MISSION MINUTE

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Honoring God: Valuing People

Program Development

While we have been busy carrying out Street Reach and the ever growing demands of our food pantry, we have also been busy behind the scenes working on future program development.

The board recently updated the bylaws of Valley Mission. With the new bylaws in place we are feverishly working on solidifying the many functional policies that will govern the day to day running of the Mission. These policies are important as they are the supporting structure for the procedures and programs that we develop to serve neighbors, guests and residents.

With these policies in the approval process we have been talking with many of our mission partners in other cities and states learning how their Transformational Living Programs run. Learning from both their successes and mistakes is invaluable to us. We want every neighbor, guest and resident that we engage, to be given hope not just through the countless physical needs that they will be provided but also through meeting their spiritual, emotional and mental needs as well. Working with our partnering missions helps us better understand what is required to ensure that each individual finds the safety, compassion and boundaries that they will need to be successful.

As we walk through this process please be praying that God will guide our every step. Pray that we make wise choices in the countless decisions that will need to be made to most effectively reach those who need help the most.

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Building Update

34 yards of concrete poured in just under 3 hours - amazing!

This area is where all the plumbing and parts of the electrical comes into the building. This has been months in the making and we are excited to see this portion of Phase 1 get completed and ready for the next work. The final piece of plumbing will be installed in the old racquetball court area with the fire riser and lines that will feed our sprinkler system throughout the building. Then we can move onto some framing and more electrical.

This is really where the visible 'progress' begins to show. Our focus for this phase is to get all the infrastructure in so that we can open the Food Pantry in it's new space by this fall. So far, we are on track to see that happen. God is so GOOD!!!

Keep checking valleymission.org for a construction video update as well. Nothing shows progress better than a good video!



> "Let's not get tired of doing good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing."
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> GALATIANS 6:9





What Do You Do?

It was a year ago that we brought Jessica on as our first full time staff to transition into the place of being Valley Mission's Executive Director. Over the last year we have been asked what it is exactly that Jessica does for Valley Mission. While the list of her tasks would be exhaustive to write about, we decided to use her anniversary to give you an update on a handful of accomplishments Valley Mission has made because of her employment.

1. Development Street Reach and Warming Shelter programs. If you have ever been a part of program development you know that developing a comprehensive program with training is a big undertaking. The development of two comprehensive programs in the last year has made it possible for us to reach more people right away.
2. Over the last year 22 policies have been written and put in front of the board. From these policies 54 procedures were created that will allow our buildings and programs to run smoothly as we grow.
3. While we had a LOT of fantastic partnerships in place before Jessica's arrival, Jessica has not only worked to keep strengthening those but also brought in many new relationships with donors, businesses, organizations and city entities. One such relationship has been with our police department.
4. Church outreach has blossomed over the last year as we have been able to send Jessica to speak to other churches on Sundays. This is helping bring our fellow believers onboard with the vision God gave us.
5. Launched a City ID program that will help our neighbors and guests secure more permanent identification.

While many of Jessica's responsibilities are not seen by the masses, the impact they will have over the life of Valley Mission is vital to our long term success.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

HEBREWS 11:1





Volunteer Spotlight

This month we have the joy of celebrating Joyce M as our volunteer of the month!

Joyce has been faithful to serve with our Wednesday team for some time and she has been such a joy to have.

Joyce brings organizational skills, a sense of humor and her desire to help others with her every single week. Anytime there are extra projects to help with, Joyce is right there in the mix helping get things done.

Thank you, Joyce for your commitment to Valley Mission.



Idaho Gives Wrap Up

Thank you so much for your participation in Idaho GIves! We saw you all rise up and support us in ways that leave us in awe.

Our final numbers from this 4 day event is a whopping $39,260! We had over 50 people give online and another several give in person! Beyond how wonderful that is, people are continuing to give to us even now, days after the even has ended.

For an organization our size we ranked among the top 3 organizations out of the thousands who participated in Idaho Gives.

Seeing what God is accomplishing through all of you and your continued hearts to champion Idaho gives is AMAZING. Thank you so much for being a part of walking with us into the Vision God has given us.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23

