



Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

January 2020 Newsletter

A Message from Our Director

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Humanitarian Center, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for their support in 2019. Over 1,739 workers have served at the center, producing the items that we deliver. How we love associating with them each week! Volunteers also donate many hours working from their homes. Others have supported us through donating items that we do not produce, such as cleaning supplies and paper goods. In addition, many have given freely of their monetary means which not only helps with operating expenses but helps us to purchase products that are not donated. Because of your service and generous donations, we were able to deliver 72,138 items to agencies that serve those in need in our surrounding area, which has blessed the lives of many.



Jill Crooks

Assistant Director

IFAHC to the Rescue!



Through Don & Mozelle's son, Jed, we were recently made aware of the dire need of the Toppenish tribe in central Washington. They had been removed from their reservation out into the cold, wet weather, living in makeshift shelters and tents. Due to generous donations, our Community Room had enough to help. A snowmobile trailer and pickup were loaded up with 1,426 items, including toys, hygiene kits, afghans, clothing, coats, hats, homeless mats, purses, socks, stuffed animals, and crib quilts. (We were unfortunately too short on full-sized quilts to send any.) Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to these proud people in their time of need.

The Eagles have Landed!

Eight more Eagle Scouts have been supporting the Center by collecting and donating *many* hygiene kits and needed items for the Community room. These young men are showing leadership and organizational skills as they learn the joy of serving. Please take a minute to look at their photos on the shelf above Mozelle's desk.

So Much Help From So Many!

December brought so many volunteers and donations in from the community! They didn't have to do it, but we are very glad they did.

- The Woodville Congregation donated many hygiene kits.



- East Idaho Credit Union donated 600 hygiene kits, plus \$3,115. What a special surprise and blessing to so many people!



- Employees of Lincoln Court donated their time in a big way! Fourteen of them came in and got to work tying quilts!



- Several local companies donated money but wanted to remain anonymous.

Hours we're open

10 am – 3 pm, Tues. & Wed.; 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; 1st Thursday of the month for adults only 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Call Shane Ackerschott 208-206-2834 to schedule evenings.

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Meet the Wallivands

Ken and Betty Wallivand met in Twin Falls while Ken was in the Air Force and Betty was going to Beauty School. They were set up on a blind date by a friend from Twin Falls. (But we're getting ahead of ourselves.)

Ken is the youngest in his family of 4 children. He grew up in north-central Montana in the town of Harlem, 30 miles from the Canadian border. He loved basketball and was a starter on the varsity team as a freshman. He also loved fishing! As a kid he would thumb a ride to Milk River to fish.

Betty grew up in Elba, Idaho, the middle child of 5. Being a country girl, she enjoyed and explored the outdoors. The City of Rocks was a favorite place to go and have fun.

Ken joined the Air Force right out of high school at the age of 17, having his parents sign for him.

Betty says if anyone would court her by driving from Mountain Home to Elba, he had to be a keeper! (He did that even though he didn't have a car and had to borrow one or get a ride from someone!) Also, Ken going fishing with her dad may have also had something to do with it. They were married the day President Kennedy was shot.

As their 4 daughters got older and in school, Betty got restless and went to work for School District 83 in food service, where she worked for 18 years. She then retired . . . for about 5 minutes and then went back to it part time for 5 more years.

Ken spent most of his career (33 years) with Farmer Brothers Restaurant Service. After he retired, Betty got him working for the school district in food service.

Fishing continues to be high on Ken's priority list and they still stay busy with subbing for the school district whenever needed.

When Betty heard about the Humanitarian Center knew right away it was the right place for her. However, Ken wasn't sure there would be anything for him there. But as we've all experienced, right away he found his niche making deliveries, even before they were called to serve a mission here. They "signed up" for a year, which became five! Their mission ended, but you may have noticed, they're still coming! They say, "There is no better place to serve and the people we serve with are the best!"

What's Christmas Without Oranges?!

What a happy surprise it was when the young service missionaries gifted the other volunteers with yummy oranges! Thank you so much!



Quote of the Month

"The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served."



-- Gordon B. Hinkley

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