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# IDAHO FALLS AREA HUMANITARIAN CENTER

NEWSLETTER

## Volunteer Spotlight Raeo Roos



I have been a volunteer at the Center from 2015 to 2020 and again from February of this year to the present. I was born in Shelley, ID but have lived most of my life in Idaho Falls. I went to Ricks College for one year then went on a mission to Canada, then back to Ricks College. My final week at college I had finals on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, graduated on Friday and got married on Saturday. A very busy week.

I have 5 children, 15 grandchildren, one great grandson and a great granddaughter on the way, due in June. I worked at HK Contractors for 40 years as their contract administrator. While working for HK, I managed 67 apartments for 36 years. I could write books on what strange things went on in the apartments. My wife and I loved to travel, having been to Hawaii 11 times, (I have a condo over there), Disneyland several times and all over the western U.S.

When my wife passed away from MS early in 2025, I decided to go to as many church sites as I could. I have been to 24 sites (12 in 2025) with 21 more on my schedule over the next three years.

I have served in many congregations in many leadership positions.

One of my fond memories at the Center was when I was a delivery driver. One agency in Pocatello would always give me a big hug when delivering at their location. They were so grateful for the items we brought to them.

I love working at the Center and look forward to learning the names of everyone there... I have half of the names down pat, I have half to go!

## Leader's Message David Hurst



I built and installed cabinets and countertops for a living. I often thought how nice it would be to be able to install counter tops for people and not have to worry about money. For me to be able to do something for someone else because there is a need, brings me joy in my life. (continued on page 2)

## Upcoming Events:

- January 1-5<sup>th</sup>: Closed for New Year  
Jan 6 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Night  
(By reservation only)  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 8 am Executive Meeting  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Night  
(By reservation only)  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 5 pm Board Meeting

## Evening Volunteer Opportunities:

Youth Groups: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adults Only: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Reservations required: Contact Frannie 208-227-4229

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

Phone: 208-497-2868

Website: [ifareahumanitariancenter.org](http://ifareahumanitariancenter.org)

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NEIGHBORS**





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*"As I have loved you, love one another"*



### Leader's Message - David Hurst (continued)

Being able to help with a neighborhood work project, cleaning up a yard, painting a house or whatever the project, I receive satisfaction. The words, "thank you" are better than a monetary reward.

I grew up in a family where helping family members, neighbors or strangers was normal. Working here at the Humanitarian Center brings me the same joy. I do not see the recipient of the toys or other goods we provide, but I know those items we do provide is received with gratefulness.

It is fun to see the volunteers that come in and donate their time and talents for the betterment of strangers and friends, most of whom we never will see. My greatest joy comes from helping my children and other family members make upgrades to their homes or other needs they might have.

I enjoy being able to help others. In our church we are asked to fast for two meals and then contribute the price of those two meals as a fast offering to help those in need with food or clothing or rent. I give my fast offering knowing 100% of my contribution goes to the aid of those truly in need. I feel like my contribution here at the Humanitarian Center goes 100% to those who have a need, and that bring me joy. So I guess I serve here for a selfish reason, it is for the joy I receive.

Thanks for helping those in need



**Frontier Credit Union donated \$2,000 to the Center. This will help the Center in so many ways!**



**Zion National Bank donated \$1,000 to the Center. We are so appreciative to those donors who generously give!**



**The Hawkes Landing Ward from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has worked hard to donate the following: 1997 disposable diapers and 201 Onesies for infants.**

**We have such a need in the community for these items.**

### DONATE:



<https://IFAREAHUMANITARIANCENTER.ORG/DONATE>

### WAYS TO DONATE

[ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate](https://ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate)

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



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### Last Month's Impact

#### Center Activity:

Total Volunteers.....886

First-time volunteers.....5

#### Service Hours:

Total Hours.....10,253

Total On Site Hours.....2,836

Total Off-Site Hours .....7,418

Items Donated .....4,949

Items Produced.....1,851



*"The best way to find yourself is to lose  
yourself in the service of others."*

*-Mahatma Gandhi*