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Construction History- Continued

We continue our conversation regarding construction progress from our March issue:

- 2023-2024: Framing was 98% finished, and we had started searching for a fire sprinkler company. This step was essential before we could proceed with HVAC, electrical, or insulation work. Additionally, exterior landscaping and concrete curbing had been completed, showing visible progress on the outside. Funding arrived in phases, allowing plumbing and electrical work to advance significantly in the building. The plumbing for the Food Pantry and shelter areas was nearly finished as well.
- Late 2024: We experienced some signficant damage to the roof after all the work had been completed, causing several leaks throughout the second floor. After a call went out to the community, funds were raised in a short time and a new roof was completed by January 2025.
- 2025: Funding, again, was hit and miss. Our biggest delay - and challenge - was finding a contractor for the fire sprinkler system. This delay put us behind 9 months as we continued to find resistance to taking on our project. It was not until late October that a contractor was found to do the work. Thankfully, it also came under budget.
- Tune in next month to get the really exciting news on our progress - it is worth the wait!

IDAHO GIVES 2026



Exciting Year of Generosity Ahead!

We are preparing for another fantastic year of remarkable giving!

Throughout the event, there will be multiple chances to win 'prize money.' Each day, we will share details about these giving prize opportunities on Instagram and Facebook. Don't forget to tag us and spread the word to everyone you can!

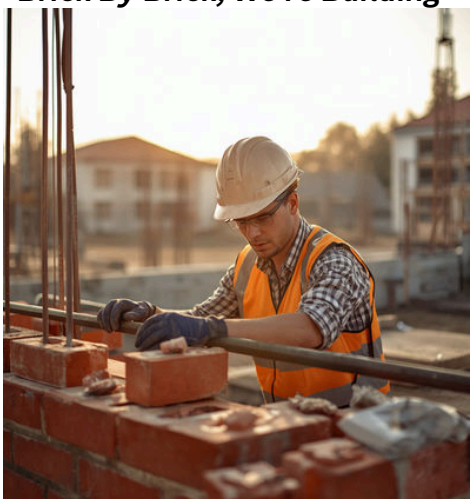
We are thrilled to announce that we have secured our first matching gift for this event—a generous $10,000 match to kick things off in a BIG WAY!

Additionally, we will be hosting an Open House Lunch on Wednesday, May 6th, featuring delicious food from Mama Inez Mexican Restaurant! Join us for lunch, tour the building, see the progress we've made, and catch up on the latest updates regarding the Food Pantry opening and other exciting new.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Idaho Gives! To contribute, visit:
[https://www.idahogives.org/organizations/valley-mission]

Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our community in numerous positive ways. We hope you'll join us!

Brick By Brick, We're Building









Building Progress

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As seen in the pictures to the left, electrical is in the Food Pantry area and ready to move to the next step. HVAC units have been installed on the roof and duct work is beginning to be installed, which will enable us to test the fire sprinkler system.

$1,640,000

FUNDS RAISED

building toward our $2,500,000 goal, brick by brick.

65%

OF GOAL REACHED

each percentage point represents another layer in our foundation.

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GENEROUS DONORS

each one a cornerstone in building our community's future.

Our objective is to open the Food Pantry by Summer 2026, followed by the development of the shelter, office, and kitchen, with the final phase of Transformational Living Space set for Winter.
The Food Pantry funding still needed is just under $100,000, which is our goal for Idaho Gives.

Remaining costs are estimated at:

- Security camera/system: $25,000
- Shelter bed system: $40,000
- Windows: $48,000
- Bath fixtures: $70,000
- Insulation and sheetrock: $110,000
- HVAC systems: $115,000
- Elevator: $122,000
- Electrical and fire alarm: $150,000
- Kitchen equipment: $200,000

Total Estimate: $880,000

What Brings Us Back Every Week

One of the primary objectives of Street Reach is to provide a wide array of resources to our neighbors living on the streets. It goes beyond just distributing a food bag, hygiene kit, or even a resource sheet. From the beginning, we have aspired to be more than that.

We started by partnering with organizations like the Free Clinic to enhance our team. Access to real case management and medical assistance is vital for these wonderful individuals. We also collaborated with the Aid for Friends housing initiative, helping people find affordable housing options or at the very least, getting them on a waitlist for housing opportunities.

Yet, we still yearned for deeper support and care during our outreach. Then, one Monday morning, it happened.

We are fortunate to have a retired RN on our board and part of the Street Reach team. Additionally, thanks to connections made with new volunteers at the Warming Shelter, we now have a retired ER doctor on our team. Both joined us for this particular outing.

We approached the vehicle of a neighbor whom we had been worried about after a recent encounter where he appeared noticeably frustrated, upset, and angry at the world. He has been living in his car for several years and uses a walker due to injuries from a car accident. There was a lot going on for him, to say the least.

When we spoke with him, the doctor asked for permission to check his vitals and perform a quick examination. Our neighbor welcomed the assistance. After nearly 30 minutes of checking vitals, asking questions, and helping him out of his vehicle to walk, we gathered a comprehensive understanding of his needs. The doctor provided advice on next steps, including a visit to the Free Clinic for a more thorough evaluation and medication. After we prayed with him, he said, “You made my day. I feel really good about things now and have a little hope.”

Both the RN and I exchanged glances filled with joy and admiration for what had just occurred. Real, tangible help and heartfelt care – making an impact and changing lives.

THAT is what makes our work so rewarding, drawing us back to this mission every single time!





Food Pantry Bites

Construction Update & Pantry Bites...

A Lot Going On - and In!

Electricians, plumbers, sheetrockers, HVAC installers - Oh My!

There is a *LOT* going on right now that is causing a lot of buzz in and around Valley Mission. We are working with some potentially large donations that will help us continue this progress and should see the Food Pantry open sometime this summer.

Our next steps will be insulation to the exterior walls, which will give us a stable air temperature in order to test the fire sprinkler system and get it ready. That will open the door for more sheetrock and other building needs in the Food Pantry.

If you want to see the progress, be sure to join us at our Idaho Gives Open House on Wednesday, May 6th from Noon to 1:30!

Partners In Caring

The Idaho Foodbank

All of our food pantry success ***starts*** with the Idaho Foodbank. From orders we are able to make through their network, to the partnerships with our local grocers, the Idaho Foodbank is our link to all of the amazing food we receive.

The team at the Pocatello branch is the absolute best to work with, is quick to meet any and all of our needs, and goes out of their way to ensure we have the tools needed to provide food to our community.

THANK YOU, IDAHO FOODBANK!



It's the small gestures that truly enhance the experiences of our wonderful guests. A kind word, a dash of humor, a snack for their kids, or simply observing how they engage with our volunteers can make a significant difference.

But what happens when a language barrier prevents understanding? How do we assist them in obtaining the right food for their families?

This is where our Volunteer of the Month has made a remarkable impact. Many of our guests are Spanish-speaking or have limited English proficiency. After one volunteer decided to take a language class, she connected with our friend Geoff, who eagerly offered his help. He was captivated from the very first week–and so were we! His compassion, attentiveness to their needs, and genuine servant heart have made our guests feel valued and special.

Thank You, Geoff, for making our guests feel special!

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.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10