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Brayden Peyer draws a little symbolic house from a sack held by his mom, Tracie, at our Christmas potluck.

A Very Special Christmas Potluck

By Barb Fisher

Families, friends and neighbors came to celebrate with the five families who have paid off their mortgages.

After everyone had enjoyed the Christmas feast, the Lane, Dodge, Otto, Duncan, and Peyer-Martinsen families were called to the front of the room by Mistress of Ceremonies, Norma Seaton. Each family was presented with a red gift bag. Inside was a small ceramic house. Each house had on it the date the last mortgage payment was made.

Each family shared their feelings about having their homes and what it meant to them to have the mortgages paid off.

The owners stated how grateful they were for their homes and what a blessing it is to have a stable place for their families to live. You could see their enjoyment on their faces.

As the homeowners left to go outside for the burning of the mortgages, Janice DeVoe, new board member, and those present recalled memories of the Fuller activities.

Ron Boothe played Christmas songs on his guitar and the group enjoyed singing carols.

As the mortgages were burned, those present cheered very enthusiastically.

WHAT A CELEBRATION!



Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

Darnell Signs Her Deed



At Keisha Oxendine's office, Peggy Zingler and Verne Blalack watch Darnell Kriedeman sign the deed to her home. Peggy notarized Darnell's signature and then the final signing occurred when president, Mike Humphrey, signed and Haley Gosline notarized his signature at the US Bank in Pinehurst. We appreciate these pro bono services.

Volunteers Help



Vicki Busby, Rick Wood, and Bev Lightner assemble a Christmas tree display at the ReUse Store. Vicki's company, US Bank, requires their employees to spend a day a year helping a non-profit. We are delighted she chose us. ☺



Brian Fulton helps Judy display donated western artwork at the ReUse Store.



Five Families were honored at the Christmas Potluck for paying their mortgages in full. Pictured above are Tracie Peyer Martinsen and children, Brayden & Ramzy; Casey & Ann Duncan; Beth & Bob Otto; Jim & Nida Dodge, and Lisa Lane and son, Andrew.

Lane Home

By Ron Boothe

1995. The first Habitat for Humanity house was dedicated to Bob and Lisa Lane, and their three children, in Kingston in a lot against the hill, just north of I-90. Not only unique as the first house, but unique in being the only two-story house in the 16-year collection.

This writer remembers the practically full-time Bob Lane spent helping build this house; the pride he took in making sure every "nail was secure". He is now disabled, but is able to remain in the house he helped construct.

So, how has this house served the first family, now that they have occupied it for the many years and now have the mortgage paid in full?

Lisa works for "Addus", a full-life agency out of Coeur d'Alene with an office in Kellogg. This agency provides in-home health care for people in need.

All the children graduated from Kellogg High School. Robert, the oldest, graduated from the University of Idaho, now works at Hanford as a computer engineer. He's married with a daughter. David, next in line, attended Lewis and Clark College, certified as an auto technician, works for an ammunition manufacturing firm in Lewiston. Elizabeth, after high school, attended Apollo College, got certified as a veterinarian tech, now works at the 1313 Club in Wallace. Andrew now is a ninth grader attending part-time at Kellogg High School, and Idaho Virtual Academy.

Over the years, the family has added some outbuildings to the small lot, since garages aren't included in the Habitat houses, but the back yard serves as a great garden, with raised garden beds for Lisa's gardening prowess. She expresses gratitude for the opportunities the affordable living has given the family through the years of rearing her children.

The name has changed from "Habitat for Humanity", to "Fuller Center for Housing", but the mission is the same.

Affordable houses for families to live healthful and satisfying lives. The Lanes are shining examples to "mission accomplished".



Enjoying the yummy food were Lois Shadle Boje, Chris Fulton, Jim & Nida Dodge, LaDonna & Ron Boothe, Brayden Peyer, Terry Sverdsten, Moe Pellissier, Marvin & Janet Lake, and Anne Duncan. Lois Shadle Boje, Chris Fulton, and Janet Lake were members of the first board of directors.



Ed Vang, left, and Chris Fulton, right, watch Jo Davis and Anne & Casey Duncan assemble a photo display of the Duncan home construction.



With about 50 attendees at the party, there were many groups of happy friends visiting such as those above: Terry & Dee Sverdsten, Ellen Peyer, Tracie Peyer-Martinsen and son, Brayden, and Joyce & Moe Pellissier.

We are extremely happy for our families!



Partnership Chair, Norma Seaton, welcomes the crowd of about 50 well wishers for the Christmas potluck where five homeowner families were honored.

Notes from the party

Construction started in 1994 with Bob & Lisa Lane's family and the 18# homeowner, Darnell Kriedeman, just moved into her home before Christmas.

