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**[Note the ?? . We need  
Volunteers**



This is a Christmas card drawn by Crystal Otto when she was 11 years old. At that time we made cards from the drawings of the children in our Habitat homes and sold them as greeting cards. They bring back great memories of the builds we made with these families.

***We at Silver Valley Fuller Center For Housing  
send our very sincere wishes to all of you for a  
lovely Christmas Season honoring the birth of  
Jesus Christ.***

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Luke 2:10-13

## A Very Brief History of the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing

By Verne Black, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Site Supervisor and ReUse Store Manager

Millard & Linda Fuller were the founders of Habitat for Humanity. Their dream was to *help needy families* by providing simple decent homes through assisting them with building skills, financial education, and non-interest mortgages. Millard told Judy that he never received over \$80,000 a year as the CEO of Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity arrived in the Silver Valley through the dream of Barbara Miller, Father King and Sister Petronella of the Catholic Church. Jim and Lois Shadle had worked with Habitat in Florida and became enthusiastically involved here recruiting many others including Judy and myself in March 1993. I became the treasurer and the site supervisor. Judy became a temporary secretary (for three years), and in August, 1993, she started publishing the monthly newsletter, The Silver Bulletin.

Eventually Habitat for Humanity became what I call "Corporate." They expelled Miller and Linda Fuller, and we received a letter stating that if we did not average building at least one house per year over a three year period that we would have to settle our assets with Habitat in Georgia under Georgia law! We felt that our donors expected their donations to be spent providing low-income housing the Silver Valley. So, instead of going to Georgia, I did the paperwork that resulted in our becoming our own 501(c)3 non-profit.

Since then Millard and Linda Fuller founded The Fuller Center for Housing which we have joined, and Judy became one of its Directors this year. We are working on our 20<sup>th</sup> home which will be John "Boy" Delaney's and is located in Osburn. We have made a positive impact on 84 individuals, parents and children, in the homes we have dedicated. And, with our Greater Blessings projects, we have helped 22 low-income homeowners.

Our first president, Norma Seaton, insisted that we tithe 10% of non designated income which has paid for the building materials in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. Since the costs there are very low compared to US builds, we have helped with homes for about another 20 families. Considering our population, which was about 15,000 in 1993 and is now about 13,000, we earned the award for the most houses built in Idaho per population.

The Silver Bulletin is still alive and well, and we also have a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store (The ReUse Store at 709 Main Street, Smelterville) that provides us with additional revenue. The store also provides an alternative to dumping many reusable things in the land fill and sells a w i d e range of useable donated items at a very reasonable price. This definitely helps those hurting in our local economy.



Jill Thyr, Verne and I met with Ann Comstock-Brainard (at right) at the Historic Kingston School. Ann is with West Valley Realty and is managing the newly remodeled property. We were really impressed with the building when we held an information meeting about the Melaleuca online shopping company with its environmentally safe 450 products. Melaleuca will donate 5% of sales for those who designate The Fuller Center for Housing as their choice of charity.

The Historic Kingston School is available for weddings, receptions, parties, etc. We recommend you give Ann a call at 682-2142 and see for yourself.

If you are interested about the Melaleuca products, please call Judy at 682-3240.

### Excerpts From A Message To Donors From David Snell, The Fuller Center for Housing President

I hope you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

We were able to house more than 800 families across the U.S. and around the world—more than any previous year.

We can do even better because we remain grass-roots. We also achieved GuideStar's Platinum rating for transparency, their highest level.

Because our houses withstood the quake in Nepal and hurricane in Haiti, we are recognized for quality work, which is helping us grow in those countries, and we're able to share our building techniques with others. Moreover, this gives more people an opportunity to see how our hand-up approach to charity works better than the handouts that have exacerbated dependency in places like Haiti. We're changing that.

We are growing, adding new covenant partners in the U.S. and internationally.

(Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing is a covenant partner.)



## 2016 Silver Valley Arts and Craft Fair

We appreciate all the work of Rene Gilbert and Colleen Rosson of the Greater Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce in continuing this great event that draws folks from all around the area. Also appreciate all those who made our booth with its 5 raffles possible: Darnell Kriedeman and her nieces, Emily & Danyelle, Jessica Haynes, Linda Amonson, Tracie Martinsen, Denise Durham, Duane Little, Marqueta Martinez, Ellie Arguimbau, and the 60 businesses who donated items and certificates, and all the individuals who contributed homemade gifts.

