



IDAHO FALLS AREA HUMANITARIAN CENTER

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LEADER'S MESSAGE



Frannie Gardner has been serving at the Humanitarian Center as a board member and secretary for over five years. She retired in December 2025 and desired to continue her service at the Center using her administrative skills. Frannie is also overseeing the Youth and Adult nights at the Center and her phone doesn't stop ringing with those who want to serve on those nights.

Frannie has always loved to serve others... not only her family and friends but those who she has worked with for over 40 years in a corporate world. For the past seven years, she has continued to serve her 92-year-old mother who has the health and mind of a 50 year old. (She is blessed!) Time spent with her mom includes family history, playing card games, working on "hard" puzzles, shopping, cooking and talking and laughing until midnight.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Nancy Long! Nancy and her husband, Gaylen, began working at the Center in August 2016. Nancy spends her time knitting and/or crocheting – scarves, mittens, afghans, and items used in Newborn Kits. The word is she is extremely talented. What a blessing she is to our Center!

Nancy and Gaylen wanted to serve a mission. With health challenges to consider, the Center is a great fit. When they decided to buy a home, they found 3 homes – one in Ammon, one in Iona and one in Ucon (Nancy's hometown). Neither wanted to live in the other's hometown, so Iona won! They have 5 children and 24 grandchildren.

Nancy has lived in Ucon, Salt Lake City, Rexburg, Idaho Falls and Iona for 52 years. Her work history includes hostess/cashier at a SLC restaurant, substitute teaching at District 93 schools, accompanying a high school men's chorus, and owning her own preschool (1989). How did she feel about her preschool? "That was a LOT of fun!"

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YOU MAY NOT HAVE SAVED A LOT OF MONEY IN YOUR LIFE,
BUT IF YOU HAVE SAVED A LOT OF HEARTACHES FOR
OTHERS, YOU ARE A PRETTY RICH PERSON!



**Leader's Message - Frannie Gardner -
continued:**

Frannie has a blended family. With 8 grown children, 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She loves each one with their own personalities and talents and looks forward to the time she spends with each one. She has lived in Idaho Falls for 40 years. She owned and operated a successful health food store for ten of those years and her expertise in herbal medicine, health and nutrition has been a gift for her family and all that knows her.

Volunteer Spotlight - Nancy Long (continued)

She has visited Virginia; Washington, DC; Palmyra, Hill Cumorah, and Niagara Falls, New York; Nauvoo, Illinois, Salem, Oregon; Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; California; and Nevada - all places where her children live and can enjoy these trips. Her parents were in Nauvoo when they visited.

IFAHC is Nancy's happy place! The only thing better is spending time with her family. Why does she love volunteering here? Two reasons: having met fantastic people over the past nearly 10 years and knowing our products are used by those who truly need them. Thank you for your dedicated service, Nancy! We are so happy you are part of our team.

Last Month's Impact

Center Activity:
Total Volunteers.....662
First-time volunteers.....13
Service Hours:
Total Hours.....16,904
Total On Site Hours.....5,393
Total Off-Site Hours11,511
Items Donated1,887
Items Produced.....3,060

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ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate

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



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Evening Volunteer Opportunities:

Youth Groups: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Adults Only: 2nd Thursday of each month, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Reservations required: Contact Frannie 208-227-4229

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

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

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AS YOU GROW OLDER, YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT YOU HAVE TWO HANDS: ONE FOR HELPING YOURSELF AND THE OTHER FOR HELPING OTHERS. (AUDREY HEPBURN)



Upcoming Events:

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| April 7 | 7:00-8:30 pm Youth Night
(By reservation only) |
| April 8 | 8 am Executive Meeting |
| April 9 | 7:00-8:30 pm Adult Night
(By reservation only) |
| April 15 & 16 | Easter Cookies |
| April 16 | 5:00 pm Board Meeting |
| April 21 | 7:00-8:30 pm Youth Night
(By reservation only) |

IFA Humanitarian Center

We are delighted to share the results of the 2025 Light the World Giving Machine campaign in Rexburg in December 2025.

Total donations for organizations in the area: **\$625,270.00.**

The Humanitarian received **\$67,825.00** in donations in the following areas:

- Backpack & Supplies/Hygiene Kits: 479 donations @ \$20/each = \$9,580.00
- Educational Games & Toys: 751 donations @ \$15/each = \$11,265.00
- Quilts: 116 donations @ \$70/each = \$8,120.00
- Newborn Kits: 619 donations @ \$40/each = \$24,760.00
- Weighted Blankets: 282 donations @ \$50/each = 14,100.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONATIONS FOR OUR CENTER: 2,247 items (That's incredible!)

The Giving Machines are a blessing for all – for our Center and for those who donate by opening their hearts to share with those whose needs are great.
