



**We Wish You The Best For This Holy Holiday.  
Please Keep Christ in Christmas  
And Do Your Part To Stay Safe.**

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



**All Wrapped Up and Ready to Go—Baskets # 1, # 3, and # 2  
For Our Silent Auction on line or phone only (see on page 3)**

## A Quarter Century of Shelter

By Brian R. Lee

[Silver Valley Habitat for Humanity was started in 1993. The group joined The Fuller Center for Housing in 2009.]

One of the earliest families to receive assistance in acquiring shelter through the Silver Valley Habitat is still making a home in the same house after their three children grew up in it and moved on.

“We were the second family to receive a house” through Habitat, said Nida Dodge of Woodland Park. “I think we moved in December 1995.”

She and her husband Jim raised their three daughters there.

That house and one next to it were built from the ground up to provide affordable housing for two families. Jim and Nida helped with the construction, beginning with the leveling of the ground since the lot had a large hole in it. Jim was also able to help with the electrical wiring.

In addition to working cooperatively with Habitat volunteers, they were able to purchase the house by obtaining a mortgage loan through Habitat to cover the costs of the land purchase, materials and contract work.

“At that time, they were just buying property and building from scratch,” she noted.

After spending their first winter in the house, they had to continue work on it to control spring flooding, which involved moving more gravel in the crawl space and installing two sump pumps.

“I had one baby in a car seat under there and the other one helping,” Nida recalled.

They had three young daughters in their new house, one a newborn, a three-year-old and an eight-year-old.

Prior to purchasing this house, they were paying rent to live in a home that was in rough shape with mold on the walls. Without the opportunity provided by Habitat/Fuller Center, they never would’ve been able to purchase a house, she said.

“If people are really in need, they should contact Fuller Center,” Nida said. “It’s a great organization.”

Now that their children have grown up and moved on, the Dodges have become empty-nesters. But they have no plans to live anywhere else. They like the Woodland Park area as much as they do their home. This house is just as suitable for a pair of grandparents as it was for a family of five.

“We have no intentions of moving,” Nida said. “It’s a nice house.”



After presenting Jim Dodge with a Bible, Rev. Mike Harpel (center) watches as Construction Supervisor, Dick McPeak, gives Jim the keys to his new home. Jim is holding their youngest child, Beth. They were in their home for Christmas, 1995. *Photo by William Bunton*



*Copied from The Silver Bulletin, October 1995*

### THE DOOR

*Photo by William Bunton  
poem by Judy Blalack*

This is the door  
the Children  
bought  
With their  
pennies, nickels

and dimes.

They planned and worked and organized  
And then put in a lot of time.

The United Church Bible School  
Chose their project in the spring;  
Habitat would receive a gift  
That their hard work would bring.

They set a goal of 75 bucks,  
But you know what the Lord can do.  
Their total was more than one twenty five  
By the time that they were through.

Now whenever the Dodge family  
Passes in and out of this door,  
They’ll be blessed by this gift that the  
Little ones gave—forevermore.

These children did more than donate  
A door, they offer a challenge too.  
How much can you give in time and  
Help? What building part comes from you?

*Ed. Note: Our thanks to these children of the United Church Bible Class in Kellogg. [P.S. The children in Jo Davis’s neighborhood have also contributed over \$40 to her Habitat Penny Jar.] JB*



**Raffle Prizes—Silent Auction—Online or phone Only (Last bid: December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.)**

**Each prize group is now worth over \$400**

**Bidding is separate on #1, # 2, & # 3.**

**Item**

**Donor**



**# 1**

Antler Lamp  
Auto emergency kit  
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Tall Pine



**# 2**

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Linda Miller-Wild Rose  
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Private Donor  
B&C Salon  
Tall Pine  
Shoshone Honda Yamaha & Saw



**# 3**

Wine Basket  
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Choo Choo Sox & more  
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One Night Stay  
1 Tour Certificate  
One Hair Cut  
5 Car Washes  
\$35 Certificate  
2 Pizza Bread Certif  
\$15-\$20 Certificate  
\$100 Certificate  
Recipe Book  
2 mugs, Shirt & Cert.  
Idaho Garnet Necklace

