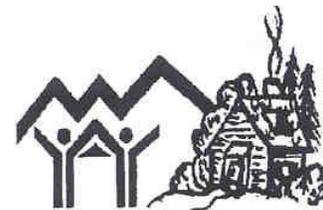




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Earthquake victims need help

(The following article made front page of the Shoshone News Press on Saturday, January 16, 2010.
Thanks for your help Nick Rotunno)

The Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing (formerly Silver Valley Habitat) is accepting donations for long-term earthquake recovery in Haiti.

The Fuller Center will begin building simple, practical homes as soon as possible, breaking ground as soon as emergency teams have completed their missions. Working with other organizations to procure buildable land, the center plans to erect small (about 900 square-foot) earthquake and fireproof homes for less than \$4,000 each.

As with the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the local group will forward donations to where they are most needed: exclusively for Haitian homes. Contributions can also be submitted online at the Fuller Center's Web site, www.fullercenter.org, by following the links. The center will also be organizing work parties to physically construct the homes.

David Snell, president of the nationwide Fuller Center organization, released a statement Friday regarding the Haitian tragedy.

"The Fuller Center is not a disaster-relief organization," Snell said, "but we have a very important role to play in the longer-term response to this crisis. We build houses — simple, decent homes that provide a safe, secure place for families. We expect to be heavily involved in Haiti, once the situation there stabilizes and reconstruction work can begin."

He concluded his statement with a call for help:

"It's the basic nature of charitable work that we seem to always have our hand out, asking for support," Snell said. "But the good work we do wouldn't be possible without that support. We believe the Haiti earthquake is a special call to people of good will. We do appreciate your generous support." For local contributions please send a check to SV Fuller Center for Housing, PO Box 874, Kellogg, ID 83837; please include a note that specifies the donation is for Haiti. None of the collected funds will go toward the organization's administrative costs.

Haitian Help Update

The Fuller Center will build homes in Haiti in partnership with Lazarian World Homes--beginning as early as March.

Lazarian World Homes designed a 16'x16' home using styrofoam blocks, concrete and rebar that can be built for just \$3,000. The first two homes are ready to go and will be shipped as soon as possible to serve as a temporary clinic and an office/model home.

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just \$3000**

"We are pleased to be using the Lazarian World Home design," Fuller Center President David Snell said. "It is well-engineered, is earthquake-, hurricane- and fire-resistant, is very easy to build, and has components that can be made in the nearby Dominican Republic."

The house forms will be assembled in the Dominican Republic at a plant Lazarian World Homes already has established there. Explore the Lazarian house model, designs and pictures of homes built around the world at www.lazarianworldhomes.com.

Follow more updates on the Fuller Center efforts at www.fullercenter.org/haiti



Homeowner-to-be, Nathan Lake (at right), expresses his gratitude to Charkoosta Wickstrom and other volunteers for helping with the kitchen cabinets. We would also like to thank Bandz Inc. for storing the cabinets while they were assembled.

Photo by Judy

You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Construction Site Reports

By Verne Blalack

The Sunny Slopes Lake Site

In January we finished mudding, texturing and painting the sheetrock. [A special thanks is due Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Construction for supervising the texturing crew.] By the time you read this, the electrical will be done and perhaps the gas furnace running.

The Lake family is grateful for the help their friends, especially the volunteers Mike Humphrey, Charkoosta Wickstrom, Christopher Leetch, Richard Brown, and Tracy Cannaday; the hopeful home-owners-to-be, Darnell Kriedeman and Amethyst Pelham; the site supervisors, Bob Larson and Kevin Hutchings; and Swede Little from "Experience Works."

In February, the cabinets may be finished as well as the laying of the wood flooring.

The Little Shop Project

Also in February, we may finish painting the inside of the Little Shop as Pat Elfsten of Furniture Exchange allows us to use his electricity to heat the little building—Thanks, Pat. (It won't take much as the building is insulated.) Then we will finish the electrical, followed thereafter by the wood flooring and shelving. It's going to be nice!

The Mullan Home

In January, Kevin and Swede constructed a second wall in the back bedroom and intend on lowering the ceiling to eight feet to further insulate the building. When they finish that and finish the accompanying rough electrical, we'll have the "rough in" electrical inspected.

Greater Blessing Activities

Our Greater Blessing program handles repairs for small projects for needy homeowners as we can afford it. When the project is finished and all the bills come in, we give them a small box (The Greater Blessing Box) with return envelopes in it. They pay us back as they are able to.

Initially we had the Family Selection Committee handle the Greater Blessing applications. However, at the January meeting, the Board decided to streamline the process by allowing the Site Supervisor who sees if the project is feasible (financially and worthwhile) to make the call. Then it must be approved by the Board.

The first site visits that we made were determined to be either too extensive or bad investments. However, Bob Larson found a desirable porch to be covered in Wallace that we'll do when the weather warms up, and Kevin found a worthy bathroom repair project at the Silver Valley Assembly of God Church in Kellogg. This project was especially appropriate for all as the Church has let us use their facilities in the past. Kevin and Swede did a swell job on that project.

