



SVFCH holds a special meeting to approve immediate renovation on the Smelerville house for the Kriedeman family. Pictured here are Mike Humphrey, Jacques Lemieux, Verne Blalack, Ed Vang, Terry Sverdsten, Norma Seaton, Bob Larson, Haley Gosline, and Lois Boje.

Photo by Judy

Habitat for Humanity/Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing - Then and Now

By Lois Shadle Boje PR/Fundraising.

In 1993 my husband, Jim Shadle, and I, Lois, had just moved to Cataldo. We had been working with Habitat in Coeur d'Alene and had gone to Yakima, WA, with a group of teenagers to start building a four bedroom house for a family who needed housing.

One weekend, we went to the craft fair in Osburn, where a couple of women were showing pictures of what Habitat was doing around the world. They were recruiting people to start an affiliate in the Silver Valley. We were interested and signed up to attend a meeting in Kellogg and soon joined the group. We started on our fundraising immediately. Some of the first fundraisers were the Pig Roast and craft fairs where we sold T-shirts, cook books, and crafts. Many came on board and started working on projects to build our first house.

On August 10 the Steering Committee voted to become a Board of Directors in preparation for affiliation with Habitat for Humanity International and also elected new officers. The board chose Norma Seaton, President; Lois Shadle, Vice President; Judy Blalack, Secretary; and Verne Blalack, Treasurer. Other Directors were Betty Belisle, Christy Fulton, Clarence George, Frank Gitter, Father George King, Janet Lake, Sister Petronilla, Barbara Miller, and Jim Shadle. *(Continued on Page 2)*

DARNELL IS GOING TO WALK

By Verne Blalack

On my last Avista bill I was charged \$49.42 for the first 600 kilowatts (KW's). [One therm is almost 30 kilowatts.] The equivalent amount of gas energy costs me \$18.75, that is to say, electricity costs me two and one-half (1½) times as much as natural gas for the first 600 KW's. After that, the price per KW goes up and it costs me two and three fourths (2¾) times as much.

The last time I spoke with Amie Pelham, (who lives in Mullan) she said that her recent Avista bill (for both electricity and gas) was one hundred and seventy some dollars with a significant air leak under one exterior door (which Swede has fixed by now). We will be starting to rehab a house in Smelerville soon and are strongly considering building an external insulated wall around the house like we did with Amie's. Doing this produces an R30 (9-inches) of fiberglass covered with house wrap and no maintenance vinyl siding. We stock piled at very low cost vinyl siding when a warehouse in CDA collapsed a few years ago.

We are helping Darnell Kriedeman and her son, Kyle, rehab this home. Bob Larson and Swede Little will be the regular site supervisors. Hopefully, we will be working on this home around six days a week as Kyle is going to help every day that we work. This will be a great blessing for Darnell and Kyle as the faster we get this home built; the faster they can pay off their debts and start accumulating an emergency fund. Darnell can then walk to work at Wal-Mart and avoid those high transportation costs. The other two homeowners-to-be, the Lavergne's and the Huber's, will be putting in their six hours per week sweat equity and getting valuable experience, which will be put to good use when we help them build their home.

Another major blessing for the Kriedemans is the volunteer work groups, especially the RV Builders and the Shoshone Base Camp kids, who come and help us build these affordable homes. Then, in addition to our regular site supervisors, we have to rely on our super supervisors Kevin Hutchings, Rick Gilbert and Jim Taylor and his sidekick to help us handle the larger groups. This year, we will also be hosting the "Bike Adventure!" group who will be staying at the Wallace High School. They will spend Saturday, June 18, helping.

By the time you read this, Systems Design (Jeff Crawford) may be able to get a new furnace and water heater in and lines run for a range and dryer. By then, the water and electricity will also be turned on. So..., start letting us know when you can help Darnell and Kyle get into their home. If you would like to work on a particular job, we will schedule you in and teach you how to do it. Contact us at the Blalack's 682-3240. It is possible we may be able to provide transportation to the work sites.

I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Then and Now *(Continued from Page 1)*

On October 1, 1993, we were officially accepted as a Habitat affiliate. We were on our way to building affordable housing for eligible families.

We started small, and now we are working on our 18th house--what a wonderful thing to see!

The families who are now home owners are: Tammy & Robert Davis, Kristie Derbyshire, Jim & Nida Dodge, Casey & Anne Duncan, Tina Fugate, Ron & Melissa Haak, Kevin & Dawn Hutchings, Deann and Nathan Lake, Robert & Lisa Lane, Debbie Mathnay, Denise Durham, Linda Miller, Bob & Beth Otto, Amethyst Pelham, Tracie Peyer Martinsen, Teresa Wenzel, and Shawn White. We have more families that are working to get their homes. Ben & Jackie Huber, Darnell Kreideman, and Teresa Lavergne are becoming eligible. We have 5 families that have paid off their homes to date: Casey & Ann Duncan, Jim & Nida Dodge, Ron & Melissa Haak, Bob & Beth Otto, and Tracie Martinsen. Congratulations to you all.