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Les Schwab  
Northern Pacific RR Museum  
The Bean  
Mom's Vintage Eatery  
The Brooks Hotel  
Oasis Bordello Museum  
Sheryl Regan-Wild Rose  
Silver Valley Tire  
Best Little Hair Salon  
Pizza Factory  
Q's  
Silver Streak Zip Line Tours  
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North Idaho Brewery  
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*We have added prizes from Tall Pine, Shoshone Honda & a garnet necklace from Barb Canterbury, and items from North Idaho Brewery plus more from a private donor!*

Send me an email to [judyblalack@gmail.com](mailto:judyblalack@gmail.com) or call 208-682-3240. I am screening calls so please leave a message saying who you are and your bid. I will keep the top bid on each group posted and noted on my messages. Since we are back in Stage 2 because of COVID-19, this auction can be **only** online or phone. **Last bid will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**

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We are delighted to receive a gift from  
Doug and Aleta Pottenger honoring  
the engagement of  
Rachel Sales and Sam Fischer.

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Only 6 came to help with mailing. Please do come on the first Tuesdays at 9 AM. Call Judy 208-682-3240 for info.

**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.

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

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**Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc.P.O. Box 338, Smeltermville, ID 83868 ☐ 208-682-3240**

**Coming Events**

Dec 8—Board and Committee meetings, 6 PM Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg (There will be no Christmas Dinner this year.)

**Dec 25—Christmas**

Jan 12—Board meeting--elections



Kereen Dose, CPA, brought financial statements to the November board meeting.

*Photos by Judy*



Board members Duane Little, Bob Whitman, Ellie Arguimbau, Norm Holtz, and visitors, Verne & Judy Blalack, and Kereen Dose attended the November meeting.

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

**We are featuring the Dodge Family in this issue.** Below is what happened in August 1995 during construction. It is written by Verne Blalack who was site supervisor at that time.

As you can see it was a community effort as more become involved before construction was complete. We are now a skeleton crew. Please volunteer to help with committees, etc., so we can see this happening again here in our Valley.

Woodland Park—At the Dodge’s homesite:

Grant Johnson has roughed in the plumbing sold to us at discount by Kellogg Heating & Plumbing. Keith Davis of Comer Electric has laid out and instructed us on how to do the wiring. Atlas Building Supply has donated all the sheetrock which Carl Blalack delivered using Raymond Raino’s truck. Dave Walks has been finishing up the framing. Dick McPeak will be installing the exterior doors (the front one is donated by the United Church in Kellogg’s Bible School). We’re all staying dry thanks to Lifetime Roofing’s roof and Shoshone Glass’s windows. Thanks also go to Building Maintenance and Ace Hardware for their discounts.

Special thanks goes to Judy Linscott of Crown Electric for coordinating the electric wholesalers who make this home affordable (North Coast Electric and Crescent Electric Supply Co.) and to others like Shirley Schrierman at Charlie Cox’s office who do more work for us than you can imagine.

Thanks Everyone Else: Wayne McPeak, Ron Boothe, LaDonna Boothe, Mike Alexander and his School to Work Job Shadow boys—Chris Carlson & Chris Wilburn, and . .



## **STILL WISHING**

- ❖ Committee Members (especially for family selection and family partnership)
- ❖ Board Members from Wallace & Mullan
- ❖ Construction Volunteers and onsite Supervisors
  - ❖ Newsletter Assistant with layout
  - ❖ Volunteer Coordinator
  - ❖ Data Entry Volunteer
  - ❖ Ad assistant
  - ❖ PR Chair

## **Fund Raising Special—Silent Auction**

We normally have our Christmas raffle at the Arts and Craft Fair. But, this year we have to be creative.

Please look inside at the 3 groups we are auctioning, with each group now worth more than \$400. The bidding has started. Place your bid with Judy at judyblalack.com or 208-682-3240. I am screening my phone calls, so leave a message with your name and bid. The current bids are # 1-\$150; #2-\$75 and #3-\$75.

**The Wallace Elks’ birthday party has been cancelled so all bidding is online or phone. Last chance is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.** More info inside.

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