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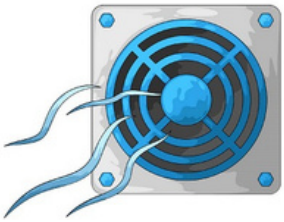
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Emergency Cooling Shelter



City Stepping Up!

In case you haven't noticed, the heat is ON! With that comes a *genuine concern* for people trying to survive on the streets, under bridges, in the woody areas, or in their cars. Some of these folks also have pets who don't often do well in the heat.

We just got word this week that the City will make the following spaces available for anyone needing respite from the heat:

· City Hall lobby – The hours open will be Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. We will have bottled water available, and there are plug-ins.

· Marshall Public Library – The hours will be regular hours of operation: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are closed on Sundays.

· Pocatello Animal Services – The hours will be regular hours of operation: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed on Sundays.

We are also working with other agencies and police to locate one additional location for cooling on Sundays that will also allow animals.

THANK YOU Mayor Dahlquist and City Council for putting this in place!

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

PROVERBS 19:17

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RAMP Is MOVING!!



Life is all about lessons. Some are fun and easy to learn, while others can stretch us in ways we don't always like or weren't expecting to have to deal with.

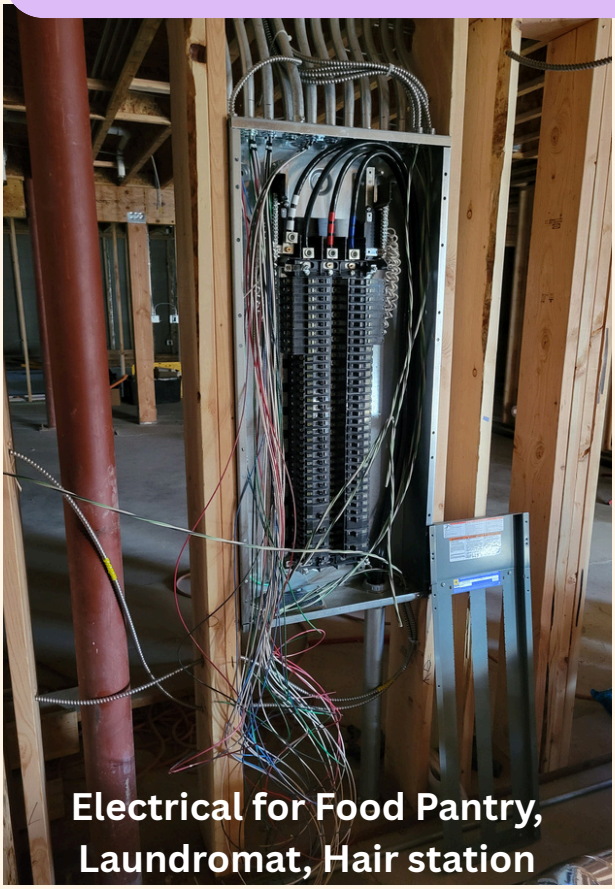
Our location next to the Center Street underpass has served us well over the past couple of years. We have had some weather related challenges at times, but nothing like what we have encountered this year.

It's no surprise that the underpass is under construction - again. That in and of itself wouldn't be such an issue. However the scope of the project this year has created parking issues, water to the area has been turned off due to all the work, and noise continues to be a challenge. This has led to confusion for the folks we are attempting to serve, so we are making a change that will benefit all who are involved.

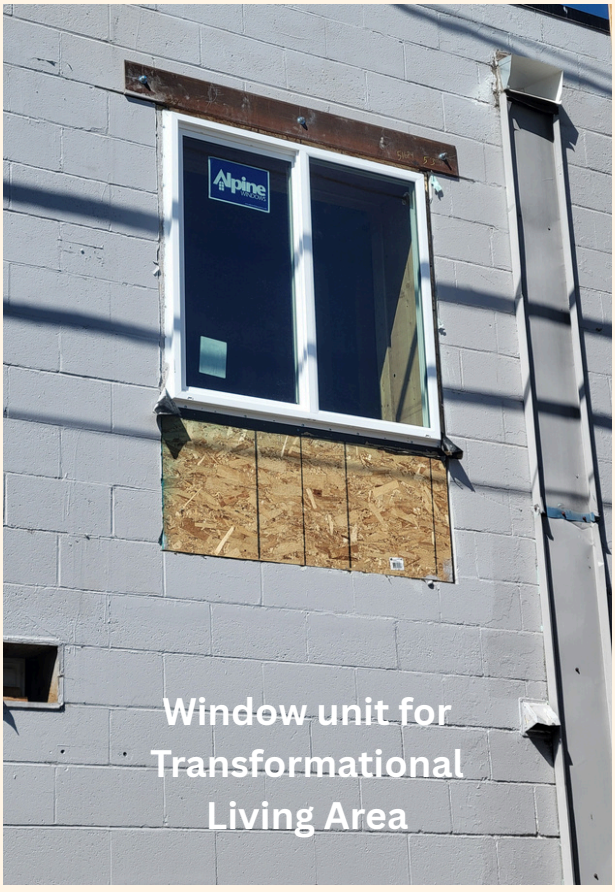
And, we won't complain, as the new location bodes well for Valley Mission. *After all, it is literally right across the street!*

We'll be relocating to Brady Park which is located at the corner of N. Aruthr and Wyeth Street. Much less noise, plenty of shade, access to water and close to bathrooms.

