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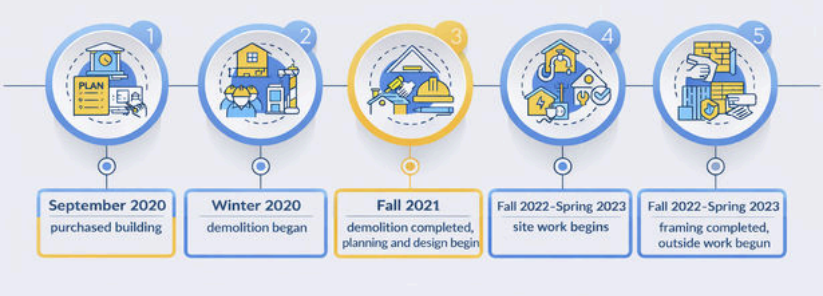
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Construction History - Continued from April

We continue our conversation regarding construction progress:

- January 2026: The fire sprinkler system is installed and passes the air test at the end of January! At the same time, we began receiving some funds to get back on track with other contractors.
- February to Now: We are excited to say that plumbing is just about complete throughout the building. This keeps us ahead of pace on the overall project. Electrical is also installed throughout the Food Pantry area and is going in on the second floor. Data cables will begin installing the first part of May.
- It may sound simple, but we have also installed one of the dorm room windows on the second floor. This was necessary so the contractor had a good template for the other 20+ windows and frames that will be needed.

So what's next?

We are trying to get projects completed in order to open the Food Pantry by summer/fall of this year. But that takes planning, adjusting, and coordinating. We'll need window cuts, and then we can insulate. Once insulation is in, we can test the fire sprinkler system. Once the system is tested we can begin some sheetrock in the Food Pantry area.

In other words, there is a LOT going on - and even more to come as we raise the funds!

Off to a BIG Start!

Idaho Gives
IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

May 4 - May 7

We Have Never Started Like This!

Idaho Gives kicks of Monday, May 4th, and we are beginning this year with 2 major matching gifts to really kick-start our campaign!

We were blessed with a $15,000 matching gift from Secure Housing, which will be our opening match. In all the years that we have been participating, this is our largest starting match.

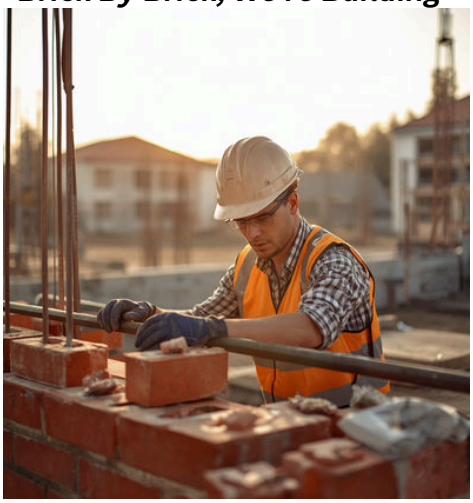
But we're not done. Once this match is met, we will be able to kick off another $20,000 match from a local family!

The generosity of this community and the faith that you have in our work is incredible. Know that the work is not waiting for the building to be done. Lives are being impacted weekly, sometimes daily, through the Food Pantry, Street Reach, and most recently the Warming Shelter. It will be much easier and more effective once we have the building!

You can give to Idaho Gives in a few ways. You can go to www.idahogives.com and search Valley Mission. Click on the give tab there. Or, you can give directly at the office through check, cash, or stocks.

We would really like to see you WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Valley Mission's Open House! Celebrate this amazing start with a tour and a glimpse of things to come.

Brick By Brick, We're Building





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Building Progress

Brick by Brick, We're Building

As seen in the pictures to the left, electrical is 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 $2,500,000 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. The Food Pantry funding still needed is just under $100,000, which is our goal for 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



Prayers for Our Neighbors on the Streets

Every week, we have the privilege of reaching out to our neighbors who are living on the streets, in their cars, or along the river—wherever we can find them. This is not a way anyone should have to live, and for many, it's all they have ever known. One man has spent over 20 years on the streets, while another has been there for at least the last decade. Each individual carries stories and circumstances that have led them to this situation and kept them there.

We visit them as often as possible, bringing along people with various skills and connections to help guide them toward a better way of life. However, the ultimate choice to seek change or remain in their current circumstances lies with them. Improving their situation isn't simply about finding a job, stopping substance use, or seeking help. While these steps are crucial, building trust and understanding their unique stories takes time. Moreover, transforming lives requires more than just the efforts of Valley Mission and its partners; we need the city to recognize the harsh reality. There are between 140 and 200 individuals sleeping on the streets each night in Pocatello, and they have limited options for the assistance they need.

One particular group resides in a river encampment. For various reasons, they do not qualify for local shelters, struggle to secure stable employment due to a lack of transportation, clothing, and hygiene, and some have past experiences that hinder their chances of being hired. Their only familiarity is with their current living conditions and how to survive there.

Recently, this group received an ultimatum from the city to relocate without any guidance or support to find a new place. Valley Mission and the Housing Alliance Community Partnership (HACP) have collaborated to seek solutions, including purchasing or leasing property and finding suitable buildings. Unfortunately, none of these options have proven successful. As a result, they will need to move again, living in fear of being forced to relocate in just two weeks. This situation exacerbates their trauma and brings them closer to despair.

This is just one of many reasons we urgently need to open this building. I want to emphasize that while Valley Mission is not *the* solution, we aspire to be part of a larger answer moving forward.

Please pray for our neighbors on the streets—for peace amid chaos, for restful moments, for their safety, and for the city to awaken to the pressing need for improved solutions right now.





Food Pantry Bites

Construction Update & Pantry Bites...

All About Timing

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

We have had contractors on top of contractors a few times this spring, and it has been fun!
As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we are working to organize and prioritize next steps so we can keep the momentum going and get the Food Pantry open this summer/fall.

From cutting in windows to insulation and finalizing electrical - it is all coming together!

If you want to see the progress, be sure to join us at our Idaho Gives Open House on Wednesday, May 6th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm!

Partners In Caring

We wanted to highlight Costco this month, not only for their generous food donations, but for other ways they donate.
They have donated items such as mattresses, health and beauty aids, diapers, oil, and so much more.
On top of that, they have donated some key fixtures for the new Food Pantry and the new kitchen at Valley Mission. They understand what it is we are attempting to bring to this community, and they want help in any way they can. WOW!

THANK YOU, COSTCO!



To truly understand the influence of an organization, observe the heart and service of its leaders.

Leaders provide direction and guidance while fostering a sense of culture and community.

- They engage in the challenges alongside their team.
- They share the workload with a grateful and generous spirit.
- They celebrate successes with the crew and take responsibility when the pressure rises.

At the Food Pantry, we are fortunate to have such leaders: selfless, caring, generous, and enjoyable to work with.

Darrell, Kathy, Larry, Pam, Penny, Oli, and Zurina– your dedication has enhanced a wonderful culture and community, inspiring many to join you in serving this incredible community!

Thank You, LEADERS, for giving of yourselves!

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