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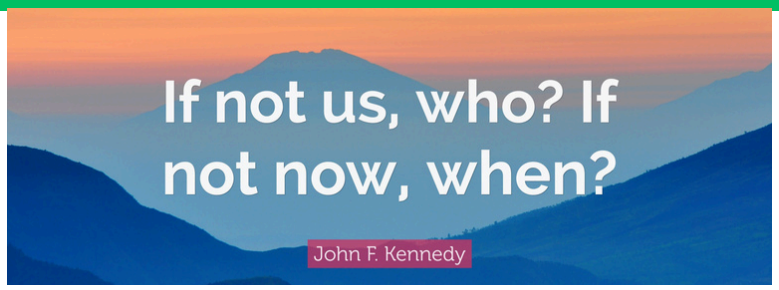
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The Time is NOW!

The idea of seizing opportunities and making the most of every moment is beautifully expressed in Ephesians 5:15-16, which urges us, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” This verse highlights the importance of discernment and intentionality in our actions, reminding us of the urgency of our current times. We must decide whether to take action ourselves or wait for someone else to step forward.

We find ourselves at such a pivotal moment with the construction and ministry of Valley Mission. It's not for a lack of effort in raising funds or engaging people; numerous positive developments are underway in construction, outreach, the food pantry, and other initiatives. However, it feels as though we’ve been merely ‘coasting’ instead of actively seeking the funding we need. The recent news of our dear friend Uncle Henry’s passing (see page 4) rekindled a spark that had dimmed.
We must take decisive action to secure funding for all projects before the year ends. This requires us to intentionally seek gifts and support from various sources, seek new partnerships, and create moments that invite others to join us in our community efforts.

We can no longer wait for the next significant donation or event to drive our work forward. The time is now to push through, secure funding, and open this building so we can serve our community in the impactful way we know we are capable of.

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

PROVERBS 19:17

RAMP
Reach • Access • Mobile • Partnership

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RAMP Events

Each summer, beginning in either March or April, we hold an event called RAMP - Reach Access Mobile Partnership.



That's a fancy way to say we bring together several partner and support agencies from the area on one day at a local park and offer services, supplies, and support for our folks surviving on the streets of Pocatello.

Partners such as the Free Clinic bring their van and offer screenings, resources and more. Our traveling Veterinarian brings services for pets and vaccines. We have several local stylists who come and provide haircuts. A local churches brings clothing from their clothes closet.
Valley Mission supplies free lunch and other items, and serves as the check-in point for all of our neighbors.

This event brings together the homeless community in one location and allows our partner agencies to connect with them. Many of our neighbors don't make it to other appointments, so RAMP serves as an opportunity for us to meet face to face and get the care and support they need.

These events are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month through October, weather permitting, and are held at the Union Pacific park (near the underpass).



Transformational Housing
HVAC ducting & plumbing



Commercial kitchen plumbing

Building Progress

Brick by Brick, We're Building

As seen in the pictures to the left, electrical work is completed in the Food Pantry area and ready to move to the next step. HVAC units have been installed and duct work is beginning to be installed, plumbing is just about installed, data cables are being installed - so much going on!

$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.

243

GENEROUS DONORS

each one a cornerstone in building our community's future.

The Humanitarian Branch of the LDS Church has granted $200,000 for kitchen equipment!

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.

$80,000 was raised through Idaho Gives!

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

STREET REACH | VM

Uncle Henry

Every day, people come and go in our lives. Some are quickly forgotten, while others stay with us for a lifetime. We don't usually decide who will occupy our short-term or long-term memories; sometimes it happens automatically, and other times we make a conscious choice to remember.

However, there are those special individuals whose presence leaves a lasting impression, making an impact that cannot be overlooked. They resonate with us in a unique way, striking a chord in our hearts that draws us closer, often unexpectedly.

Uncle Henry was one such person who captured my heart. His warm smile, infectious laughter, and the way he made you feel truly special were unforgettable.

His genuine concern for me was evident. Whenever he saw me rushing through my busy days, he would express his worry: "You're always working so hard. I pray for you every day, Karl." This came from a man struggling to survive on the streets of Pocatello, living outside the Valley Mission, on the patio of First Baptist Church, or beneath a tree in the nearby park. He had plenty of reasons to pray for himself, yet he chose to care for others, especially those who sought to make his life more bearable, even if just for a day. His passing has profoundly affected me and many on our team; we cared deeply for him and find ourselves wondering if we could have done more.

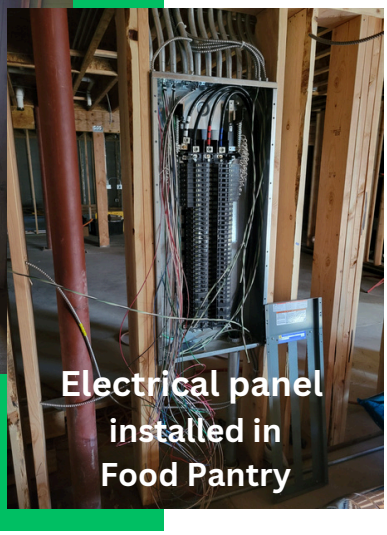
I kindly ask that you pray for Henry's family, particularly his daughter, seeking comfort and peace during this difficult time. She loved him dearly and will miss him greatly.

Please also remember our neighbors on the streets, who are mourning this loss alongside us, as Henry had built close relationships with many of them. Pray for their safety and health, and for moments of rest amid their struggle for survival.

Finally, we pray for our city to recognize the urgent need for better solutions now and to support our efforts to serve this community.



Window & PTEC template 2nd floor



Electrical panel installed in Food Pantry

Food Pantry Bites

Construction Update & Pantry Bites...

Work Continues..

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

Here is a quick look at the progress so far:

- Fire sprinklers being tested and correcting any leaks.
- Plumbing has about 2 weeks (or less) to finish off rough-in throughout the building.
- Windows and doors will be cut and framed in on the first floor.
- Cabling for security and internet are in the process of installation.

There are so many moving pieces in a build like this. It may look like random pieces being worked on, but there is a method and a sequence that guides the construction. In the end, it will all be worth it!

Partners In Caring

What an amazing supporting partner Ridley's Market has been! Not only do they donate a great assortment of food each week, at the end of the Case Lot sale, both stores donated HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS of canned goods to Valley Mission!
Those canned goods carried us well into the month of May and allowed us to build some great food bags for our guests.
Ridley's ROCKS!

THANK YOU, RIDLEY'S!



Volunteers make the NonProfit world successful. Without them, not many, if any at all, would exist.

We are blessed to have THE BEST volunteers in the valley. Many of them are from the community, while others come from the family of First Baptist Church (FBC). One such mother-daughter team is from the FBC family. They bring a hard work ethic, fun sense of humor, and a heart to help those in our community.

When Myrna and Amy arrive, they dig right in and get things done. No matter the task they both have desire to serve, which is refreshing and infectious.

We truly appreciate all that you bring to the team and look forward each week to see you both here!

Thank You, MYRNA & AMY!

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