We will start at this new location in July and will continue throughout the rest of the year.



Electrical for Food Pantry, Laundromat, Hair station



Window unit for Transformational Living Area

Building Progress

Brick by Brick, We're Building

We are SO EXCITED to have our window template in for the Transformational Living Area upstairs. This is an important step for the upcoming phase.
All the electric for the Food Pantry and hair station is in and ready to get connected. We are still waiting on the HVAC unit to be installed, then sheetrock can be hung!!

$1,875,000
FUNDS RAISED
building toward our $2,605,000 goal, brick by brick.

72%
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/Fall 2026, followed by the development of the shelter, office, and kitchen, with the final phase of Transformational Living Space set for Winter.

Remaining costs are estimated at:

- Security camera/system: $25,000
- Shelter bed system: $40,000
- Windows: $98,000
- Bath fixtures: $70,000
- Insulation and sheetrock: $110,000
- HVAC systems: $115,000
- Elevator: $122,000
- Electrical and fire alarm: $150,000
- *Kitchen equipment:* ***DONATED $200,000***

Total Estimate: $730,000

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THIS Is What Partnership Looks Like

We're honored to serve our homeless community alongside incredible partners. Each month through RAMP, we bring together organizations like the Pocatello Free Clinic, Crisis Center, a traveling Veterinarian, and Aid for Friends to offer resources, supplies, and hope. Together we provide medical care for people and pets, clothing, housing help, meals, and more.

One service we try to offer is haircuts. For most of us it's simple - need a cut, go get one. But for our friends on the streets, finding a place and the funds is a real challenge. So we partner with stylists throughout the season.

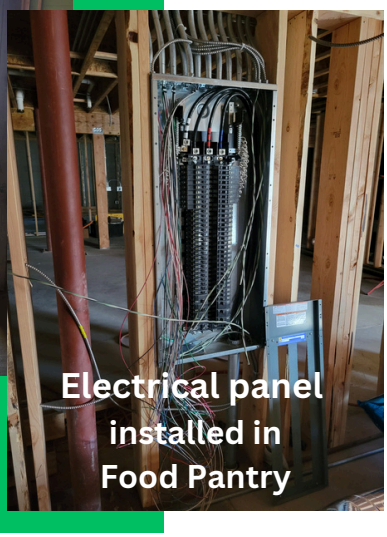
In June, our regular stylists weren't available for RAMP - and it was the one time a guest had a job interview and needed a cut. We couldn't find anyone on short notice. When he called back asking if there was anything we could do, our Office Admin tried one of our stylists just to see.

Chris literally dropped everything, came to First Baptist Church, set up in the kitchen, and gave him a haircut. They had a great conversation and he left with a huge smile, confidence, and a heart full of gratitude. To be honest, it was the smile on Chris's face that captured me. She literally dropped what she was doing - running RUMORS bar in Pocatello - to cut hair for a neighbor on our streets! Her kindness, her gentle spirit in working with him - it was truly incredible to witness.

Chris, we are so grateful to call you friend and partner, and appreciate your care and concern for our neighbors!



Window & PTEC template 2nd floor



Electrical panel installed in Food Pantry

Food Pantry Bites

Construction Update & Pantry Bites...

STILL WAITING›››

If you've been around construction projects of any kind, you know that it's all about timing and coordinating contractors!

The fire alarm system is now our newest 'delay culprit'. The company has the plans, now we wait for them to actually put them on paper so our electrician can get them installed. The good news is once they are installed, we can begin to hang sheetrock in the food pantry!
Much of that will be done with trained volunteer labor, saving upwards of $15,000!

We are also working on installing the kitchen hood because it involves roof penetrations, plumbing and gas lines. All of this infrastructure work needs done before we can continue with other parts of the build.

For those prayer warriors, let's get after it!

Partners In Caring

So many ways to say THANK YOU to our Costco partner!

They continually surprise us with not only food, but other household items such as salt pellets for water softeners, oil for vehicles - we even had 18 cases of DEF for diesels last winter - mattresses, and even TREES! On top of that, they have donated some much needed equipment for the new kitchen at Valley Mission. WOW!

THANK YOU, COSTCO!



Volunteers are the heartbeat of the nonprofit world. Without them, most organizations simply wouldn't exist.

Every so often, someone comes along who just fits. Great heart. Great attitude. Genuine caring spirit - and a great sense of humor to boot.

Carson truly enjoys serving our guests each week, and it shows in his energy, kindness, and the way he connects with people.

He's been a joy to have on the team. Our guests know he cares, and he gives his best every single time.

We truly appreciate him!

THANK YOU, CARSON!

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.

He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.

PROVERBS 28:27