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MISSION MINUTE



City Gate Conference

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We had the tremendous pleasure of taking a team down to Orlando, Florida for the City Gate National Conference. City Gate is the national association of missions that Valley Mission is part of. City Gate partners help to encourage and resource one another to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our communities.

While our team was at the conference we ran hard to soak up as much information as possible. We were strengthened in skills of best practices, educational resources for guests and staff, navigating the specific challenges of our times and loving people deeply.

We hope to begin implementing many of the tools that we learned and are planning to incorporate more of the resources that we found as we grow in the future.



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Things Are Happening!

In mid June we were able to begin moving forward with construction on Arthur St. Never has equipment sounded so good! Crews were busy installing a utility door and moving 60 tons of gavel into the old swimming pools and hot tubs. This is the final step of our demolition and will position us to get started quickly for infrastructure install - water, electrical, mechanical.









So what's next? Phase 1 is all about the Food Pantry. Infrastructure for the main floor and stub-in for the second floor will be done, and then we'll focus our building attention on framing the Food Pantry area. And yes, we'll prep the laundromat area, but our focus is really to get the Pantry built so that it can be opened by this fall/winter. With that done, we can also re-open the Warming Shelter in the old Food Pantry space, also known as the Family Room at First Baptist. So now you can see how it's all connected.

"I tell you the truth, when you did it for the least of these, you were doing it to me."

MATHEW 25:40



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Volunteer Spotlight

This month we would like to highlight the hard work of Bev Parris. Bev serves on both our Wednesday and Thursday crews. Bev shows up ready to serve, rain or shine. While she is working she is engaging with our guests and watching for times to offer a listening ear, word of encouragement and moment of prayer when guests request this added support. Her willingness to invest personally in our guests is invaluable to the overall working of Valley Mission. While we work hard to meet the felt needs of each of our guests we want to support their emotional, spiritual and mental needs as well. Bev embodies this mission and we are grateful for her servant leadership.



Popcorn Shop Support!

The Popcorn Shop And More celebrated their 20th year of serving up goodies in Pocatello. As part of their celebration they have been giving a portion of their proceeds to Valley Mission all year. We were also invited to be a part of their birthday bash! We were able to set up our booth and get information out to the community. A percentage of the sales from that day were passed on to Valley Mission! We want to thank the Popcorn Shop for their unending support of us and for giving to us selflessly during their year of celebration.

Current Needs

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the summer we need extra volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays to fill in for some of our regular volunteers who will be traveling. If you have any free time this summer we would definitely appreciate your help. Go to www.valleymission.org/getinvolved to complete the application.

Financial Needs

The question most often asked is 'How much will this project cost?' Construction cost is $2,077,375. Our costs fluctuate based on market costs and price trends. The current phase we are in comes in at $844,750 and includes all infrastructure costs and food pantry build costs. EVERY dollar matters.

