MISSION MINUTE

December 2024



Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge

Here we go!
This years event will run from December 9th until December 31st at midnight.

There will be multiple opportunities to help Valley Mission earn extra prize money throughout the entire event. From $500 to upwards of $3000 in additional prize money for most raised in the region, to donations from multiple states and so much more. We will post challenges on our Facebook and Valley Mission pages throughout the event so be sure to check those out. We'll also utilize email and post on X often.

This event is more than just raising dollars. We truly hope to raise awareness in our valley and in the state for what Valley Mission will bring to the community - and how that can impact beyond our boundaries.

YOU can help raise that awareness by sharing our page link from Avenues for Hope on your Facebook page and any other social media you use. The more we get exposed - you guessed it - the more 'prize' money we qualify for this year.

We hope you'll join with us this year!



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We hope you can join us for an early evening of light snacks, mocktails and a tour to see just how far we've come in a short while.

Thanks to the generosity of folks like you, a lot has been completed inside!

Please take a moment to stop by and say Hi!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR :

Avenues for Hope
Housing Challenge

Kick-Off Party

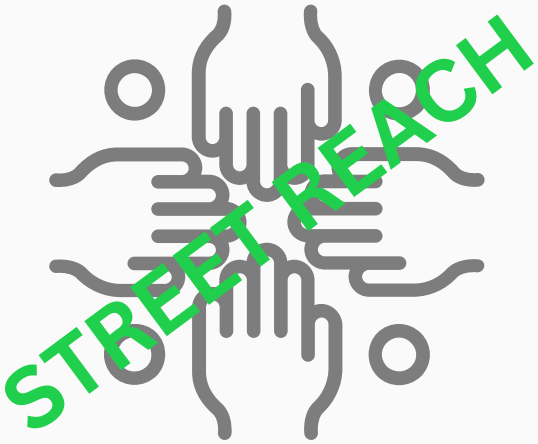
9 DECEMBER 2024 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM

With all the construction completed to date, you can now see form and function in real time! Reminder - it is a construction zone so be aware as our team guides you.



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Street Reach - Connecting Resources



Street Reach is our outreach ministry to those living on the streets, in parking lots, in parks, under bridges and more. We look to make a connection with them, offer some simple resources, and work to connect them to permanent housing and other support from within the community.

Our last day out in November ended with a very busy time out on the streets, connecting with 8 people in vehicles and camp trailers. Of those individuals, 3 were new to Street Reach. This does not include the 4 other locations along the river where encampments were but no one was home.

This is a very important ministry of Valley Mission, especially as we begin this winter season. We have added items such as hand warmers and blankets to the resources, along with additional pairs of socks.

One of the successes this week was connecting 'Sam' with resources to get his window fixed in his car. He had been living in his car with a broken window and the weather was turning cold. After our visit with him, we were able to connect him with Cars for Christ at Grace Lutheran Church. We acquired the part and the team went to work. To his surprise it was nothing serious and only required some minor work, which they did on the spot. He now is warm and secure in his vehicle. What a blessing to be in a community where collaboration works well!

We also completed another training for Street Reach in November which will help us build a 2nd team that can go out each week. If you are interested in more information on Street Reach, even if you can't physically go out, please reach out to Karl at karl@valleymission.org and we will let you know what other roles there are within the team.

Thank you for all your support - and really for the prayers for safety and connection!

> I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you took me in.
>
> MATTHEW 25:35

grateful



Rockin' The Socks!

A BIG shoutout to Flying S Title in Pocatello!
They did a Sock-raiser for Valley Mission Street Reach and brought in a BUNCH of socks in November. Perfect timing as well, as many of the socks were heavy socks which are perfect for Pocatello's winter months.

THANK YOU FLYING S TITLE for your donation and for your support of Valley Mission! Looking forward to more opportunities in the near future!

What an amazing community we live in!

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

Generosity Continues

D. L. Evans bank employees are AMAZING!
The staff raised funds for Valley Mission and presented a check for $2,625 to Valley Mission in November!
These funds come at a time when we are working to raise $65,000 for the new roof.
THANK YOU to the entire team at D. L. EVANS BANK!

The Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC) also kept us in their sites as a donor recipient.
Valley Mission received a check for $4,000 from the Coalition! These funds will also be added to the roof project, moving us closer to our goal.
We are so thankful for the support from the IEC!

volunteer

Volunteer Highlight

This month, we want to take moment to thank the MORE THAN 80 VOLUNTEERS that make Food Pantry and Street Reach possible every single week!

NONE of our volunteers or volunteer leaders are paid staff with Valley Mission. This is a complete and selfless gift of incredible service week in and week out. It is such a joy interacting with these folks every week - and our guests like them too!

From driving, unloading, sorting, boxing, culling smelly rotten potatoes - these folks do it all!
And the Street Reach team puts themselves out there, literally, for our homeless community with a smile and a great attitude. What a difference just a few dedicated people can make.

WE ARE BLESSED!

And we are SO THANKFUL for ALL of you!



If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me;
and where I am, there My servant will be also.
If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

JOHN 12:26