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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Message from Nancy Deschamps

Growing up I was shown how to serve others. My Dad was a member of the Idaho Falls Civitan Club. I watched as they built Civitan Park by the river starting with the ball diamonds, bathroom, picnic shelter and then the playground equipment for children with disabilities. One of my favorite projects the Idaho Falls Civitan Club held was the Halloween Party. The party was for people with disabilities they were not mainstreamed in the school system and this party was a big deal for them.

Over the years my husband and I have enjoyed serving in the community. I was involved in a Civitan Youth Seminar held on ISU Campus for a lot of years. We had a man come to facilitate this program. He kept saying we needed to do a service project as part of our program. We were finally able to find a way to do service with the youth.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Pam Jones has been a dedicated volunteer at the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center for over 10 years. After retiring in 2012 as a legal secretary, Pam sought out a meaningful way to spend her time, which led her to the Center. A native of Lewisville, ID, Pam has spent most of her life in southeastern Idaho, with a few years in Rock Springs and Cheyenne, Wyoming. Pam's family is a significant part of her life—she and her husband have three sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, and almost six great-grandchildren, most of whom live in the area, which she cherishes.

Pam's work history includes over five years as a secretary at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and many years working as a legal secretary for attorneys in both Wyoming and Idaho Falls. Outside of work, Pam loves to travel.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4 MAR 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
9 MAR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
12 MAR 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
13 MAR ... 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
14 MAR PI DAY
17 MAR ST. PATRICKS DAY
18 MAR 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
20 MAR 5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING

LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers342
First-time volunteers.....15
Onsite service hours..... 4,836
Offsite service hour 12,374
Total center items produced..... 3,067

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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Volunteer Spotlight Continued

For their 50th anniversary, she and her husband took a Hawaiian cruise to visit all of the islands, and she also enjoyed visiting Alaska. She has a deep appreciation for beaches, where she can unwind and relax.

One of Pam's greatest joys at the Humanitarian Center is the opportunity to serve, meet new people, and re-connect with old friends. She particularly enjoys tying quilts and spending time chatting with others. Pam is also a skilled quilter herself, hand-quilting her own creations, and she enjoys collecting dolls and glass figurines. Reading is another of her favorite hobbies.

Volunteering at the Center has brought Pam immense satisfaction. She says it "makes me feel good to serve, and it makes my week doing it." Her kind and giving spirit make her a beloved member of the team.

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Assistant Director Message Continued

I was amazed at how few of the youth that attended had ever had the opportunity to do service. Doing the service projects became the highlight of our program. I witnessed how serving others changed the lives of these youth. They had a chance to think of others and not just themselves.

I am so grateful for the example of service growing up and for the opportunity to volunteer here at the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center.



A heartfelt thank you to all of
our donors, with special
appreciation for our anonymous
donors.

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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