



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

## September 2021 Newsletter



### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

DOUG JANSEN



As the Assistant Director for Finance, I am responsible for depositing the monetary donations and paying the bills. IFAHC provides many things to many people, but having a building to work in and air conditioning and heat is necessary for our mission. One thing that has been amazing to me is that when we seem to run out of things--both products and money--they are donated right then. It has been a thrill to work with so many fine people at the Center and to see how everyone chips in to help.

### VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Born and raised in the small community of Rainier, Oregon, Carol and her late husband relocated to Ammon, Idaho, in 2012. It took some time to adjust to the weather but not the people. Carol loves this community! After relocating here, Carol has always wanted to volunteer at the Humanitarian Center. She has completed many at home projects. Then in March of this year she began working as a full-time volunteer. "It is good to feel useful, and I love everyone who works here," she says. Carol loves her four children, their spouses, her 16 grandchildren, and one great grandson. They keep her young. You will find her busily plying her skills in the sewing area. Stop by and welcome this warm addition to the Sewing Department. So glad you are with us, Carol!



Welcome also to Ann Marie Noelte Broderick, another welcome addition to the Sewing Department. Born and raised in Southern California, Ann Marie graduated from Cal State LA in Speech Education and received her Masters at BYU. She retired after 18 years teaching middle and high school speech, geography, and history. She and her late

husband Sherwin are the parents of five children. They served a full-time mission to India together, teaching geography and English in an orphanage and helping train branch leadership. We look forward to hearing more of her adventures as we get better acquainted. Welcome, Ann Marie!



### NEW IFAHC PRODUCT

A Feminine Hygiene Kit is now available for schools to request. These kits will be given to school nurses and counselors for emergency needs of girls who start their menstrual cycle unexpectedly at school. The kits contain a personal hygiene wipe and a few pads. Some of the kits will have panty liners and a few tampons. Some will include a pair of disposable panties. Schools may order kits by calling 208-221-3484 or 208-523-7403 or by emailing IHAFC at [weareserving@gmail.com](mailto:weareserving@gmail.com).

### DONATED ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers size 4-6
- Household cleaners

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

## HUGE YARN DONATION



We offer a *gigantic* thank you to Pat and Gary Olsen-- one big enough to match the size of their generous donation of over 60

bins of yarn! Center coordinators have spent hours sorting dozens of varieties of yarn to be used to create knitted and crocheted items for the center.



## ROARING YOUTH JAM 2021

The 2021 Idaho Falls Roaring Youth Jam was held August 12-14 on the River Walk. The theme was "Under the Sea." Children visiting IFAHC's booth drew details on 2,025 wooden toys while our volunteers talked to parents about the Center. This was a wonderful way to inform community members about the mission of IFAHC and explain how all community members can serve in our community. Rex Johns and Hal Gines gave out 600 flyers explaining how Amazon and Fred Meyer purchases allow shoppers to channel donations to IFAHC with every purchase at no cost to themselves



While we are always anxious to welcome new and returning volunteers, we especially need volunteers in the **sewing,**

**quilting,** and **wooden toy detailing** areas, so please invite your friends, neighbors, and even

those you meet in the check-out lines to volunteer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 26-27	<i>Pumpkin carving contest &amp; tasting table</i>
November 23-24	<i>Center is closed</i>
December 21-22	<i>Center is closed</i>
December 28-29	<i>Center is closed</i>



## MONTHLY IMPACT UPDATE

We want to thank all of you for volunteering your time and talents. We are always in need of new and returning volunteers. It is through your efforts that we can accomplish our mission.



Individual volunteers.....	712
Onsite service hours.....	3,627
Offsite service hours.....	11,833
First-time volunteers.....	21
Total center items produced .....	3,487
Total at-home items checked in.....	5,828

## THE LAST WORD

"You are the gift. You yourself are the gift. It isn't the clothing, the hygiene kits, the school [bags]. It's you." -- Sharon Eubank