Jim Dodge mentioned that it was a stable environment for raising a family. All of the families have children who have completed secondary education or are in the process of doing so. Casey Duncan explained they all **"have a place to come home to."**

Various words of wisdom to homeowners-to-be were: "Keep it simple;" "Ask Verne;" "Have patience;" and Beth Otto's remembrance of what Verne told her years ago, they "don't build castles."

Christmas Messages

From Billie Marie & Paul Scheel:

We enjoy the newsletter & have great memories of our times with you. God bless you all for all your good works.

From Pat Sims:

Thanks for all the good things all of you do to help people in need.

From Connie & Tom Fudge:

You glorify God in all you do. Thank you and God bless each of you.

From the Mathnay Family:

Merry Christmas

From Curtis Wilkinson:

I sure miss working with HfHI & FCFH

What We Need

Although we do have about 5 volunteers who are willing to come at least half a day a week, we definitely do need more. We need people willing to help with cleaning, pricing, and displaying the donated appliances. We also need those willing to dust, mop floors & vacuum. Another need is for construction helpers to ready the rear rooms for display and for other projects. And, we need gleaners to help gather the donations. Please call 786-6013.



With the help of Brian Fulton, Adam Hutchings, and Linda Miller, Kevin Hutchings guides a spiral staircase outside of a house which will be demolished. This staircase was not donated, but doors, windows, cabinets, a range, jet tub, electrical panel, mast and circuit breakers, etc., were salvaged and are for sale at the ReUse Store.



Dan McCracken heard Judy's presentation to the Kellogg KWANIS organization and asked Judy & Verne to come to the meeting in Coeur d'Alene of the Idaho Panhandle KWANIS. Shown above are members of that group, Kacie Tollefson, Jon Ingalls, Dave Kilburg, Alyse McCracken, Dan McCracken, with Verne & Judy. Dan is hoping both KWANIS groups can join in volunteering for a day with the Fuller Center.



With the help of her nephew, Austin Kriedeman, and son, Kyle, Darnell Kriedeman finishes working in her basement to comply with an occupancy permit.

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We are honored to receive these memorials.

From Evelyn Wirta
in memory of Doris Kerns

From Jim & Linda Ufford
in memory of Dusty Griffith
and of Joyce & Gary Waters



We are delighted to receive a special gift from Rich & Vera Pringle: "Honoring Verne & Judy Blalack for their decades of dedication to each other & Silver Valley affordable housing."

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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Coming Events

Jan 10—Committees and Board meetings, 6:30 PM,
Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg

Christmas Gifts

From Tom & Connie Fudge honoring:

Friends David and Elayne Semko, Cindy Bachman, Bill and Carolyn Lenhard, Terry and Janice DeVoe, Ted and Colleen Pettis, Jim and Vicki Larson, Jim and Liz Moore, Ron and Susan Clayton

Family Mike and Sherry Cooper, Donna Anderson, Zach Anderson, Sara Wyckoff, Mike Ochenas, Brad and Julie Smith, Jon and Ellie Hicks, Donna Cooper, Shelter Associated (Art, Trudy and Maliena)

From Barbara and Dale James honoring their friends:
Wray and Barbara Featherstone



Verne watches as Pat Elfsten sorts items in the Furniture Exchange warehouse to donate to the ReUse Store.



Since August of 1993, we have produced *The Silver Bulletin*. The elves behind the scenes helping with mailing for this issue are Lois White, Marie Carver, Jacki Huber, Janice DeVoe, Ed Vang, Moe Pellissier, R'Gean Lillibridge, Mary Woolum, Barb Fisher, Hermia Crosby, Patti Houchin and Penny Michael. Not shown is Joyce Pellissier.



Our float in the Kellogg Christmas parade looked great when it left the ReUse Store. Kevin Hutchings & son, Adam, had it well lit, but the borrowed generator died & although Adam pulled its cord continuously, it would not restart—great effort & good exercise though.



Using Jim Taylor's lift, volunteers, Norm Holtz and Rick Wood, help Verne (center) install a new ceiling in a small room at the ReUse Store. They will insulate it after the lights are lowered.



Loud cheers erupted with the mortgage burning following the Christmas potluck. The event honored the five of our eighteen families who now own their homes free and clear.

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What do we have at the ReUse Store?

Building materials: doors; storm doors; patio doors; windows; plumbing & lighting fixtures; some roofing; siding; cabinets; garage doors; mirrors; medicine cabinets; corner shower; sinks & faucets; toilets; vanities; circuit breakers; service panels; outlets; switches; lamps; tile; vinyl flooring; hangers; blinds; whole house vacuum

Appliances: ranges; washers; dryers; refrigerator with ice maker; furnaces; water heaters; range hoods; dishwasher

Furniture: sofas; tables & chairs; TVs; bed frames; hospital beds (one is new); entertainment centers; desks

Kitchen stuff: some dishes; small appliances

Tools: Hand tools—shovels; snow shovels; picks; welder; space heater;

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