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**Silver Valley Habitat Will Join the Fuller Center for Housing**

By Judy Blalack

At July’s Board Meeting, the SV Habitat’s directors voted unanimously to join the organization founded by Millard and Linda Fuller in 2005 after they left Habitat for Humanity. The Fullers, who had founded Habitat, disagreed with the policy changes that Habitat for Humanity International® instituted. Instead of the “grass-roots” approach, HfHI was becoming more corporate. Thus, when we were required last year to sign an agreement with HfHI, which we felt impinged on our autonomy, we refused. Last fall, we were granted our own 501(C)3 non-profit status with the IRS and officially changed our name to Silver Valley Habitat. As of the end of June, according to the deadline for signing the agreement, we no longer are an affiliate with Habitat for Humanity International®.

I spoke to Millard a couple months before he died last spring. He mentioned that we could not have Habitat as part of our name if we joined the Fuller Center for Housing (FCfH) as that was part of the agreement signed when he founded the new organization. Thus, we will need to resubmit a name change with the Idaho Sec. of State and insure our Employee Tax Number (EIN) is no longer associated with Habitat.

I’m excited to be joining this new venture. We will be the first Fuller Center Partner in Idaho. The idea is gradually expanding west from Americus, Georgia, where the Fuller Center is located [and where Habitat was originally founded]. In the west, there is only one partner organization in Montana & another in California. But, I don’t feel abandoned as the western affiliates did when Habitat closed all the support centers in the west. We have received welcoming messages and calls from several FCfH officials and a special welcome from Glen Barton, Director, US Field Operations who plans to first set up conference meetings and actually come out to do workshops with our board.

One of the factors that swayed our vote is our need for outside help. We would not still be constructing the most “Habitat type” homes per population in Idaho without it. Since we will not be able to approach the HfHI Care-A-Vanners as we have for 15 years, I’m looking forward to working with the Fuller Center’s new RV Builder’s program. Glen commented that we would “become our flag ship RV Builder's host site! :-)”



Jim Taylor, of Taylor Made Construction, supervises a Servant Youth Group from Shoshone Base Camp as they install roofing on the Lake home. *Photo by Ed Vang*



**Care-A-Vanner Memoirs**

By Maria & Marv Edelstein

Our two weeks in the Silver Valley as Care-A-Vanners helping to build a house for Habitat was

rewarding, educational and most enjoyable.

Being first time Care-A-Vanners, we knew we were going to help build a house and other than that we did not know what to expect. The Sunday after arrival we biked up to the building site and met Verne and his out stretched arms, and the cement foundation. Next was our gracious, warm and delicious welcome dinner from the members of the Silver Valley Habitat group. It was here that we met our fellow Care-A-Vanner couples. Unlike us, they both had been on multiple builds and shared their experiences with us.

Monday morning at 8:00 we started working on the house, in the rain. With each passing day of building pony walls, joists, exterior and interior walls, we became a more

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*This is love, that we walk according to his commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.*  
**2 John 3:6**

## Care-A-Vanners

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synchronized group. The local team, composed of Bob, Chris and Mike added so much to our experience. Then there were the two groups of high school kids from the Shoshone Base Camp. They piled out of vans or a bus and worked like beavers. They couldn't do enough and worked so diligently!!!

What a surprise it was on the first day to see a huge lunch brought to us. This continued each work day, a different local church donating these delicious meals.

Now we must talk about Verne, the man of many hats, literally and figuratively. His middle name is Patience. He was our guide, teacher, mentor and friend. His dedication to Habitat, and more so, to mentoring others was inspirational.

Another highlight of our experience was the day spent with Blossom, AKA Jean, our tour guide, an historian and humorist beyond description.

During our free time we enjoyed the beauty and history of the Silver Valley by bicycling the Coeur d'Alene and Hiawatha trails and the streets of some local towns. We also visited museums and toured silver and gold mines.

We met so many warm friendly people, all of the local Habitat volunteers, ministers, church members who fed us, Joe, owner of the Snake Pit, Jim at Blue Anchor RV Park and many of the volunteers and attendees at the Pig Roast. The nonstop gratitude we felt from everyone we met, especially from Judy, Vern, and Mary Lou, was overwhelming. We loved our experience with all of Silver Valley and its residents and hope to be back again next year.



Junior Red Cross members, Shawn Leah and Ryan Richey, stayed to help until the last dish was washed. Great job—they know how to work!  
*Photo by Mike Humphrey*

## Thank You; Thank You Pig Roast Donors

We could not possibly have a successful event without the help of so many businesses and individuals:

The Enaville Resort crew, Excel Foods, Barney's Supper Center, Sunrise Dairy, Silver Mountain Resort, Real Life Ministries Thrift Shop, St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, Mountain View Congregational Church, Junior Red Cross, Care-A-Vanners, local home cooks/chefs, Gaylene Scott, Amethyst Pelham, the Otto family, Yoke's Foods, Shriner Klown, Krista Wenzel, Lake City Harmonizers

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## Our 17th Annual Pig Roast



Two faces that have helped SVHfH for many years—Jean Vosberg and her brother, John Buchanan, pose for this shot at the Pig Roast. Jean dished up the BBQ meat cooked onsite under Joe Peak's direction. John entertains kids as a Shriner Klown.



