

### A Christmas Angel

By Duane Little

What a wonderful gift, Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing received just before Christmas! A longtime supporter of ours, Nancy Hardy donated a parcel of land in Bear Creek. The parcel is valued by the Shoshone County Assessor's Office at \$ 60,000. Although Nancy's, generous gift has been in the making for several months it was finalized just before Christmas. This is the largest donation we have ever received. So Nancy please accept our heartfelt thank you! Happy New Year to you, and again thank you from all of us.

Jack Rose, of the Rose Law Office, donated his time to prepare all the necessary legal papers to make this happen. Thank you Jack for your support!



Nancy Hardy and Marlene Martin notarize the paperwork for the generous property donation.



Enjoying the Christmas Potluck are Barbara Fisher, Holly Miller, Ellie Arguimbau, Duane Little, Verne Blalack, Chris Leetch, Elda Brown, Mark Thyr, and Linda Miller.



Past President, Norma Seaton, visits with Mark Thyr and Verne Blalack at the Christmas Potluck. Mark has volunteered to help assess the Greater Blessings repair applications and help with PR.



We were delighted to welcome the Mace family to our Christmas Potluck.

*Photos by Judy*

*Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 3:13-14**

## HERE'S TO THE LEADERS!

By Verne Blalack

The editor (my significant other of 52 years) looks up at me and says "I need an article – How about "The Year in Review?" I tried that, but it didn't work. Looking through the newsletters; at first I decided to write about our ReUse Store and our Greater Blessing Activities (home repair projects), but couldn't handle it without giving thanks to all the important volunteers who made them possible. Also, frankly there were just too many. The article would have been enormous! Besides to do it justice, I would have to let our readers know how we did financially on our activities, and I will not have all that data until after the year end book keeping is done.

None-the-less, along the way, I realized the extremely importance of the leaders of those volunteers and so "**HERE'S TO THE LEADERS**"

I believe you should ethically judge the man by the motive not by the deed. Motives for leaders may be fame, fortune, empathetic love or just a desire to improve the human condition when no one else will take the responsibility to lead. Humans, being what they are, give leaders more suggestions than followers receive. Mature leaders welcome suggestions as it constantly gives them valuable feedback from their followers and often brings forth options that they hadn't thought of. So if you're a leader, listen to suggestions. If you're considering becoming a leader, realize your decisions will have reactions from all kinds of people; some positive and some negative. The following is a list of some of the leaders that have helped us in 2013. (It was very difficult for me to make, and I'm sure many will disagree with it. However, it would have been irresponsible of me not to try and honor some of our 2013 leaders. Without leaders, regardless of their motives, nothing would have got accomplished without them.)

**Anonymous Leaders:** Whoever you are and whatever you did {I can't keep track of everyone}.

**Bev Launhardt:** ReUse Store Chair—Currently recovering from knee surgery. We wish her speedy recovery.

**Clint Kunze:** The heart and soul of Shoshone Mountain Retreat (formerly Shoshone Base Camp) of Idaho Service Adventures. A modern day St. Francis of Assisi.

**Dave Weingart:** A volunteer logger. (I don't know if he stirs his coffee with his thumb, but he sure has a log loading machine!)

**Don Taylor:** Our Vice President who's always energetic and keeps those creative ideas coming!

**Duane Little:** Ex Shoshone County Assessor who's Chair of our Site Selection Committee and has a mind that keeps producing questions that go to the very core of the many challenges that keep coming up (Sort of a Socrates).

**Ellie Arguimbau:** Serves as Secretary, on several committees, & at the ReUse Store

**Janice DeVoe:** Until recently our "so important" homeowner contact.

**Judy Blalack:** Editor of this newsletter since 1993! Both Chair of the Public Relations and the Fund Raising Committees for years! And, Chair of the Greater Blessings Committee.

**Kevin Hutchings:** As of this typing, our only employee. He is our ReUse Store Manager and a previous Site Supervisor. He also does volunteer work, is very mechanical, untidy and drinks too much Pepsi.

**Kimberly (Kim) Short:** A "superb" display organizer and independent thinking Board Director. (Kevin calls her "Chihuahua".)

**Marilyn White:** Until recently Chair of the Family Selection Committee and active in our publicity and fund raisings projects.

**Mardy Fisher:** Does he do anything besides help people?

**R'Gean Lillibridge:** Super helper serving on several committees, at the ReUse Store, & the Board.

**Rick Gilbert:** When you want the BEST get Rick (or Renee).

**Steve Bristow:** Owner of Kellogg Lumber who taught Kevin & me how to sheetrock and literally "materially" supports us every year & unselfishly was a leader in the year's Maces' Greater Blessings roofing project.

