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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Lynda Chapple

Lynda Chapple (Sewing Department) has been volunteering at the Center since 2012.

When I retired, I thought my useful life was over. Then a friend suggested trying the Humanitarian Center. When I began volunteering here, life had purpose and meaning, beyond my family – of course, again. I have enjoyed the friends made here and feeling the joy that comes from serving some of the Lord's special people.

Service is why we are here. It's our way of showing Jesus we can further His work, as well as improving the rough draft we are.

Working at the Center has helped me improve my patience as I deal with people from all different backgrounds. When the Lord said, "Be patient toward all men," He meant it!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Val Denton

Have you met **Val Denton**? If not, you should! A neighbor told Val about the Center and he began volunteering in 2010.

Val is from Driggs, Idaho. He has lived in Shelley, as well as Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah. He has two incredible daughters, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His dear wife passed six years ago.

Val graduated from Weber State and the University of Utah. He managed Child Development Centers in Eastern Idaho for 20 years. He worked for the State of Idaho Mental Health Department for 10 years, and worked in psychotherapy private practice for 7 years.

Adventures include the United States Air Force (4 years), Eastern States Mission (2 years), and a Senior LDS Mission: Salt Lake City. Val has traveled to England, Scotland, France, Sweden, and Denmark (etc.).

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Fill your mind with TRUTH. Fill your heart with LOVE.
Fill your life with SERVICE.
~ Thomas S. Monson



September 2026 Impact

Volunteer Spotlight: Val Denton (cont)

Fun facts: Val grew up on a farm. In his words, he was a delinquent: always in trouble. Val also thinks he's the oldest volunteer at the Center... (who really knows???)

He loves and have owned beautiful Arabian horses and loves to read. He's written a book and is working on book #2.

Val is a happy, grateful man; filled with love and hope. He takes time to "sharpen his saw." He takes time to laugh and see the silliness in life and tries to do 5 good turns every day. "I don't know diddly squat about computers or phones." (You should be chuckling right now.)

How does Val feel about working at the Center? "Just walking in the front door overwhelms you with light."

Center Activity:

Total Volunteers.....1,380

First-time volunteers.....12

Service Hours:

Total Hours.....13,567

Total On Site Hours.....4,469

Total Off-Site Hours8,681

Items Donated10,338

Items Produced.....2,763

Total Items Delivered9,677

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE CENTER...

Remember, when the Center's volunteers helped lead the initiative for Idahoans to complete 250,000 acts of service in celebration of the America's 250th anniversary?

UPDATE:

The Humanitarian Center volunteers have "pushed Idaho over the 500,000 service hours".

Thank you for your dedication and hard work!!

WAYS TO DONATE

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The Center's Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am – 3 pm

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“To give real service, you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.” ~ Don Alden Adams



~~~Donations~~~



Thank you, Melaleuca!
We are the grateful recipients of 2 barrels of individually wrapped bar soap - 420 total. These will be used in our hygiene kits. What a blessing! Thank you so much!

The **Riverside Ward** donated **554** rolls of toilet paper in September. Another huge blessing for the Center and the agencies we serve. Thank you so much!



This Month's Events:

Oct 14	8:00 am Executive Meeting
Oct 15	5:00 pm Board Meeting
Oct 27-28	Pumpkin Contest & Potato Bar

IFA Humanitarian Center

The **Woodland Hills First Ward** asked to serve at the Humanitarian Center for a Youth Night activity. It was suggested that they serve the Center in a different way, still serving, but allowing the youth to serve by asking for donations for the Community Room at the Center. What a surprise when they showed up at the Center to deliver those items they collected from their community. The picture shows the strength of the youth when they are committed to serve a worthy cause. We are so thankful for all they collected:

Tampons:	34	Book Covers:	9
Toothpaste:	79	Diapers (sz 5):	160
Toilet Paper:	327	Tooth Brushes:	3
Laundry Soap:	2	Dish Soap:	6
Erasers:	2	Crayons:	69
Color Pencils:	96	Pencils:	31
Glue Sticks:	4	All-Purp Clnr:	9
Scissors:	1		
TOTAL ITEMS: 832			

There are no traffic jams along the extra mile.
~ Roger Staubach



Camille Johnson Visit

General Relief Society President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Camille Johnson visited the Center on Saturday, September 26. What a delightful experience to host Sister Johnson and share with her what happens in these four walls every week. She was personable and kind, commenting that she travels the world over and has never seen this type of work happening anywhere. "What you are doing here is stellar."

Thank you to all who took time from your weekend to help host this special visitor.

