MISSION MOMENTS

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Community Collaboration

In order for Valley Mission to fully function in our new space, it will require the work of many groups working together for a common goal. There will be paid and volunteer staff, but not at the expertise level that any nonprofit could afford. Collaboration is going to be the key that makes this process not only work, but succeed for the long term.

We are blessed to live in a community like ours where groups can not just co-exist, but work together to help people in need.

Some of those organizations are the Free Clinic, Center for Hope South, Crisis Center, Southeast Idaho Dept. of Health, Aid for Friends, The Rock Church - more than 17 partners in all.

In addition are the many city and county partnerships that have come alongside us.

AMAZING COMMUNITY!



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STREET REACH | VM

R.A.M.P. Up!

Our revamped outreach is coming in June! Reach Access Mobile Partnerships - RAMP - is an extension of our Street Reach ministries. We invite those in need to a central location where they can connect with resources, supplies, medical care and more.

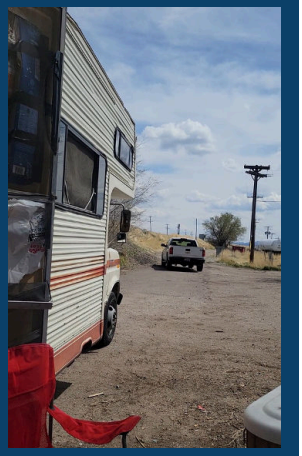
Joining us this year will be the Free Clinic, Dr. Nan's Veterinary services, The Rock Church (clothing), Southeast Idaho Dept. of Health, Center for Hope South, VA Services, and more.

We are meeting at Union Pacific Park, behind the Whitman building and the Post Office downtown, *every third Wednesday* from 11 am until 1 pm.

This is a great way to earn trust of the homeless community and show them that there are many resources available, as well as people who truly desire to help.

If you are interested in serving at one of the RAMP events, reach out to karl@valleymission.org to get connected.





If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion - how can God's love be in that person?

1 John 3:17



Construction Progress

Making Headway...

- We have finally begun to work on fire sprinkler bids with 2 companies. It has been an experience getting to this point. One of the companies actually has a crew ready to get to work as soon as permits and plans are ready to go. This is huge!
- Since it has taken so long to get to this point with the fire sprinklers, our costs have now gone up substantially. Bids are coming in between $125,000 and $150,000.
- The curbs are poured out in front of the building that will define planter boxes and sidewalk space. We are trying to get the front 'cleaned up' so the community can see we are making progress. Every little detail and step counts!



We have had the opportunity to request funding from both the County Commissioners and the Pocatello City Council. Both of these requests will be for fall funding, if approved.
Please continue to pray that both groups get behind our project and see the incredible benefits that it will have on those going through the program and the impact on the community.



Food Pantry Bites

Pantry Bites...

- Here comes summer! And the most often asked question is 'Can I bring my garden produce to the Food Pantry?' The answer is YES! We love fresh produce, especially home-grown produce. Items must be whole and not processed in any way. We are not able to accept any jams, jellies, salsa, etc. that have been canned at home.
- While we are on gardening, if you have room IN your garden to plant an extra row of something, would you consider doing so and donating that to the Food Pantry? Again, fresh produce is a much better offering than canned or processed items.
- We will have some opportunities to serve in the pantry this summer with volunteers going on vacation. Reach out at valleymission.org if you would like to serve either Wednesday or Thursday.

Partners In Caring

Albertsons®

We collect donations from 14 different grocers and convenience stores every week. Each month we will celebrate one of these incredible partners.

Our local Albertsons store is amazing! Not only are they generous with their food donations, but we regularly receive gift cards to give to our guests throughout the year. Their backroom crew is amazing to work with and the product is always some of the best we receive!

THANK YOU, ALBERTSONS!

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Joyce is the first contact that every guest has with our Food Pantry ministry. Sometimes it can be a challenge getting the information we need. It may be a language barrier that we need help with; it may be the volume of the entry area that makes it hard to hear; it may be that the guest is having a hard time speaking. But she is not swayed by the challenge. She guides each guest through and gets the information we need.

Joyce looks out for the little things that might make the guests' experience less threatening. On many occasions, Joyce has come and let us know that someone is having a birthday - and then the pantry breaks out in singing happy birthday. The details matter!

THANK YOU, JOYCE for your heart and attention to the little things!

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