MISSION MOMENTS

WWW.VALLEYMISSION.ORG

April 2025



Idaho Gives Is Coming!

It's almost time for ***Idaho Gives***! This years event runs from April 28th through May 1st. There will be opportunities throughout the week-long event to offer matching gifts, create peer-to-peer fundraising moments and more. We are setting an aggressive goal of $150,000, which will allow us to move forward with much needed electrical and other items inside the new facility.
Hope you can join us with a gift of any size!

Idaho Gives
DAHO NONPROFIT CENTER

What can you give Idaho?
APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2025
IdahoGives.org

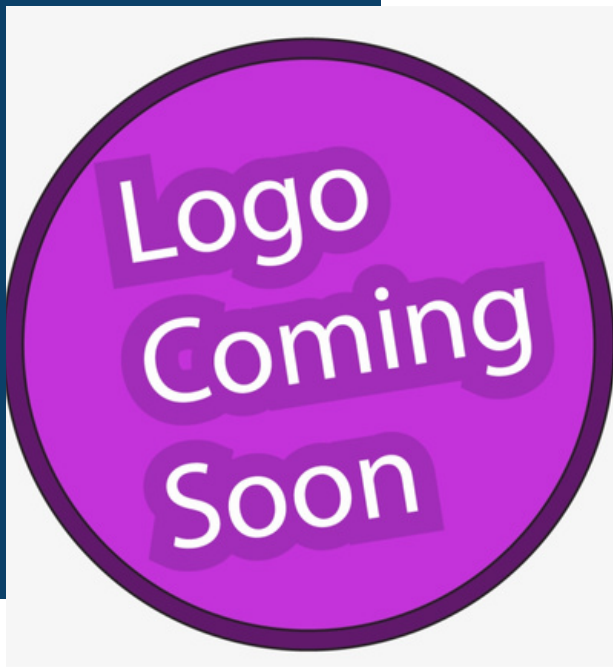
In This Issue

Street Reach - Page 2

Construction Update - Page 3

Food Pantry Bites and Partners in Caring - Page 4

Volunteer Spotlight- Page 5



"I feel like I'm not alone anymore."

That was the way that 'Joe' felt after we had the opportunity to help him with some much needed vehicle issues.

Joe's life was, literally, in his car. All he had in this world was also in his "home" and his transportation. Visiting with our Street Reach team, he shared that his anxiety was "through the roof" more often than not because he couldn't find the help he needed to get things done. He literally felt alone. Even his family had abandoned him, left to figure things out on his own. We engaged him in deeper discussion about his needs and found some ways we could help him. As we met those needs, you could literally see the anxiety leave his face. "I feel like I'm not alone anymore and have hope to move ahead."

It is because of YOUR support to Valley Mission that we had the resources to help him with these issues.

THANK YOU for making this possible!

Street Reach Make-Over

Don't be alarmed that the image didn't load! We are in the process of rebranding our Street Reach logo, so I thought it appropriate to say, 'Logo Coming Soon'.

With the logo change, we'll also be exploring the partner services that we wil offer in the spring and summer months, and how we communicate that with our amazing neighbors.

Stay Tuned!



And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16



Construction Progress

Slow Going...

- Some work has slowed down simply because of funding. We are committed to paying as we go so there is no debt outstanding. To get back on track quickly, roughly $250,000 is needed so the Food Pantry can open by summer.
- The fire sprinkler contractor is expected to do a walk-through at the beginning of April. This will help us to know the actual cost and give us an estimated timeline. This part is crucial to get the Food Pantry phase open by summer.
- Outside work is going forward on Arthur street. We think our appearance in the neighborhood should be pleasing to the eye. We are working to get the front area cleaned up, concrete poured, and set things up for some landscaping.



Our new Food Pantry area is going to be a great space for serving our guests. Have we mentioned - there will not be ANY stairs in our pantry distribution area? As trivial as this may sound, it can be a major issue for many of our physically challenged and senior guests.

Can't wait for it!



Food Pantry Bites

Pantry Trends n Such:

- March was riddled with fun weather, which seemed to land on Thursdays. This reduced the number of families we served to an average of 150, well below our weekly usual of 200.
- Food donations from local stores were a little lighter in March than normal. We were able to purchase food from Ridley's during their case lot sale, which did off-set the lack of donations.
- We cannot express how blessed we are with this team of volunteers! More than 70 people, most from the community, give more than 160 hours EVERY WEEK to serve our community.

Partners In Caring

We collect donations from 14 different grocers and convenience stores every week. Each month we will celebrate one of our these incredible partners.

We can't say enough about Ridley's on Pocatello Creek Road! The team there has increased their donations and it has made a huge impact for our guests. We have seen an increase of product from that location of more than 50% over last years donations.

THANK YOU Ridley's Pocatello Creek!

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

This month's volunteer is a workhorse! She isn't afraid to step in and get to work. She is one of those individuals who you may have the phrase, "No moss grows under her feet." She just gets things done.
And when it's time to serve our guests on Thursday, she beings her hard work and caring heart to the table and puts smiles on every face that she gets to serve.

Wanda has a huge heart and a great sense of humor. We are SO BLESSED to have her on our team and are excited to celebrate her as our VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

THANK YOU, WANDA for helping make our guests feel so welcome!

Food Pantry Opportunities

There are a few ways to serve:

Wednesdays, 8 am - 11:30 am
Food is delivered from our 14 stores as well as from the Idaho Foodbank. Unloading, sorting, organizing and building food boxes takes place on this day.

Thursdays, 10 am to 11 am
Additional food deliveries from some of the same stores. Unloading, sorting and organizing takes place here.

Thursdays, 3:30 to 6 pm
Food is distributed to the community. Most 'jobs' deal with serving the guest as well as carrying boxes to their vehicles.

You...were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

GALATIANS 5:13