We now have a "Greater Blessings" program, which consists of helping homeowners with extremely limited income do small repairs. These homeowners are encouraged to repay our expenses as they are able so we have funds to help someone else. So far, we have completed 6 "Greater Blessings" projects. Of these, 2 have been repaid in full. ☺

With (not for) families at the forefront of our mission, we are pleased that so many people have donated and volunteered to make ours a growing community of affordable housing. Many of these donors belong to our "300 Club" where they pledge to send at least \$10/month or \$120/year. We mention these donations (unless they wish to remain anonymous) in the newsletter, but we do not mail a separate thank you.

Our Board of Directors for the 2011 was installed in January they are: President Mike Humphrey; Vice President Ed Vang; Secretary Haley Gosline; Treasurer Verne Blalack; Family Sponsor - Capri Ball; PR/Web Master & Fund Raising - Judy Blalack; PR/Fundraising - Lois Boje; P.R. Committee member - Barbara Fisher; Fundraising Co Chair - John Hopper; Construction Committee Chair Bob - Larson; Construction Committee member - Christopher Leetch; Director - Jacques Lemieux; Site Selection Committee Chair - Duane Little; Fundraising-"Ride the Wall" Coordinator - Kathy McPherson; Partnership Committee Chair - Norma Seaton; Director - Terry Sverdsten; and Family Selection Committee Chair - Marilyn White.

We wish to thank all those that have helped in the past, present, and the future to bring affordable housing to all. And, you can join us any time to be a part of the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. **Volunteer! It's a gift not a burden.**



HUD House in Smeltonville

Appreciation



Wayne Irwin, President of the Pinehurst/Kingston Lions Club accepts a certificate with Kathleen Joyner, a fellow employee at Barney's. We won a 1st place in The Lions Club Pinehurst Days parade last year.

Photo by Mike Humphrey



Jay Huber, of Sunrise Dairy, accepts a certificate from Judy for their contribution each year for the Pig Roast.

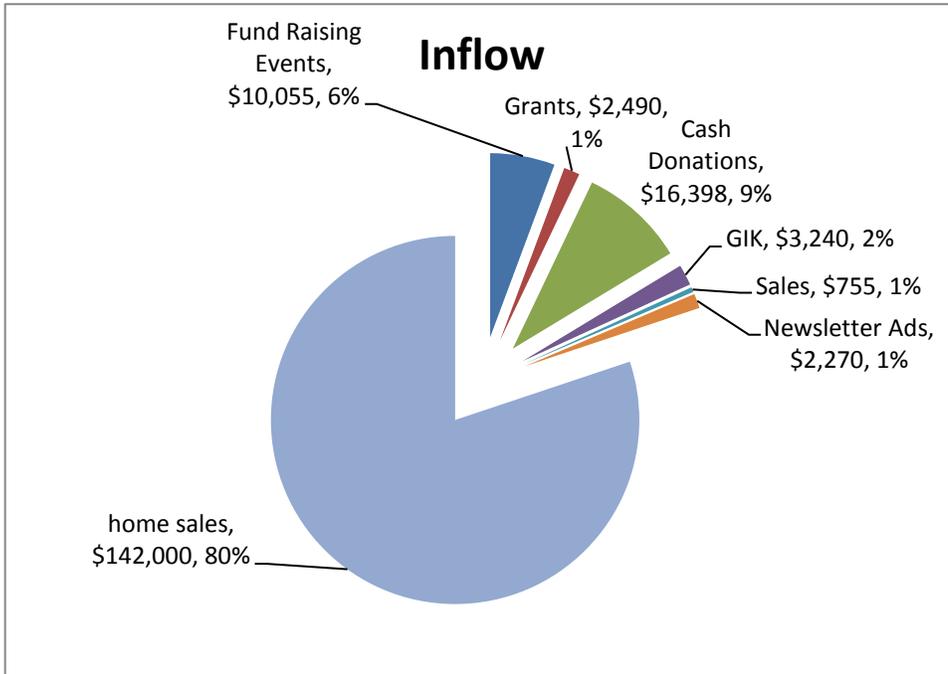
Photo by Lois Boje



Jackie Huber presents a certificate to Dawn Pignotti of Silver Valley SignWorks. The SignWorks discounted the logo on our van that we used in the Pinehurst parade and also bought an ad in the newsletter.

Photo by Judy

Our 2010 Finances



Rather than calling this chart income, it really is “inflow” because the home sales figure is repayment—not new income. That money goes back into local home construction.