If you know of a worthy small repair project, let us know (call Bob at 786-9741.) Also we need more volunteers to help with construction since we now have more projects going at the same time. Please call Verne at 682-3240.



Amethyst Pelham helps wire boxes at the Lake home while Richard Brown paints the ceiling and Christopher Leetch helps.



Photos by Kevin Hutchings



Left, Swede, Kevin and Verne at the Greater Blessings project.

Photo by Judy



At right, Pastor Larry Harpel helps with clean up during the repair in the Silver Valley Assembly of God Church. Church services had to be held in the Harpels' home until the water could be turned back on.

Photo by Adam Hutchings

Our Partnership with Shoshone County Housing progresses.



Bill Drake of Silver Valley Engineering explains the plot plans to Marlene Martin and Verne Blalack.



Attorney Charlie Cox reviews the materials they brought from Bill. Charlie handles the deed transfer from

SVFCH to Shoshone County Housing. This is a part of the property donated by the City of Mullan to SVFCH. Applicants for the home to be constructed must fall into the 60% of the area's median income, thus fitting the requirements of both organizations.

Photos by Judy

Appreciation

All these business folks helped us with our fund raising projects, *thank you.*



Penny Michael with her nephew, Gus, presents an appreciation certificate to Aubrey Stovern of A Hint of Whimsy.

Photo by Judy



Skippy Striker of the Best Little Hair House in Wallace accepts a certificate from Judy Blalack. Becky Bilaski is attending Janice Solum at right.

Photo by Penny Michael



Judy Blalack presents Rachel Stanley a certificate for the Brooks Hotel and Restaurant.

Photo by Penny Michael



Verne Blalack presents a certificate to Debbie Marek and Linda Miller at Salon 107.

Photo by Judy



Jerome Bunde of Pennaluna accepts a certificate from Penny Michael and her nephew, Gus.

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Crystal Otto accepts a certificate from Verne Blalack for the Permanent Solution.

Photo by Mike Humphrey

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Coming Events

Feb 16—Partnership/ Construction/ and PR-Fund Raising Committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, 525 West Cameron Ave, Kellogg

Feb 16—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church

Mar 12-13—Board Retreat, Country Lane RV Resort

We are honored to receive these memorials

*From Hecla Limited
In Memory of Jane Gilman*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack
In Memory of Dusty Griffith
and of Ray Chatfield*

*From Necia Wright
In Memory of Freda Wright*



Fay Baun sorts newsletters into piles for cities where they are distributed by hand to cafes, clinics, libraries, etc. Behind her Lois Boje, Marie Carver, Margaret Eggart, Chris Rust, Verne Blalack, Ed Vang, Lois White, Hermia Crosby, Janice DeVoe, and Cynthia Dolgosh work at other jobs such as putting on the side stickers, inserting the envelopes and attaching the mailing labels. Not pictured are R'Gean Lillibridge and Becky Stein. St Rita's Catholic Church in Kellogg donates the use of their Parish Hall for the workshop.

Since we now have to put stickers on the sides, it requires more helpers and is taking longer. *If you can help with this mailing workshop for about 1½ hours on mornings of the 1st Tuesdays, please give Judy a call, 682-3240.*

Haitian Home Donors

Ed & Edith Helfer, Elaine Duggin, Jim and Norma Seaton, Lois & Alvin Mael, Wayne and Penny Benson, Patricia & Orin Hammerem, Perfection Auto Body, Carol Cannaday, Madeline Johnson, Verne & Judy Blalack, and Barb Fisher

☺ We also received 2 rolls of quarters from an anonymous donor who decided that this "mad money" would have better use in Haiti than in a slot machine. ☺

Board Notes

At January's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to reelect the sitting officers: President Mike Humphrey, Vice President Ed Vang, Secretary Kathy McPherson, and Treasurer Verne Blalack. They also welcomed Christopher Leetch as a new Board member.

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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- I do not wish to be on your mailing list.

I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Please return to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Inc. ♦ P.O. Box 874, Kellogg, ID 83837 ♦ 786-6013



Marcy Hayman accepts an appreciation certificate from Mike Humphrey for Loving Care & More. Marcy also serves on our Family Selection Committee.

Photo by RoAnn Humphrey



Randy Smith of Reco's Muffler & Automotive receives a certificate from Verne. Not only has Randy bought ads each year, but he has gone out of his way to keep Verne's 1968 "Old Blue" running—one of the most recognizable pickups in the valley.

Photo by Judy



Charlie Cox notarizes the signatures of Secretary, Kathy McPherson, and Registered Agent, Judy Blalack, on a quit claim deed on the Mullan property that SVFCH is sharing with Shoshone County Housing, Inc., another non-profit housing group.

Photo by Duane Little

Wish List



- Newsletter Assistant Editor
- PR/Fund Raising Co-Chair
- Camp trailer we can convert to another concession trailer for Dena Mora
- Gleaner, needs own pickup
- Construction Volunteers
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Hospitality Chair
- Donated Use of a Building for Possible Re-Store

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