



IDAHO FALLS AREA HUMANITARIAN CENTER

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Jill Crooks Sherwin and I were called as a Sr Missionary couple to serve at the Humanitarian Center shortly after it opened in 2010. After it became a non-profit organization in 2013, we observed the ways it benefits our community and have continued to serve. We started out sewing bags for the hygiene kits and were later asked to help in the inventory room. We have seen tremendous changes and growth since then.

In the beginning, all the inventory information was tracked by hand. Jan Boyce was counting everything in the inventory room each week and making paper labels for each delivery. Eventually inventory information was entered on an Excel worksheet. Sherwin and I came up with printed order forms and a new way to label the deliveries. We used one laptop computer. As we grew, adding more agencies and products, the Center purchased more computers. After a few years passed, Jacob Page developed a database using Microsoft Access, which helped us to streamline the production and inventory process. Currently we use a more modern system with Cloud storage. Now we use over 17 computers for tracking and reporting the weekly business. Each volunteer has input their suggestions, ideas, and time to make the Center what it is today.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Jim Goldade! Jim joined our volunteer force at the Humanitarian Center in January 2026. He and his wife, Jolyn, dropped off donations collected at their ward Christmas party. A tour was provided and Mozelle invited Jim & Jolyn to begin volunteering.

Jim was raised in Miles City, Montana and has lived in Billings, MT; Midvale, UT; Sandy, UT; Castle Rock, CO; Gresham, OR; Draper, UT; Chesapeake, VA; and currently resides in Ammon.

Jim loves sports – especially football and basketball. March Madness (college playoffs - every March) finds Jim secluded in front of the TV and only comes out for food!

He and Jolyn have 3 children: 2 sons and 1 daughter, a daughter-in-law and 1 wonderful grandson. They enjoy spending time together, being outdoors, musical theater, and participating in music. He and Jolyn love spending time in the mountains, taking cruises, and making memories with their family - especially their grandson.

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People don't care how much you know until they
know how much you care.
~ Theodore Roosevelt



Director's Message: Jill Crooks (cont)

Gradually, I started to help with office duties and social media. I have volunteered alongside many volunteers who have come and gone. Over the years, I have observed that as new volunteers bring their own experiences with them, new ideas, projects, and procedures are implemented which improves the Center. I learn new things every month from our volunteers.

The Center is my happy place! It is a respite from the often-troubling stories in the news and on social media. I consider it a blessing to come to the Center and rub shoulders with the many good people who truly desire to improve our communities. Their examples of service, as well as the donations they freely give, and the commitment of their time, lifts my spirits and makes me happy. They are truly examples to me. I want to express my gratitude to each volunteer whose path has crossed mine over the past 16 years.

Jim Goldade (cont)

Jim's career as a buyer began in 1987. He has worked for Price Savers, PACE (both wholesale member warehouses – think Costco/Sams), Albertsons, All a Dollar, Dollar Tree, and the last 20 years as a civilian buyer for the Coast Guard Exchange system. He has bought nearly every category of product over the years and finished his career as the Alcohol and Tobacco buyer for the Coast Guard Exchange stores. He was responsible for keeping the stores stocked from Alaska to Puerto Rico/West to East coasts.

Jim loves to come to the Center and do whatever he can to help others. His wife was heavily involved in service/volunteerism in Virginia. Her desire to help others made an impact on him and has encouraged his desire to serve others.

June & July Month's Impact

Center Activity:

Total Volunteers.....1,210

First-time volunteers.....16

Service Hours:

Total Hours.....13,189

Total On Site Hours.....4,604

Total Off-Site Hours8,585

Items Donated2,446

Items Produced.....2,579

Total Items Delivered3,531

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ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate

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



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Evening Volunteer Opportunities:

Youth Groups: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

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Unless we lose ourselves in service to others, there is little
purpose to our own lives.
~ *Thomas S. Monson*



DEVELOP. WORTH. INDEPENDENCE

DWI (formerly Developmental Workshop) has been serving our community for 53 years. In their early days, they worked with people with developmental disabilities. Today DWI does more! As a non-profit, here are some of their services: employment, job coaching, day therapy, provide a place and purpose for our clients, assist those with developmental disabilities, serve ages 18-80, have a foundation that coordinates the Festival of Trees (60th year), provide certified Medicaid program/work with the federal government. The individual is very important at DWI. We provide a variety of services: assistance in finding jobs, vocational training in real work situations, long-term support in keeping a job, training for independent living skills, coaching in conduct & skill development, contract manufacturing fulfillment. We offer business solutions in the following areas: industrial/janitorial services, plastic injection molding manufacturing, industrial/commercial sewing, product assembly & packaging, die cutting, mass mailing and staffing solutions. We work with Sam's Club, Farr's Candy, and Five Guys Burgers to identify, train and coach employees for their organizations.

Come learn more about us! Tours are available. We'd love to give you a close-up and personal view of what we are all about.

This Month's Events:

Aug 4	7:00-8:30 pm Youth Night (By reservation only)
Aug 12	8 am Executive Meeting
Aug 13	7:00-8:30 pm Adult Night (By reservation only)
Aug 18	7:00-8:30 pm Youth Night (By reservation only)
Aug 20	5:00 pm Board Meeting
Aug 29	Volunteer Summer Picnic (Couples only/no family) 5255 S 5 th West Idaho Falls 12:30-3:30 pm

IFA Humanitarian Center

Thank you ALL for
helping us clean up
the Center during
July.
We make a great
team!



**Hope everyone had a wonderful
Independence Day!
We are grateful for the blessings of
freedom every single day!**



Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, “What’s in it for me?”



Jeff & Joanne Wright



Jump Rope handles



Sally & John Hart

TAYLOR MOUNTAIN STAKE SERVICE DAY HIGHLIGHT

The Taylor Mountain Stake from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held a “Stake Day of Service” in July to contribute to the America 250 Celebration and boost Idaho’s continuing acts of service (432,467 at the time of this writing). The goal was to unite in service that involves every age and every family. Each congregation (ward) was asked to identify/plan a service. We are grateful that we were included in their activities. The morning was kicked off with a pancake breakfast and brief program. Chuck & Sue Hunter’s ward worked on putting handles on jump ropes, another ward gathered items for Back-to-School kits, assembled them, and donated 101 kits. The Belmont ward gathered items and assembled 57 hygiene kits (with extra soaps and tissues). What a huge blessing this is to our Center and the agencies we serve. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your generosity and willingness to bless those who need assistance!

The **Hidden Valley Ward primary children** comprising about 90 children gathered and assembled 100 school bag kits for our community. Pictured is Jandy Grover (Primary president) and Nicole Vollmer (counselor) and their children.



Danae Walker from the **Menan 2nd Ward Primary**. The children gathered and assembled 120 school backpacks, plus extra supplies. Thank you for your support!

Albertson’s made a generous donation to our Center - much needed items for the Community Room. So many lives will be blessed because of this timely donation.

