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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Mike Peterson

It's interesting to me that we have used fingerprints for well over 100 years in fighting crime to be able to reveal those who have done something bad. Those involved nearly always leave something behind that positively identifies who they are and what they have been up to. However, I have envisioned for years how wonderful it would be to be able to "dust" for the fingerprints of those who do good- - especially those who quietly and unseen, positively identify who they are by what they have been up to. Isn't it wonderful that we all get to serve in a place where fingerprints are left by hundreds of guilty people. Guilty beyond any "reasonable doubt" of kindness, of caring, of service and love. As I serve with all of you, I am often reminded of a line from a popular movie that I enjoyed years ago. "People that no one know about.....doing things that no one can imagine."

I appreciate so much serving with each of you who are leaving His fingerprints on all you do.

Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mary Ann Petersen

Mary Ann Petersen has been a dedicated volunteer at the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) since 2018. Originally assigned as a senior service missionary, Mary Ann's time at the center has continued even after her mission ended, a testament to her deep commitment to serving others. Hailing from Shelley, Idaho, Mary Ann has spent most of her life in the area, living in both Shelley and Idaho Falls. Family is at the heart of everything Mary Ann does. She and her husband, Ray, are blessed with three children, all of whom live nearby. She loves supporting her 8 grandchildren in all their sporting events and musical recitals. Mary Ann cherishes family dinners on Sundays and the special memories made during family vacations.

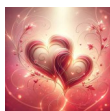
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UPCOMING EVENTS

1 FEB 1ST DAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2 FEB GROUNDHOG DAY
4 FEB 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
12 FEB 8 AM IFAHC EXECUTIVE MEETING
13 FEB 6:30 PM IFAHC OPEN EVENING FOR ADULTS ONLY
14 FEB VALENTINE'S DAY
17 FEB PRESIDENT'S DAY
18 FEB 6:30 PM IFAHC YOUTH NIGHT BY RESERVATION
20 FEB 5 PM IFAHC BOARD MEETING

DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
SHAVE CREAM
DEODORANT
BLEACH
BABY WIPES
TOILET PAPER
YARN 2,3, 4 PLY
HYGIENE KIT SUPPLIES



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(Volunteer Spotlight continued)

Mary Ann's work history includes over 20 years as a secretary at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center and an additional decade working at Screen Graphics. Through her varied professional experiences, she has developed a deep understanding of the importance of community and service. Her experiences at the IFAHC have only reinforced her commitment to helping others in need.

Travel has always been a source of joy for Mary Ann. She fondly remembers the time spent in Yuma, AZ during the winter months and the unforgettable visits to significant church history sites in Nauvoo. A highlight of her travels was seeing Mount Rushmore, and she enjoys spending time with family in Island Park.

Mary Ann draws constant inspiration from the volunteers at the IFAHC and the guest speakers from various agencies who share their stories about how they help those in need. It fuels her passion for service and makes her even more grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such an important cause.

Outside of her work at the Humanitarian Center, Mary Ann is an avid quilter. She takes great pride in creating personalized quilts for her grandchildren, family, and friends, and she loves imagining all the beautiful things she can make with fabric. For Mary Ann, quilting is more than a hobby—it's a way of expressing love and care for the people she holds dear.

GUEST SPEAKER



Joe and Cassy

Cassy and Joe from Rehabilitative Health Services (RHS) recently visited the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center (IFAHC) to share their invaluable work in supporting individuals in recovery. Cassy, a case manager, explained her role in helping clients access resources and connect to community services. She highlighted the importance of basic needs, like blankets, hygiene kits, and weighted blankets, which are provided by IFAHC. These items help individuals in recovery feel a sense of connection and support as they rebuild their lives.

Joe, a recovery coach and former drug addict, shared his personal journey of overcoming addiction. Having struggled with substance abuse for much of his life, Joe has been drug-free for several years and now helps others on their path to sobriety. His story of resilience and recovery serves as a beacon of hope for those facing similar challenges.

Both Cassy and Joe emphasized that recovery requires two key components: meeting basic needs and fostering community connections. Their message underscored the importance of partnerships between organizations like RHS and IFAHC, working together to offer both practical and emotional support to individuals on their recovery journey. We are deeply grateful for their time and insights, which inspire us all to keep serving those in need.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rexburg Family Crisis Center is a public non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote safety, self-sufficiency, hope, and healing for individuals impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Family Crisis Center offers a wide range of services to support survivors, including a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, and immediate on-scene support with law enforcement. In addition, they provide legal advocacy, referrals to emergency medical services, and various counseling resources. For ongoing support, survivors can access weekly women's and children's support groups, as well as individual counseling and a community food bank and thrift store. All services at the Family Crisis Center are provided free of charge, emphasizing their commitment to accessibility for everyone, regardless of age, gender, background, or belief.

The Family Crisis Center continues to stand as a beacon of hope and assistance for survivors of abuse, offering them the support they need to heal and rebuild their lives.



Erica and Nelly Isabel



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Kids from Thailand receiving and playing with their new puppet friends!



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributes to the IFAHC! Your generosity is truly appreciated!



"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

~Thomas Aquinas



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LAST MONTH'S IMPACT

Individual center workers.....	360
First-time volunteers	25
Onsite service hours	5,031
Offsite service hour	9,647
Total center items produced	3,408



WAYS TO DONATE

ifareahumanitariancenter.org/donate

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



EVENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Groups—1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:30

Adults Only—2nd Thursday of each month

Reservation Required—Contact Randy 208-589-4974

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Regal Ticket Fundraiser

Looking for:
Valentine's Gift?
Want to get out of the cold?
Need a gift for a friend or family member?



Ticket Bundles:
Includes 2 tickets for \$30

IFAHC receives 25% of sales

Purchase tickets online
February 1st - February 20th

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