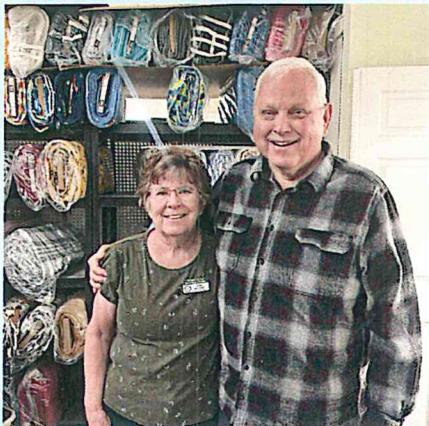




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IDAHO FALLS AREA HUMANITARIAN CENTER



Leader's Message Sherwin Crooks

I started at the Humanitarian Center in 2010. Originally my wife, Jill and I were asked to serve at the Center as Service Missionaries but have continued as regular volunteers once the Service Missionaries were no longer needed.
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Upcoming Events:

- February 3 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Night
(By reservation only)
- February 11-12 Valentine Cookies provided
- February 11 8 am Executive Meeting
- February 12 6:30-8:30 pm Adult Night
(By reservation only)
- February 17 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Night
(By reservation only)
- February 19 5:00 pm Board Meeting

NEWSLETTER

Volunteer Spotlight Eric & Betsy Schultz

"We have enjoyed working with such wonderful people who give of their time and talents to bless the lives of others. We started tying quilts and working in folder games. In the Fall of 2022, we were asked to serve in the Community Room.

We have lived in seven different states, Minnesota, Missouri, Arizona, California, Texas, Idaho and New Mexico. In New Mexico we were senior missionaries for 23 months on the Navajo Indian Reservation. We loved working with the amazing, humble giving people.

We have been married for 53 years and have 6 wonderful sons, 5 daughters-in-laws and 21 of the best grandchildren. In June we will have our first great-grandson. "

Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant.
There will always be someone out there that needs what you have to give!

Evening Volunteer Opportunities:

Youth Groups: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Adults Only: 2nd Thursday of each month
Reservations required: Contact Frannie 208-227-4229

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am - 3 pm

Phone: 208-497-2868

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"Be Still and Know that I am God"
Psalms 46:10



Leader's Message - Sherwin Crooks (continued)

My hometown is Shelley, Idaho. I have lived in San Diego for 4 years while serving in the Navy, then San Francisco, Harbor Main, and the Adak Aleutian Islands. I then settled in Shelley, Idaho. I have eight children with my first wife, Dorothy. Then I married Jill, who has five children. We have been married for 27 years.

I started employment as a tractor mechanic one year after high school. Then in the Navy, I was an electronic tech for four years. After getting out of the Navy, I worked at the INL for 40 years as an Electronic Tech and retired from the INL as a Senior Engineer.

Some of my vacation adventures include the Aleutian Islands while in the Navy, Hawaii, Maine, Tennessee, Washington DC, most US states, Canada and Mexico. Serving at the Center has been therapeutic for me and sometimes challenging. The work assignments at the Center have been nice for me because of my previous job experience and skills. All my life I've looked up to older people for advice and the example they set for me but now I can't find anyone older than me 😊.

Serving at the Center with Jill is rewarding. It gives us something to do together and best of all, it gives me a sense of accomplishment knowing that my service indirectly makes someone's life a little easier.

Guest Speakers Presentation



Jenn Baxter shared the following:

Over Christmas, she and many volunteers spent a week in Tijuana, Mexico. They served an orphanage with 38 children and helped with another orphanage of 27 children. She said the director of the orphanage's name is Martin. He was an orphan at age 6 through age 10. He lived in this orphanage. After he graduated from high school, he went to college and then received his master's degree in broadcasting. During his career, the director of the orphanage had kidney failure and they approached Martin and asked if he would be the director of the orphanage for a year, he has now been the director for over 12 years. He has so much love for those children in the orphanage. (continued on page 3)

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"Humanitarian work is about building bridges – between need and help, between despair and hope, between strangers who become neighbors. Today, as we begin, we step onto that bridge together.

Every act of service, no matter how small, plants a seed of hope in someone else's life. When we serve together, those seeds grow into a forest of compassion that can shelter an entire community."

Last Month's Impact

Center Activity:

Total Volunteers.....532

First-time volunteers.....5

Service Hours:

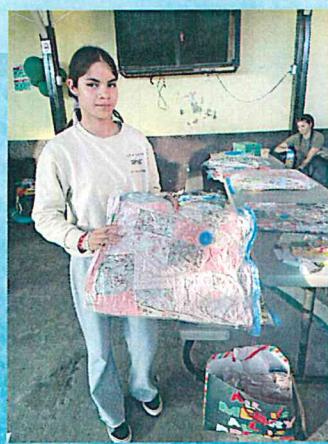
Total Hours.....11,276

Total On Site Hours.....3,382

Total Off-Site Hours7,895

Items Donated5,083

Items Produced.....2,141



Elder Baxter shared the following:

During their week there, they were assigned ten different projects. Some included:

1. Pulling large rocks out of the dry canal for irrigation for fruit trees and vegetables.
2. They had a need for a grey water line for irrigation. They dug the lines and it took 3-4 days to get down to the level that was required to put the lines in.
3. At the other orphanage, they were able to give them our quilts – one of the kids was hugging the quilt so tight and was so grateful to have a quilt to sleep with.
4. The jump ropes were given to the children. One of the workers said they only had one jump rope for the whole orphanage to share. They were grateful to get jump ropes for each of the kids to use as they wanted.
5. The knitted toys were presented to the kids. The little girls loved them.
6. Both orphanage directors and children were so grateful for the items we gave to them. They shared a song with the volunteers, "God is so good, God is so good, he is so good to me"

Elder Baxter testified, "The work the volunteers do, the items that you work so hard on, go so far for so many in need. We are witnesses of the hard work. Thank you for your time and talents to make these kids have a better life".