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"... A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 12:34-35



I would like to thank all the people who helped the Fuller Center projects this past year. It would not be possible to complete our home building without volunteers and donors.

You are greatly appreciated.
Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing
President
Mike Humphrey

Construction Site Reports

By Verne Blalack

The Sunny Slopes Lake Site

Thanks to the Lake family and friends, future home owners-to-be, volunteers, Mike Humphrey, Chris Leetch, Josh Baugh, Swede Little, and site supervisors, Bob Larson and Kevin Hutchings, the mudding will be finished by the time you read this. The attic has 18 inches of insulation in it (R60), so it is easier to heat now. In January we hope to get the texturing done and also the painting. Then the construction inspector will let us use the gas furnace rather than our 110 volt heaters. At this stage in construction the Board members and the family become anxious for us to finish. I'm just glad that Mike and Chris give us their labor on Mondays and Fridays, otherwise we would only be working on the weekend with the family, their friends and future homeowners.

From now on, we'll only be able to use Kevin as a supervisor when he gets a day off now and then, as he started to work at the Lucky Friday mine. However, Swede Little through the "Experience Works" program is giving us a few days a week which really helps. Remember, Bob Larson is willing to supervise any day of the week if someone wishes to help "people in need" to build their own homes. Call 786-9741

The Little Shop Project

With Kevin able to run the Lake site, Bob, Mike & Chris have finished the drywalling on the Little Shop. Now with Kevin gone, Bob will be concentrating on the Lake home and the Little Shop painting will be put on hold. Would you or your friends like to paint the drywall on the Little Shop? Furniture Exchange provides electricity to us so we have electric heat available.

The Mullan Home

Thanks to Swede's help, we only need to build an interior wall along the back bedroom wall (we build double exterior walls) and run electricity in it before we can get the final "rough in" electrical inspection. We would like to have the electrical roughed in before we finish the Lake Home so we can shift Bob's crew there when they finish the Lake home. I'm slowly getting a bad shoulder in better condition and hope to be on site more often in the future.

In this severe recession, we've been glad to be able to use and pay two part time supervisors and give Swede an opportunity to be paid a little by "Experience Works." With a few more volunteers, we could complete our homes faster and give Bob a little more work. (He really needs to have some dental work done—not covered by Medicare.) Come join us—it's healthier than sitting around watching TV and looks good on your résumé.



Deann Lake muds around the bedroom window.

Photo by Kevin Hutchings



Adam Hutchings looks down from the attic where he checked out the crew's work after they blew insulation.

Photo by Kevin Hutchings





Kathy McPherson, Volunteer

By Janet Lake

Born and raised in Wallace, Kathy McPherson then spent ten years in Alaska and a year in Georgia and Washington before returning to Cataldo, where she lives with her husband Tom, a helicopter pilot.

Kathy has explored several lines of work. She took Forestry Tech training at NIC, and while in Alaska took courses in Dietary Management and Small Business. She earned an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She would like to continue to take graduate level courses in Education or Special Ed. She has worked for the Forest Service and for Head Start, and at present, she is working for School District 391 as an I.B.I. (Intensive Behavior Intervention) Specialist. Working with young children one-on-one is what she enjoys most, so she plans to continue to work in this field.

Kathy has two stepsons and three sons, all grown. The two stepsons, and her oldest son, have families of their own now, and live in Texas. Her second son is also married and is serving in the Army in Afghanistan, and the youngest son will graduate from the Air Force Academy in May.

Kathy's first volunteer work with Habitat was as a Family Sponsor. When her sponsored family became homeowners, Kathy took a break, then came back as a member of the Board of Directors of SV Fuller Center for Housing--she's now Secretary of the Board--and she has recently become the sponsor for another family.

It doesn't sound as though Kathy has much spare time, but when she can find time, she likes to be outdoors, skiing, hiking, climbing, or walking the family's three dogs. She enjoys traveling, and would like to do more of it in the future.

Fuller Center Events, Successes and Milestones 2009

- 15 New U.S. Covenant Partners—including us—making 57 in 25 states & have built or renovated 225 homes.
- Fuller Memorial Celebration—more than 1500 friends celebrated the life of Millard Fuller.
- Congressional Resolutions—The U.S. House and Senate honored the life and work of Millard Fuller.
- 5 New International Partners—making 17 nations building or renovating more than 225 houses.
- North Korea—On November 11, The Fuller Center broke ground for its first project in North Korea—an example of Millard's desire to bridge cultures.
- Instituted the RV Builders—We invite them here next June



Ian Hauser, at right, helps his cousin Chris Leetch and Bob Larson with the insulation. Ian helped break up the bags of insulation before it was fed into the hopper to be blown in the attic. The spots in the photo are from the insulation floating around
Photo by Mike Humphrey



Darnell Kriedeman muds the wall by the front door at the Lake home.
Photo by Mike Humphrey



Swede Little smoothes the mudded walls in preparation for painting at the Lake site.
Photo by Judy

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Coming Events

Jan 1—Happy New Year
Jan 19—Partnership/Construction/PR & Fund Raising
Committee Meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View
Congregational Church, 525 W Cameron Ave,
Kellogg
Jan 19—Board, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational
Church, 525 W Cameron Ave, Kellogg



Attending the December Partnership meeting from center
clockwise: Verne Blalack, Kevin Hutchings, Bob Larson,
Janice Devoe, Chair Norma Seaton, Chris Leetch, Mike
Humphrey, Cynthia Dolgosh, Penny Michael, Dan
Michael, and Ed Vang.
Photo by Judy

We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Diane & Keith Jutila
In memory of Doris Hulita*

*From Judy & Verne Blalack
In memory of Ray Chatfield*



Mr. & Mrs. Claus visited the workers at the Lake home.
Photo by Kevin Hutchings



Enjoying the Christmas potluck are Nathan Lake, Norma
Seaton, Amethyst Pelham, Verne Blalack and Janice
Devoe.
Photo by Judy

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.

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Bob Larson shows the house plans to Darnell Kriedeman that he crafted for her family. She has enough “sweat equity hours” to choose her lot. ☺

Photos by Judy



Electrical inspector, Doug Morfitt, checks out the wiring in the Pelham house in Mullan with Verne. Boxes for the ceiling lights and most of the outlets needed to be replaced.



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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