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*We at Silver Valley Fuller Center For Housing send our very sincere wishes to all of you for a lovely Christmas Season honoring the birth of Jesus Christ.*



*Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

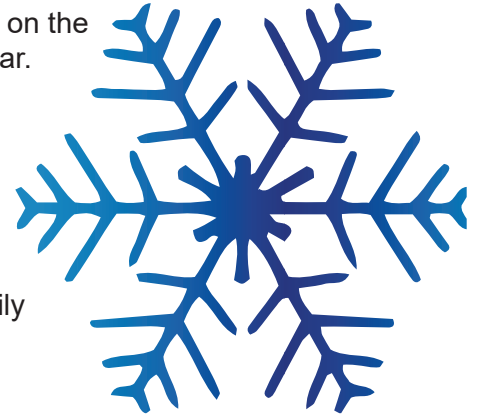
**-Luke 2:10-13**

# A Reflection on Growth and Dedication at the Fuller Center

By Siobhan Curet

As we approach the Christmas season and the year-end, I find myself reflecting on the progress made throughout the year while envisioning goals for the upcoming year.

As a longtime reader of the Fuller Center newsletter, I've always admired the unwavering dedication of this group to its mission. In 2022, upon reading an edition of the newsletter highlighting numerous vacant positions, I felt compelled to contribute and offer my assistance. Subsequently, I've closely collaborated with Judy, undertaking the responsibility of creating the monthly newsletter, and later assuming roles as the secretary and a member of the Family Selection Committee.



In recent months, I've been heartened to witness several individuals stepping forward, engaging in various responsibilities. Their commitment will significantly alleviate the workload for those who have dedicated decades to the program. The Fuller Center's impact on the lives of our local community members is profound, and I'm truly thrilled to be an integral part of this remarkable group.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have recently stepped up to contribute. Witnessing the infusion of new energy into our group has been invigorating, and I'm excited about the potential accomplishments that lie ahead for our organization.

While we have filled some vacancies, we still need more individuals to ensure the program is fully supported. If you, or someone you know is interested in helping further our mission to provide adequate shelter for all people in need, please contact us to learn more about how you can help. Volunteering is a great way to learn new skill and connect with your community.

## The following positions are especially in need:

- Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.
- Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.
- Newsletter distribution help
- PR Chair
- Ad payment bookkeeper
- And others –

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## Silver Hills Craft Fair

Kathy McPeak worked the Fuller Center's booth at the Silver Hills Craft Fair held the first weekend of November in Osburn. Kathy organized the donations we received from numerous businesses across the Silver Valley and Coeur d'Alene into baskets and silent auction items. The various items raised several hundred dollars for the Fuller Center. We thank Kathy for her hard work and for always being willing to participate in whatever event may be going on.

Boys' Basket - Won by Bob Stovern



Taco Basket - everything needed to make tacos!



A beautiful afghan donated was sold in the silent auction



Brienne Hayman won the Girls' Basket



Patti Rishew won the lamp donated by Twin City Furniture



## Greater Blessings Program Update

As Judy transitions towards a well-deserved retirement and delegates some of her Fuller Center responsibilities, the board convened during our November meeting to address the transition of the Greater Blessings Program from her oversight.

To ensure a smooth transition, Josie Jurkovic will be mentored by Judy to handle incoming applications and facilitate the initial screening process. The oversight of the committee will now be under the leadership of Norm Holtz.

For prospective applicants seeking assistance through the Greater Blessings Program, kindly reach out to Josie at 208-409-8584 or josielegal@outlook.com to obtain an application form. Additionally, if you possess skills or services and wish to volunteer for this program, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Tahnee at 208-512-9869, to be added to our volunteer list.

### Overview of the Greater Blessings Program:

The Greater Blessings Program supports beneficiaries by offering lower-cost home repairs or renovations, enabling them to repay the expenses over time. Monthly payments, structured to align with the beneficiary's financial capacity, provide an opportunity for the recipient to experience the joy of giving back.

Our approach emphasizes the belief that giving is more fulfilling than receiving. Similar to the principle behind writing mortgages for new houses, the repair work is conducted at a reduced cost, and the program encourages repayments as donations. These contributions will fund future repairs and new home constructions for other families in need.

### Brian's Trailer – Dedication Upcoming!

Brian's Trailer is incredibly close to being completed, and we have set a date of December 16th for the dedication of Brian's new home! We greatly appreciate all of the hard work from the many volunteers who have dedicated their time to making Brian's home a success.

Josh winters has stepped up to assist in the final phases, and has spent many hours helping finish up outstanding work, including crawling under the trailer to remove the old wet, decaying insulation. New, spray-in insulation, donated by Chad & Kim Jefferson, that will be installed in the coming weeks.



*Josh Winters suits up in a Tyvek suit and respirator prior to his excursion into the depths under Brian's trailer to remove the old insulation. John Boy Delaney stands by to assist and for morale support!*

*Kirssa Rose signs the paperwork for her Greater Blessings project. Brenda at Plan B gave her a great price on the straw that Kirssa plans to use for insulation under her 5th wheel home.*





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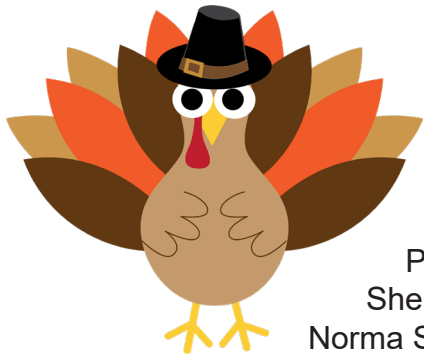
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## Brian Canterbury's Fund

Barbara and Gordon Canterbury

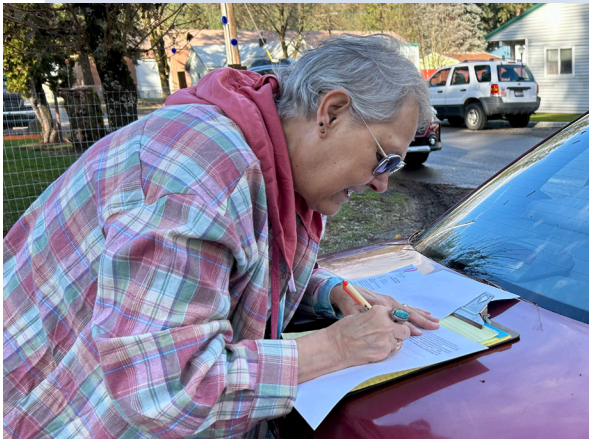
## Greater Blessings Fund

Josephine Davis, Jerry & Lois White  
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*We Are Honored to Receive These Memorials*

Jeff Waechter  
*in memory of Shane Waechter*

Grayson & Carol Gerard  
*in Memory of Myra Ecklund*



Another Greater Blessings happy homeowner – Penny Fugle called for help with her furnace during our coldest days. Jeff Crawford of Systems Design was able to fix it the next day. She was delighted to sign her moral contract, pledging to repay our costs. Since her car had stalled and we could not meet elsewhere, she used its trunk as a table for her signature.

-Judy Blalack

### Here's Help for SVFCH...

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- Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have a house and/or land to donate.
- I can make a no-interest loan for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please call about working out the details.
- I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
- I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

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**December 8th&9th — Pinehurst Winterfest Craft Fair**, Pinehurst Elementary & The PK Lions Hall, Pinehurst

**December 12th — Board and Committee meetings**, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

**December 25th – Christmas**

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