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### Update from Christina Mace at their Greater Blessings Site

With the only major task, plumbing, to get finished up, we are almost ready to move in. Drywall mudding, texturing, some doors to hang, and a few other odds and ends in the kitchen are still being worked on, but the end is near and the family is getting so excited. Many thanks to those that have been helping along the way. I know there are so many individuals watching and waiting for our family to have a home done so life can get to a "normal" status, but it has all been worth it. I am still amazed at how many great people and business we have in the Silver Valley. God is so good and blesses so many through willing and faithful people.

## Photos from 2013



Verne enjoys his dinner at our annual Pig Roast with Joyce & Moe Pellissier and Don McPeak—faithful supporters of our housing ministry.



Diana Burbridge holds the presentation Bible she asked the Greater Blessings committee to autograph for her upon completion of the wiring project in her home. Pictured is Diana, Ellie Arguimbau, Judy Blalack, Lanora Helbig, and Duane Little. The Bible was donated by John & Ariel Sandford at CREATE.

*Photo by R'Gean Lillibridge*



Rick Gilbert supervised and taught carpentry to kids from both the Idaho Servant Adventures and the Pilgrim Church Youth Group at the Mace's home site.



Bonnie England, Unknown volunteer, Greg Marsh, and Jr Red Cross helpers Kaitlin Miller, Numa Poche' and Lauren Chavez help erect a gazebo for Ride the Wall Fundraiser.



The eighth grade graduating class from the Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene pose with their adult helpers. There are 13 students and 7 parents & teachers shown here with Verne & Kevin. These students will be attending 8 different high schools next year.



Idaho Servant Adventurers from Minnesota, stayed at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat and spent four days working on projects around our community. This group is learning some carpentry skills while building a shed that we can sell at the ReUse Store.


*We thank these businesses for supporting our newsletter.*



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Your thoughtfulness brings joy and light  
to the long dark nights of winter.

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### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Norman & Mary Lou Dubiel  
In Memory of Joan Blackburn*

*From Patricia Hammeren  
In Memory of Orin Hammeren*

*From Dewey and Donna Skaggs,  
In Memory of Mary Lou Shepherd*

*From Verne & Judy Blalack  
In Memory of Larry Evans*

### Greater Blessings

Verne & Judy Blalack, Shannan Souza, Duane Little,  
Gary Gearhart, Diana Burbridge, Christina & Joshua Mace



Bob Larson and Verne Blalack reviewed remodeling plans for the ReUse Store in 2013.

### Coming Events

Jan 14 – Board & Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Mt View  
Congregational Church \*\*\* Board elections

### Christmas Gifts

The following gifts were sent from Connie & Tom Fudge  
honoring:

#### Friends:

Jeanne & Adrian McNutt  
Bill & Carolyn Lenhard  
Ted & Colleen Pettis  
Jim & Vicki Larson  
Bethany & Dan Gleason

#### Family:

Julie & Brad Smith  
Ellie & Jon Hicks  
Mike Cooper  
Gina & Jeremy Young

And from Tallis & Katherine Weller Blalack honoring:  
Verne & Judy Blalack

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### Hope Pregnancy Resource

**Center** is a new community outreach designed to offer compassionate, confidential pregnancy assistance to teens and adults, that may be facing

an unplanned pregnancy. Free pregnancy tests will be provided with limited obstetrical ultrasounds when available and ongoing consultations. Future plans are in place for parenting classes for both men and women. In addition a boutique will be on site where guests will be able to receive baby items, under a “Learn To Earn” program. This center is a non-profit organization supported by the local community. Please help us get the word out about our needs and services. Together we can celebrate the “Sanctity of Life” day on January 19th, 2014. The office will be located at 404 W Cameron, Kellogg, in the near future. Feel free to contact us at (208) 512-4233 for donations and information.

### 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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Verne Blalack & Duane Little met with Nancy Hardy about her property donation (see page 1). Later that evening she fell and broke her leg. We are happy she is now doing well.  
*Photo by Judy*



These girls with the Pilgrim Lutheran Church group from Puyallup, Washington became Sign Painters at the ReUse Store in August.  
*Photo by Kevin*



ReUse Store at 709 Main St. in Smeltonville with its new windows and doors.  
*Photo by Judy*

### WISH LIST



- Family Selection Committee Chair
- PR/Fund-Raising Co-Chairs
- ReUse Store Volunteers
- Construction Volunteers for Greater Blessings repair projects
- Volunteer Coordinator
- New Homeowner Applicants, download application and guidelines at [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org)

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