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Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing's Board of Directors wish to thank seven-year-old Michael Dolgosh from one of our newest families for making this lovely Christmas card that we can share with you. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Bringing Peace

By Judy Blalack

At this time of year, it is time to reflect on the concept of *Prince of Peace*. So many Christmas cards and carols mention the scripture of Luke: 14
“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

We can work toward this goal and with your help we can accomplish much right here in the Valley. When there is strain on family relations due to inadequate housing from horrendous utility bills to overcrowding to unsafe conditions, then frequently there is little peace in the home. This is reflected by the attitude of the children as they try to cope with home worries as well as fitting in at school and also on the elderly who need small repairs.

We certainly cannot guarantee that every family who owns a home we helped build with them will have no worries, but for most, the sense of security within their home helps with attitude for the whole family. Studies have shown that children from a secure environment do better in school, and we have had some *outstanding* academic achievements in our families. ☺

Millard Fuller's idea of building social bridges brings awareness of others as individuals and frequently removes barriers. When Verne & I helped with the Jimmy Carter Work Project in the Philippines in 1999, we worked with volunteers from 32 countries—many who had been mortal enemies in past wars. This experience opened the eyes of many of these volunteers, and they continued to work on housing problems in their own countries.

Within our community, we are trying to bridge the disparities of our own social structure by inviting those of all walks of life to work with us—both financially and especially with your time. Now that we are hoping to get the Greater Blessings Program going to help with small projects, we need more volunteers to help for just a few days at a time. Please encourage your church to get involved.

New Partnerships



Chris Pfahl, Verne Blalack, and Bill Drake discuss the survey that Chris and Bill made of the land donated by the City of Mullan. They are determining the boundaries for the home that Shoshone County Housing will be building on a corner of this property in partnership with SVFCH.

Photo by Marlene Martin



ExperienceWorks representatives, Susan-Marie Smith and Nanette Trimpe discuss with Verne the idea of joining their program. ExperienceWorks partners non-profit organizations with senior citizens hoping to learn new or refresh skills.

Photo by Judy

Through this program, we are working with “Swede” Little from Mullan. ExperienceWorks pays minimum wage for 18 hours a week, and we provide the training. Verne had Swede help him with the wiring at the Mullan house. He will also be working with Kevin Hutchings at various tasks at the Lake house, Bob Larson is anxious to teach him about floor plans, and Judy will spend some time with him on computers.

See their website: <http://www.experienceworks.org>

Raffle winners at the Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair:

This year, they were all Valley residents.

Maggie Thornton – Wallace; Deb Domy - Kellogg
 Betty Archer – Pinehurst; Dick Silva- Osburn
 Doris McPeak – Osburn; Nola Sullivan -Kellogg

Construction



Natalie Lake and Josh Baugh work on installing and mudding the wallboard in the Lake home. *Photo by Judy*



Amethyst Pelham shakes a Hacksaw at Mike as he takes her photo with Bob. They are trimming a door to fit into the slot at the rear of the “Little Shop” to allow long boards to be cut inside.

Later Judy asks the whole crew of Bob Larson, Chris Leetch and Mike Humphrey to pose with Amethyst as she tightens the last screw attaching the little door.

The interior is almost ready for painting. Then shelves can be installed.

You can see it next to Furniture Exchange in Kellogg.



Remember, we will hold the raffle for the “Little Shop” after 400 tickets are sold at \$10 each or 6 for \$50. They are for sale throughout the Valley:

Kingston Kwick Stop, Real Life Ministries Café, Espresso Barn, Furniture Exchange, Bitterroot Mercantile, Josie’s Full of Beans, Farmers Insurance, Osburn Gas-Mart, Indelible Tidbits, 1313 Club, Polla’s Mart, and all the US Banks & AmericanWest Banks in the Valley

Silver Valley Arts & Craft Fair Scenes



Chris Vergobbi draws a winning ticket for our raffles.

Photos by Judy



Don McPeak picks up his wife, Doris', winning prize.



Donna Silva gets one of the 6 baskets during our raffle.



Amethyst Pelham helps at our booth .



Lois Boje and Marilyn White sell tickets.



Joan Blackburn points out something to a new mom while baby is more interested in my camera.

In addition to the donations from the 33 businesses listed in November's newsletter, we appreciate these individual donations.

Becky & Hip Stein	Oil Painting
R'Gean Lillibridge	2 bath gift sets
Judy Blalack	Jar of canned pears
Wendy Reinhofer	Dish cloths, book marks, doily & Christmas heart ornaments
Irma Pickard	Jars of jam and painted ladybug rocks
Mary Lou Dubiel	Jar of pears & jar of elderberry jelly

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- Apple Jelly
- 2 embroidered hand towels
- 2 dish cloths & hot-plate holder
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We are delighted to accept a gift from Paula Stephenson in honor of Floyd Culver and Mary Hendrickson's wedding.

At her request, Paula's donation was deposited in the Greater Blessings account to help with those projects locally.



Verne & Judy Blalack wish to honor their son, Chief Warrant Officer 2 George Blalack, for receiving his 4th Meritorious Medal. The award reads:

"For exceptional meritorious service as an auditor for the National Guard Internal Review Office. Your auditing work directly saved the National Guard over nine million dollars. As the National Guard Liaison Officer you ensured the National Guard answered all data calls, including those from Congress. Your outstanding performance and character reflect great credit upon yourself, the National Guard Bureau, and the United States Army."

Coming Events

Dec 15—Following earlier than usual committee meetings at 5 PM, there will be a short board meeting before the annual Christmas potluck at Mt. View Congregational Church, 525 W Cameron, Kellogg. Call Norma at 786-9903 for information

Dec 25—Christmas



Sheri Zumstein lifts one of the interior doors up to Verne that the Zumstein's donated to SVCFH. *Photos by Judy*



Winnie Williams helps load the stack of lumber her late husband had stored for future projects. Winnie decided it could now be used for our projects. ☺

I wish to thank Tracie Peyer Martinsen for finishing editing the November *Silver Bulletin* when I was helping elsewhere. I do regret that not all October donors were relayed to Tracie for that issue. Those missed are listed here.
Your Editor, Judy

Here's Help for Habitat . . .

- ❖ 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.

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Betty Archer won the oil painting donated by Hip and Becky Stein. Chris Vergobbi drew her winning ticket and here helps her hold it for the photo. *Photo by Judy*



Emma-Lee Lake mudds in the holes around the front door of her home-to-be. *Photo by Judy*

Generosity

We would like to thank Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The involvement of their members allowed us to apply for matching funds for our Dena Mora Rest Stop Fund Raiser.

Thus our \$1400 donated by travelers turned into \$2100 with Thrivent's help.

We would also like to thank all of you who keep us in your prayers and all who continue to send us funds and other contributions—such as the \$25 Target gift card we received from an anonymous donor. It made opening the mail extra special. ☺

Due to Thanksgiving vacations, this newsletter is emailed a week later than usual.

Wish List



Volunteers to work with our Greater Blessings Program

Chairperson for next year's Craft Fair Booth

A camp trailer so we can have another concession trailer—one for each side of I-90 during our Dena Mora Fund Raiser

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