their clients. Thank you!



~Chase Bank Donation~

Debbie (pictured) from **Chase Bank** brought in a bundle of school supplies. Bank employees generously donated a very large variety of supplies. We are so grateful for advocates in our community who support our efforts. Thank you!

“You don’t need a cape to be a hero.
You just need to care.”



Summer Picnic 2026 Delight!

Thank you for attending our Summer Picnic on August 29. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious (thank you all for your contributions), and the entertainment was inspiring!

Thank you to Vicki Duffin and Valerie Nelson for heading up set-up and clean-up. Thanks, as always, goes to Don and Mozelle, for providing the chicken and an opportunity for us to visit and enjoy an afternoon together.

Our volunteers are amazing people and we are grateful to rub shoulders with each one of you!