With your help we earned ~ \$400 and visited with lots of friends.



Allie enjoys watching her mom, Jessica Haynes, as she artistically wraps the raffle baskets.

*Photo by Darnell Kriedeman*



Tracie Martinsen and Darnell Kriedeman prepare the display for Saturday's customers.



Danyelle and Emily draw the winning tickets for each of the 5 prizes. This year all five winners were local residents: Amy Rodriguez, Esther Capparelli, Sirena Hill, Dana Barker, and Jonnie Renteria.



Denise Durham grins as Emily helps prize winner Amy Rodriguez with basket # 1.

*Other photos by Judy*



Danyelle carries prize #2 for winner, Esther Capparelli. The large basket was donated by Sunnyside Drug.



Karen Reed comes by as Dana Barker collects her winning basket # 4. Karen & Charles had the booth just down the hall.

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### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Josephine Davis  
In Memory of Kay Major*

*From John F. Magnuson  
In Memory of Richard G. Magnuson*

*From Darlene Currie  
In Memory of Robert Scott*

### ReUse Store's Operating Fund

John Delaney

### Greater Blessings Fund

Debra Bornitz, Shannon Souza, Paulette Ross, Nancy Elliott, Christina & Jason Mace, Jeanni & William Rogers



We are delighted that Darlene Currie gave us a gift in honor of Mary Jane Watt's birthday.

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc. P.O. Box 338, Smelterville, ID 83868 786-6013

### Coming Events

Dec 13—Annual Christmas Potluck, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, 525 W

Cameron, Kellogg

Dec 13—Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Church

Dec 25—Christmas

Since this newsletter was ready for printing before Thanksgiving and our vacation, the donations which arrived later will be shown in January 2017's newsletter. Thank you for understanding.

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Verne wishes to mention that he is sorry that he and John "Boy" have not been able to gather and deliver all the requests. "Old Blue" is in the shop and the 1965 Ford has become unreliable. The donated 1999 Dodge Caravan was great for small jobs, but its transmission went out—thus it was not worth repairing. We need more help at the ReUse Store and if you have a pickup and are willing to make deliveries and gather donations that would be great. We can help with gas money. Scheduling a certain day per week or 2 weeks when you are available would be fantastic.

### Homeowner Help

Occasionally we are asked about getting help back from the homeowners we helped buy their homes. I am pleased to note that most do step forward when asked if they are able. In just the Christmas Raffle we had help from Darnell, Denise, Jessica, and Tracie. (Tracie's daughter Bree, now a school teacher, has offered to help with the newsletter layout.) Other helpers this year are Linda Miller, Anne & Casey Duncan, and Bob Otto.

Darnell serves on our Board of Directors. She recruited Linda Langer to be the Chair of our Christmas Raffle. But, when Linda broke her ankle, Darnell stepped in to take her place by organizing the event. ☺



Ellie Arguimbau, Duane Little, and Darnell Kriedeman's nieces, Danyelle & Emily are ready to greet passerbys and sell raffle tickets for 4 baskets & pictures at the Silver Valley Arts and Craft Fair. *Photo by Judy*



Darnell smiles in the background as long time friends, Dana Stovern and Casey Duncan, laugh when greeting each other by our raffle booth at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair. *Photo by Judy*



Following a Melaleuca informational workshop at the Historic Kingston School, Sandy Clemons, Judy Blalack, and Jill Thyr pose in front of the stage in the auditorium.

For more information about Melaleuca and its 5% donation to The Fuller Center, call Judy 682-3240.

For information about holding your event at the Historic Kingston School, call Ann at West Valley Realty, 682-2142. *Photo by Theodora Thyr*

*You are cordially invited to attend our annual  
Christmas Potluck  
Tuesday, December 13  
7 PM  
At the Mountain View Congregational Church  
525 West Cameron Ave.  
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RSVP – Ellie @ 783-1804  
Please join us in celebrating both the  
Birth of Christ  
and  
Recognizing our accomplishments with our mission.*

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