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New Season - New Look!

As we enter the new year, we are thrilled to introduce a new design for our monthly newsletter, now known as MISSION MOMENTS!

We have added some new features that that will give you a more broad and informative view into all of the aspects of Valley Mission.

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Red Carpet Movie Event

This was an opportunity to premiere the film, NO ADDRESS. Based on real life stories, this film shed some much needed light on the homelessness issue that is gripping our community and the entire nation.
This event allowed us to highlight how Valley Mission is poised to help the homeless population our valley with our upcoming programs and facillity.

Great Support!

Thanks to our sponsors:

- Connected Philanthropy
- Molina Health Care
- Bannock Storage & RV Parking
- First Baptist Church

We had a great turnout and just about packed the theater out! We connected with many folks in our community and can't wait to share our progress with them as we grow.
One of our key impacts for this event was the 'swag bag' - but with a twist. We supplied bags filled with items we share with our homeless community on Street Reach, and then instructed folks to give the bag away to anyone they found on the street in need. It was very well received and got people thinking about where they see the homeless population in our community.

Thank You AMC!

We can't say THANK YOU enough to Mario, Sarah and their crew at AMC Pine Ridge Theaters. From creating this in January, to actually running the event, their crew went above and beyond to make our event successful, especially on the night of the event. THANK YOU!



Construction Progress

In this new format, we will update you on all things construction. From what is being worked on now, to upcoming important dates and challenges, we'll keep you up to date as best we can.

Recent Progress

- The roof is done! The crew worked hard through some of the coldest winter days we had, and got it done in under 2 weeks. Zach and his crew are the best and were a joy to work with. And it was sure nice not to have to deal with leaks when the last snow started melting!
- Framing is just about complete throughout the building. The final office space and wall on the main floor are the biggest pieces left there.

In Progress

- Still waiting on fire sprinkler group to get on site for estimates. and then timing on when work can begin.
- As funds come in, we will begin to pull electrical into Food Pantry area as well as finalize plumbing in the same area.



Our new Food Pantry area will allow us to move more people through and will give us an opportunity to explore new ways to serve some of our more vulnerable guests.

We are also working with Pocatello High School to help design some fun murals for the walls in the Food Pantry area and the laundromat!



Food Pantry Bites

A new feature where wes will highlight many of the people, groups, businesses and supporters of the Food Pantry. It takes a lot of people and partnership to make this operation a success.
We'll share some of the people and pieces here.

Pantry Tid-bits:

- Each month the Food Pantry serves an average of 200 households every Thursday, with an average household size of 4 people. That equates to 700 people weekly.
- We pick up donated food from 14 stores and receive food from the Idaho Foodbank weekly. That equates to 4,000 to 10,000 pounds of food we can distribute every week.
- The Food Pantry team is 100% volunteer led. Volunteers come from all over the community as well as First Baptist Church. More than 70 volunteers give their time and sweat to make this happen.
- Fun Fact: of the volunteers, more than 60% are from outside the First Baptist Family.

Partners In Caring

With so many key parts to this program, we wanted to highlight some of partners in the community. From stores and their teams, to businesses that make a contribution to the work of Valley Mission Food Pantry. We believe it's important to say thank you in any way we can and let the community know who is investing in this great work we get to do!

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

This months volunteer is a multi-talented gift to the Food Pantry team. She came to us as a referral from the LDS Missionary team for a place to serve while on her mission in the area. She has a great work ethic and is very good with our guests - even the ones who can be a little challenging.

One of the talents she brings to the table is her bi-lingual skill in Spanish. We have seen an increase in our Hispanic population in the Pantry and most volunteers do not speak any Spanish. To have Emma be on-site to assist with our new guests as they navigate the Pantry process has been a huge blessing for both us and the guests she serves.

THANK YOU, Emma for sharing your gifts and skills with us!

Food Pantry Opportunities

There are a few ways to serve in the Food Pantry:

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.

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

GALATIANS 5:13