A nice group lined up for the BBQ pork and chicken cooked on the Snake Pit equipment under Joe Peak's supervision at the Pig Roast. Diners chose from a variety of salads and desserts donated by our local home chefs. ☺



Everyone enjoyed being serenaded by the Lake City Harmonizers with their barbershop harmony. They are very talented group.

*Photos by Judy*

## What a Month!

By Verne Blalack

Thanks to Clint Kunze's Shoshone Base Camp (SBC) volunteers and Habitat Care-A-Vanners at the end of June all the exterior walls were up and sheathed. Plus, almost all the interior walls were up.

Then Nathan Lake and his friends, Gary Lunsford and Chucky, pulled the trusses on top of the walls by hand, raised them, and sheathed the roof!

During the next week, a 12-member SBC crew led by Jim Taylor and his anonymous helper roofed the home and built a 36' long retaining wall.

In the last two weeks of June, Rick Gilbert supervised 12-member SBC crews in installing most of the vinyl siding, the soffits, and the doors and windows.

The SBC weekly crews consist of 2 adults and 6 teenagers. In June they sent us 2 crews for two weeks Monday through Thursday and for one week Monday through Wednesday. Bob Larson usually took 4 volunteers to work on the "Little Shop" on the Furniture Exchange parking lot while Jim or Rick took the rest. I cannot over emphasize the talent it takes to teach 12 untrained volunteers how to build a house!

You have to explain what's to be done, why it's being done, and then demonstrate how to do it, and then coach them while they're learning. Furthermore, you're usually working on more than one task at a time.

You often go home tired as it is mentally as well as physically exhausting. HOWEVER, you also go home proud because of what you've taught people to do. *Even more important is the increased confidence you've instilled in the volunteers you've led.* As Jim Taylor told me at the end of one day, "I've got good news and bad news. The bad news is that me and anonymous could have put on that much roofing ourselves. The good news is that this morning that boy was apprehensive about getting on the roof and now he's dancing around up there!"

In July, we were blessed with two great leaders teaching wonderful Shoshone Base Camp volunteers how to build an affordable home.



Rick Gilbert, in cap, poses with a SBC crew.

*Photo by Mike Humphrey*

### ☺ Good News ☺

We have a new Grant Writer, Christina Hopper Derbyshire, and since Ed and Kathie Vang, who organized the Walk A-Thon last year, may not be here during the third Saturday in September, Penny Fernquist Michael has volunteered to chair this event again.



Bob Larson, Nathan Lake, and Verne Blalack discuss the interior framing at the Lake home.



John Hopper did the back fill against the foundation along the Lake home.

*Photos by Judy*

## "Little Shop" Raffle



Board members, Duane Little, Kathy McPherson, Verne Blalack, Bob Larson, Mike Humphrey, Haley Gosline, Marilyn White and Norma Seaton, visit the "Little Shop", designed by Bob Larson and constructed with youth groups. We will raffle off this 10' x 12' building after we sell 400 tickets at \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

*Tickets will be for sale at our booth during Pinehurst Days and later around the valley businesses.*

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**Coming Events**

**Aug 7-9—Pinehurst Days**  
**Aug 20-26—Dena Mora Rest Stop Fundraiser**  
 Aug 28—PR/\$; Const & Partnership Committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg  
 Aug 28—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg  
**Sept 19—Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM, Kellogg Jr. High School**

**We are honored to receive these memorials.**

*From Jack & Georgina Heier,  
 In memory of for Don "Whitey" Leonard*

*From Pat & Ray Sales  
 In memory of Marsha Gutzman Bielby*



Carol Young donated a nice sliding window. Since we could not use it with our current construction, we took it to the Re-Store in Hayden where they give us half their sale price.  
*Photo by Judy*



Several SBC volunteers helped Verne pull wires.  
*Photo by Mike Humphrey*



Mark Thyr takes a minute to visit with Verne while Verne does bookwork as treasurer. Mark donates our space in his Farmer's Insurance office.  
*Photo by Judy*

**Here's Help for Habitat . . .**

- I'd like to join the "300 Club" & pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have a house and/or land to donate.
- I can make a no-interest loan for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please call about working out the details.
- I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
- I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
  - I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

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Amethyst Pelham, chair of this year's Pig Roast, directs Jr. Red Cross volunteer, ShawnLeah Richey, as they prepare for the crowd of hungry eaters. *Photo by Judy*



A Youth Group from Colorado staying at Shoshone Base Camp helps Bob Larson install the sheathing on the roof of our 10' x 12' "Little Shop" we will raffle. *Photo by Judy*



Rick Gilbert, of R & R Construction, teaches the youth from Shoshone Base Camp how to install siding on the Lake home. *Photo by Mike Humphrey*



### **Wish List**

- Volunteer Electrician
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Construction Volunteers
- Gleaner
- Newsletter Assistant Editor
- PR/Fundraising Co Chair
- Coordinator for our booth at SV Arts & Craft Fair

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**See us at Pinehurst Days where we will be selling "Little Shop" tickets. And, join us for the Walk-A-Thon on September 19.**

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**Remember**—You can leave your cookies for the Dena Mora Fund-raiser: in Pinehurst, at Real-Life Ministries on Division Street; in Kellogg, at Josie's Full-of-Beans uptown; and in Wallace, at the Episcopal Church.

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