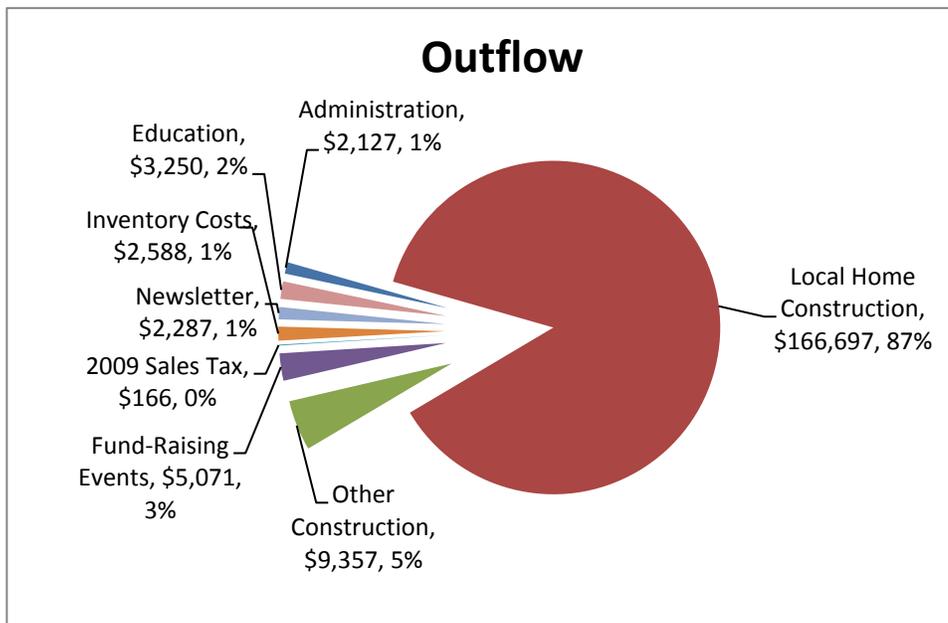
The newsletter ads pay most of our monthly mailing costs. Many of our “Cash Donations” come back through the envelopes we include in those we mail. However, more cash donations are via direct bank payments, saving the donors the cost of mailing. Many of these donors receive the newsletter via email (in color).

Let us know if you want yours via email.

GIK means “Gift in Kind” material donations.

Sales include GIK and items such as shirts.

We received grants from US Bancorp and Inland Northwest Combined Federal Campaign.



Administrative costs are kept as low as possible. These do include our board insurance—required now. All our office workers are volunteers. The only paid people are construction supervisors and their wages (pretty low) are charged to the individual construction sites.

Education includes training for construction and part of the newsletter expense. The 990-taxes puts it there because of its role in keeping our public informed.

Inventory costs include gas for gleaning and transporting to the Hayden Re-Store.

Sales tax is figured each January for the previous year on our events like Bike the Wall. We are *not tax-exempt* for items we purchase such as office supplies or construction materials.

Fund raising costs include new equipment such as awnings that seem to only last one year (if we are lucky). They also include the cost of meat for the Pig Roast, shirts & BBQ for the “Ride the Wall”, etc., and insurance for the events.

Other construction includes the donations we sent on for Haiti homes, our tithe to the Fuller Center for Housing to be used in 3rd world countries for materials only, and for our Greater Blessings projects in our Valley.

Local home construction naturally gets the lion’s share of our \$. We finished and dedicated 2 homes in 2010!

We do try to be good stewards of your donations in both money, and labor. Thank you!

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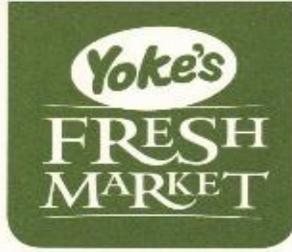
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Coming Events

Mar 8—Partnership/Construction/PR & Fundraising Committees, 6 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church
Mar 11-12—Board Retreat, 6 PM Friday, 8 AM Saturday, Country Lane RV Resort
Apr 16—EXPO



We have been blessed again with a donation from Our Savior Lutheran Church. They have been strong supporters of this organization since we were founded. Thank you!



Pastor Dave Langer of Mountain View Congregational Church accepts a certificate from Lois Boje. His church donates the use of their facilities for our meetings and special dinners. Photo by Judy

We are honored to receive these memorials.

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Our Thanks for donations to these Special Funds:

For **Haiti** from Paul & Susan Mitchell
For **Greater Blessings** from Glory Carlile and Judy & Verne Blalack



It is a joy to receive a gift such as this from Bob Underwood honoring Doris Underwood on her 94th birthday. Our wishes for a lovely birthday go to her also. ☺



Joe Lykins and Donna Davis of ExperienceWorks receive a certificate from Swede Little who works with us through their program. Photo by Verne

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.

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Verne signs the papers for the HUD house in Smeltonville with the help of Jacques Lemieux of Century 21 and Jennifer Stovern of 1st American Title Company.



Josh, Parker, and Christian Mace met with Verne, Bob & CJ at their property in Kingston. Here they will assemble and remodel a 3-sectional commercial building into their family home. We will help them with advice & labor.



SVFCH Board Members, Capri Ball and Terry Sverdsten present a certificate to Danielle and Rev. Jason Bonnicksen of the American Lutheran Church. In addition to providing meals for our volunteer groups, their church made a significant donation to the "Greater Blessings" fund.



Smeltonville Building Inspector, Mark Magnus, meets with Christopher Leetch, Bob Larson, Verne Blalack, and Kyle Kriedeman at the HUD house.

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