# MISSION MINUTE

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We are thrilled to host a special red carpet screening of No Address at AMC Theaters in Chubbuck, Idaho, on February 27, 2025. This powerful film, inspired by true events, shines a spotlight on the realities of homelessness in America, offering hope and insight into this critical issue. The screening will serve as a vital fundraising event to benefit the construction of Valley Mission.

Homelessness is a growing challenge in our community. No Address raises awareness and inspires action. Partnering with Valley Mission for this event will help close the $1.6 million gap needed to complete our $2.8 million facility, providing emergency shelter, short-term housing, and essential services. Together, we can create a pathway to hope and dignity for our neighbors in need.

The red carpet event will bring together community leaders, local businesses, churches, and residents for a night of inspiration and advocacy.

LIMITED TICKETS are available and on sale now at www.valleymission.org.
$25 per ticket
$40 per ticket with popcorn and drink included.
Sponsorship opportunities are also available at www.valleymission.org







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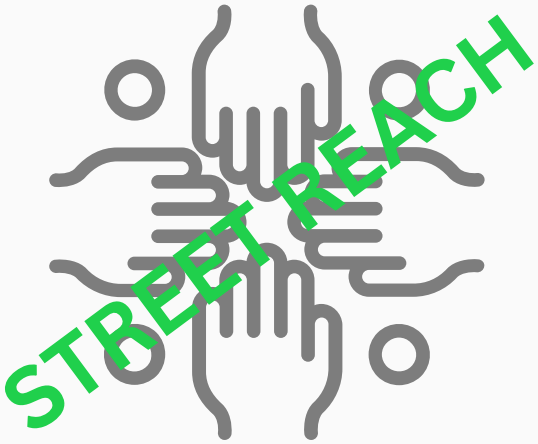
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# Street Reach - Cold Streets!




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 our community.

The cold temperatures in January took a toll on our neighbors, with many staying in vehicles with temperatures in the single digits. Thankfully, the ***Idaho Community Foundation*** agreed to redirect a grant of $3,000 to be used for hotel nights for our neighbors. In addition to those individuals we served, we invited Pocatello Police to bring anyone they found on the streets at night to the hotel to get them safe and secure. As you can imagine, with many nights in the single digits and below zero, those funds were put to use and quickly spent. We were blessed with another gift from the ***Simplot Company*** in the latter part of January with an additional $2,000, which allowed us to continue a few more nights just before the 'warm up' at the end of the month.

As I have often said, we live in an amazing, generous community! When there is a need, we rise to the occasion - and our neighbors are more than appreciative.

We continue to connect and direct people to resources that will help move them from the streets to success. It takes time and trust - and it's worth every minute we invest!

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

A special THANK YOU to Mayor Brian Blad for assisting us in securing additional funding for the hotel program. Without that funding, the program was to be shut down until further notice.

> I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, a stranger and you invited me in, needed clothes and you clothed me, sick and you looked after me, in prison and you came to visit me.
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> MATTHEW 25:35-36

# Pressing Forward

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Jessica Croner from our team. During her tenure, Jessica made significant contributions to our organization, including Street Reach outreach and Mobile Access Partnership. She helped create training policies and procedures for the warming shelter team, volunteer training modules and forms, began introducing City ID for the homeless population, and many behind the scenes connections with local non-profits whom we partner with.

Her leadership and passion for our cause have been appreciated and her impact will be felt for some time.

While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her future endeavors and wish her all the best on her new journey. We are confident that she will continue to achieve great things, and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will bring to her new role.

During this transitional period, we are committed to maintaining the momentum and ensuring that our programs and initiatives continue to thrive.

Karl Pettit has resumed the role of Acting Director and, with the Board's support and involvement, continues to press forward with the Valley Mission vision and focus.








# volunteer

## Volunteer Highlight

Many of our volunteers have been with us for several years. We love it when we can celebrate those individuals who have been with us through all of our many seasons.

This month's volunteer is one of those individuals, seeing the pantry shift and adapt as time marches on. Her dedication each week to help get things together has not only impacted us, but has made an impact on her granddaughter. Because of the example that Denise has set here, her granddaughter has begun to get involved serving our guests on Thursday, thus impacting the next generation of volunteers! Denise's heart comes out every time she steps into the pantry. She brings her infectious joy and smile with her every week!

We are excited to celebrate Denise as our volunteer of the month!!

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

GALATIANS 5:13

