



# Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center

## September 2019 Newsletter

### Message From Our Directors

On behalf of The Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center, my wife and I would like to extend our warmest thanks to all who come and serve at the Center.



Don and Mozelle Neville

We would like to thank the community, also, for their generous and thoughtful donations. Because of you, we are able to help the poor and needy in our community. These are some of those we help:

- The abused mother & her children who had to leave home with nothing.
- The family whose house burned down in the middle of the night.
- The young couple whose baby died at birth.
- The father who lost his job, his home and his family.
- The teenage high school student who has nothing for her new baby.
- The autistic child who can't sit still in class.

Unless we lose ourselves in service to others, there is little purpose in our own lives.

Don & Mozelle Neville  
Directors, IFAHC

### Volunteer Highlight

Some years ago, Ellen took her husband to Utah for surgery. They had money in the bank, but her ATM card didn't work, which left them in a quandary. Through their church leaders, they received the help they needed with the only "repayment" required being that they "give back" whenever they could. Ellen prayed about that. Then a friend suggested she go to the Humanitarian Center, which was at the time being housed in a church. She thought, "I really don't want to sit and quilt with a bunch of old ladies." But she went anyway, and the rest is not "his-tory", but "her-story".



Ellen Bates

When Mozelle asked her to head up the crocheting, she began with just a small group around one round table, then added a long banquet table, then two long tables! Then they spilled into the foyer and sometimes into the conference room!

Ellen says, "I don't know what I would have done if I hadn't started coming to the Humanitarian Center. It saved my life."

Ellen was born in Nampa, but also lived in California, Arizona and Missouri. She and Larry have six kids (including Anna, who also volunteers at the Center) and eight grandkids. She loves reading, chocolate, frogs (because it stands for Fully Rely On God) and . . . more chocolate. *Amen, Sistah!!*

Side note: Most of you know that Ellen has recently had several injuries to her shoulder and ankle. Her challenges continue and the future is still scary, but we were ecstatic to see her at the Center last Wednesday. *Ellen, you continue to be in our prayers!*

### Product Highlight

It's like the elephant in the room – quite literally! In this newsletter we've been highlighting some of the items we make at the Center. It's now time to highlight . . . wait for it . . . QUILTS!



Completed Quilts



Happy Quilters

The Center makes up to 20 quilts each day we're open. At any given moment there are nine quilts (including one baby quilt) being tied.

But don't forget all it takes to get them to that point: matching prints/colors, cutting the blocks, preparing kits to sew the blocks into quilt tops.



Margaret's Magic Table



The Inner Sanctum

Then there's the "Chapel" where each top is "married" to a matching bottom. After they're tied, other volunteers bind the edges (which some call "border security").

In 2018 we delivered 2,407 quilts, worth about \$348,500 if we were to sell them (which we will never do). They are distributed via the 170 agencies within our service area.

### Hours we're open

10 am – 3 pm, Tues. & Wed.; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month for adults only 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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## Meet Shane Ackerschott



Shane Ackerschott

Shane Ackerschott has spent most of his life in Idaho Falls. He married his wife, Beka in 1997 and they have 2 boys and 1 girl (including twins).

In his adult life Shane worked as a UPS driver, a licensed HVAC installer, and after learning the necessary material by studying on his own, he obtained his CDL license.

On November 10, 2014 his world was rocked when he was in a work accident, which eventually left him as a paraplegic. He knew that everything in his life was going to be very different. He couldn't work but needed something to give more meaning to his life.

Shane's journey to the Center started when his wife convinced him to come and paint wooden cars. He says, "When we were finished, hers had red and black flames and huge exhaust pipes, but mine looked like it was ready for the wood pile!" But he did find a home in quilt-tying, which he still loves to do.

Of the Center, Shane says, "You can't stop coming! You finish on Wednesday, then from Thursday until Monday you can't wait to come back!"

Shane and Beka are "really into riding motorcycles", about which he says "The wind blows away the stress in your life". He's anxious for his new, modified motorcycle is ready. *Ride, Captain, Ride!*

## Roaring Youth Jam

The Humanitarian Center was well represented at the *Idaho Falls Roaring Youth Jam* along the banks of the river, August 7<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>! The event, which featured booths with all kinds of things for our youth to do, make, learn or eat was great fun for all who attended.

Our booth was one of the largest and first they saw if they entered from the South. One youth represented her generation very well. Rylee Barney, shown here, painted a doll bed with the words "I Love You". She then gave it back to the Center for us to give to someone else.

**Thank you,** Dean Cowley, who oversees the production of wooden toys and to Don Neville, Chuck Hunter and Randy



Rylee Barney

Hurley for help with set-up and take-down and to the others who helped hand out toys and help the children with the markers.

According to Dean, we brought 2250 toys and gave away 550 of them. (We'll give away more at the Ag Fest in September.) Each child was given at least one with the option of either taking them "as is" or adding to the design with colored markers.

Pictured to the right is Rylee Barney, who painted her doll bed, adding the words, "I Love You" to it, then presenting it back to the Center with the request that it be given to another child.



IFAHC Tent @ The Roaring Youth Jam

**Support the Idaho Falls Area Humanitarian Center.**



Purchase any items at the 1600 E 17<sup>th</sup> Street Papa Murphy's Pizza. Mention the Humanitarian Center when ordering and 20% of the sale will be donated to the Center. **Valid only September 16, 2019. 11:00 am-9:00 pm**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Quote of the Month

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone else who can never repay you. — John Bunyan



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