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SVFCH Board of Directors met in the furniture section of the ReUse Store to discuss the future of the store. They decided to shorten the days to 4 and hours of operation from noon to 5 PM at this time.

ReUse Store to Shorten Hours of Operation

Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing is finding itself in a difficult position. The organization has proved itself worthy of respect within our community, first as an affiliate with Habitat for Humanity and then with this other grass roots organization started by the original founders of Habitat. Our group joined the Fuller Center so we could retain local control. There are many people who have enjoyed relationship with us either in volunteering their labor or working on their own homes.

Some of our volunteers have worked for many years to house the families who bought the 18 homes we built or renovated with no-interest mortgages. These families were required to put in their "sweat equity" hours to be eligible for a home, proving that it is a "hand-up not a hand-out" program.

Lately we have **not** been able to attract new families to apply for a home. We are not sure why, since a no-interest mortgage is one of the least expensive means for them to buy a house. The homeowners pay only for materials used and professional help we have to hire such as plumbers, electricians, etc. This is not a quick fix, since it does take time to complete the "sweat equity" hours and construction.

Secondly, for the past several years, we have been working with a Greater Blessings program where we try to help homeowners make repairs on their own homes. There is an application process also with this program. To qualify, need must be shown as either not physically or not financially able to make their own repairs. Recipients are expected to repay as they are able.

Our third focus the last 2 years has been the ReUse Store in Smelterville. This is a not-for-profit store, and the money acquired above expenses is used in the building programs. We accept donations of working appliances, furniture, tools, building materials, house wares, seasonal decorations, etc. We do not accept clothing. We have had great support from the community in donations, and feel we are serving many who are looking for an inexpensive source for what they need, especially in our present economy.

Our problem is that we are wearing out our older volunteers. We need 3 people to run the ReUse Store while it is open. We need volunteers to pick up donations of large items and also deliver (for a fee). We need more volunteers to help with fund raising, public relations, church relations, and family partnership committees. We need a bookkeeper. We need a volunteer coordinator. We really are down to a skeleton crew.

Unless we have more volunteers willing to work at the store to help clean, sort, price & display donations, answer the phone, and assist customers we will have to shorten the hours it is open. So, *starting on September 4*, *the new hours at the ReUse Store will be Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 PM*.

Please offer your services to help at the store a half day or 1 day a week, on a regular schedule so we can open during the mornings again.

If you can help with our Greater Blessings program, as either a construction laborer or a supervisor or to help at the store, please call the ReUse Store office at 786-6013 or Judy at 682-3240. More information about this organization including applications for new homes and Greater Blessings repairs can be found at www.svfch.org.

By Judy Blalack & Janice DeVoe



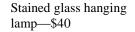
<u>At right:</u> Jeff Crawford of Systems Design evaluates the possible types of furnaces that can be installed in this converted trailer home. The Maces hoped to use a wood burning furnace but none are approved for trailers.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Timothy 4:14



Stacked Washer & Dryer—\$100

Offerings at the ReUse Store



Woolrich Throws —\$5



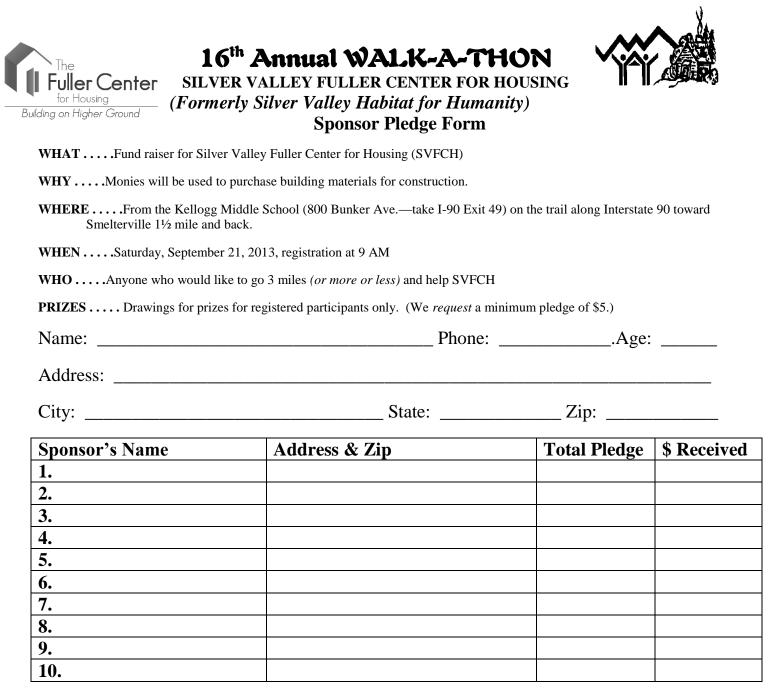
A nice computer desk for sale at \$75 loaded with school supplies



Kevin steadies the camper donated by Joan Finman while Verne hurries to get the pickup under it. The camper is selling for \$500. It sits near the shed that sells for \$960.







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From Marie Muir In Memory of Mildred Ramsey

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Coming Events

Sept 10—Committee and Board meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church Sept 21—16th Annual Walk-A-Thon, Registration at 9 AM, Kellogg Middle School



These girls are with the last group of Servant Adventures from Shoshone Mountain Retreat (formerly Shoshone Base Camp) to help this season.



Tori Trude and Betty Maxwell stopped by to help at the ReUse Store. *Photos by Judy*

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	These are the credits for Garrett Thyr's Promotional Video: Directed, Produced, and Edited by Garrett Thyr; Director of Photography: Stephen Byrum; Camera and Sound: Stephen Byrum and Garrett Thyr; Musical Consultant: Alex Henkoski; Technical Consultants: Caleb Chersin, David Pinkerton; Special thanks to: Jill Thyr, Josi Thyr, Julia Thy Mark Thyr. Clint Kunze. and Lutherhaven's Idaho Servant Adventures.					
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This 8x8 storage shed, built by many hands of visiting youths. is for sale at \$960. Projects such as building sheds are great ways for these kids to learn some carpentry skills. Many have never nailed a nail. *Photos by Judy*



Secretary, Ellie Arguimbau, writes a bill of sale for Wally Beck as he pays \$1500 for the 1981 Mercury Grand Marquis we auctioned at Pinehurst Days.



September's focus at the ReUse Store is 10% off home health care items. Regular price for this wheel chair is \$20. We also have a supply of hospital beds at a regular price of \$50 and other items in this category.

NOTICE

NEW HOURS AT THE REUSE STORE WEDNESDAY— SATURDAY NOON TO 5 PM

These hours will remain in effect until we can attract more volunteers on a regular schedule. Please read the front page article.

Teenager, Garrett Thyr, volunteered his services to make a promotional video for our non-profit organization. Please see his final edit at <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9r8nuzE9AO8</u> Wow! Thanks Garrett. We see a great future for you.

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