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A 625 Mile March 2-15, 2026 Bicycle Fund Raiser Giving Opportunity

My introduction to Moscow: Hello, I am Bill Turner, Lily Turner's husband. In July of 2025 we mostly left Maine and moved to Moscow because of Family. We love the mission of the UU of the Palouse and are very happy to get to know you.



Bill and his Wife Lily

I Ride Bicycles to Raise Funds For the Fuller Center For Housing: Millard Fuller started Habitat for Humanity many years ago and in April 2005 also started a more grass roots type organization to help smaller rural areas. It has an excellent Charity Navigator rating of over 90% of funds going to help those in need. In 2017 while looking for a bucket list "bike and build opportunity" that rode across the USA, I joined a Fuller Center for Housing Bike Adventure for a 10 week Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine trip. Having my gear moved in a van, sleeping on mats in church basements, riding 70 miles a day for 5 days, doing volunteer work one day a week and having most Sundays off was both

a life-fulfilling and life-changing opportunity for me. It has been my experience that the Fuller Center's focus lines up with the words that surround the sanctuary in the UU of the Palouse Justice, Equity Transformation, Pluralism, Interdependence, Generosity, Love.,

Maine: After my 4,000 mile bike adventure, during a discernment process in our Little ELCA Lutheran church I was asked to team up with a newspaper editor and make a presentation to 6 different churches in the Windham, Maine area. That process formed the first Fuller Center for Housing Chapter in Maine. The focus of that chapter is keeping older folks safely in their homes. This often means repairing rotting steps, decks, railings, leaking pipes, etc. You can learn more of the work of that chapter at the web site that follows below.

In 2026 I Am Riding to Raise Fund For Both The Silver Valley Idaho and the Maine Chapters: During this ride my efforts funds will be split 50-50 between the above Chapters. They have similar missions of assisting veterans, handicapped, older folks, and others in need of safe housing.

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Show Thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee

-Psalms 17:7

Bicycle Fund Raiser, Continued

I have signed up to ride because I believe the funds are used very wisely. At 75 years old I am very thankful that my cancer is testing in remission, my now 2 reverse shoulders are working fine and I can train on Idaho gravel roads with little traffic. My goal this year during these crazy times is to again raise \$10,000.00. My fundraiser page for 2026 is: <https://2026.fullercenterbikeadventure.org/btair>



Bill and his bike outside of Targhee National Forest

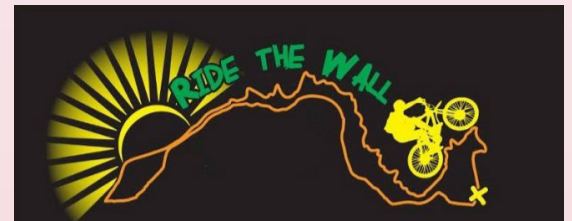
Donations in any amount are always very much appreciated.. You can read more about the local projects in Maine at the chapter web site. <https://www.sebagofullerhousing.org/>. The Silver Valley Fuller website is <https://www.svfch.org/> Thanks for reading!!! Thanks to you, we are all making a difference!! May your 2026 New Year be a blessing. My phone number is 603-496-3942
-Bill Turner

Ride the Wall 2026!

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's Ride the Wall. It's on June 21 – Father's Day and is hosted by Timbers Roadhouse in Cataldo. They are including our Ride while serving a Father's Day BBQ and we expect live music.

Bring your fathers and enjoy. If the usual route up the CCC Road and back down to the river with its beautiful scenery will be too much for Dad, then he can join others who bike up the paved trail along the Coeur d'Alene River as far as they would like, turn around and come back down. There is plenty of time before the other bikers complete the loop and all can share the BBQ at about 7 PM.

We will have updates in future newsletters after obtaining event insurance followed by the trail permit with Idaho Parks. Then we can post the registration forms.



See you there.



SVFCH Treasurer Tami Atkins, Vice President Frank Culnoh, and President Bob Whitman



Kereen Dose of Solid Rock Accounting & CPA holds a thank-you certificate from the Fuller Center



Tami Atkins of US Bank Pinehurst holds a thank-you certificate from the Fuller Center

Board Elections Held

At our January 13th meeting, the board held its annual elections and made a few exciting changes. Frank Culnoh was elected as our new Vice President, stepping into the role previously held by John Boy, who has been unable to attend most meetings due to health reasons.

In a new development, the board created a Financial Mentor position, and John Boy, who has consistently repaid his home loan, will take on this role. He is sure to be a spectacular mentor to future homeowners.

The rest of the leadership team will remain the same, with Bob Whitman serving as President, Tami Atkins as Treasurer, and Siobhan Curet as Secretary.

We are also excited to share that Tahnee has generously stepped up to take over the newsletter from Siobhan, beginning next month. We look forward to her fresh ideas and energy as we move into 2026!



Fuller Center for Housing Members at the January 13th Meeting - Kathy McPeak, Tami Atkins, Frank Culnoh, Bob Whitman, Kereen Dose, Geri Cochrane, John Borque, Norm Holtz, and Ray Guthmiller. Siobhan Curet attended by phone. Photo by Judy Blalack.



January 2026 Newsletter helpers: Barbara Canterbury, Brian Canterbury, Ray Guthmiller, Carol Young, Norm Holtz, Danny Scott, and Penny Michael. Not shown were Thane Winters and Judy Blalack.



Frank Culnoh of Bear Ridge Excavation holds a thank-you certificate.



Our Savior Lutheran Church's Council President, Art Krulitz, accepts a thank-you certificate from Judy Blalack. This is the first church in the Valley to donate funds to help us get started in 1993 and have continued every year since.

Ken's Tiny Home Update

Frank plans to haul off the old siding that was left on the property (we had planned to use it for a future project, but it has been damaged by the elements and is no longer usable). He will then move Ken's home to the other side of the property so they can measure and begin staking out where the slab is going to go. If the weatehr remains mild, we may be able to get to work on the slab and utilities earlier than anticipated, but will see what the winter brings!

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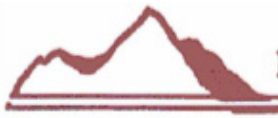
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and of Jim Stoddard*

From Joann Carlson
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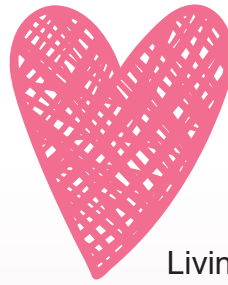
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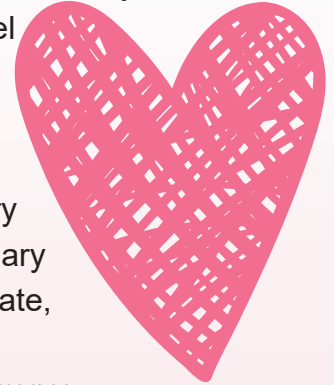
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Winnie Williams



Donations received 12/4-12/19/2025

Ken Fairchild's Fund

Judy Blalack, Josephine Davis

Greater Blessings Fund

Judy Blalack and Christina & Josh Mace

Help Needed: We are looking for a **volunteer to adapt our website** for easier access - please contact Tahnee at 208-512-9869 if you can assist!

Here's Help for SVFCH...

I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.

- 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.
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- 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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February 10th — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst



February 14th — Valentine's Day



March 3rd — Newsletter mailing workshop at St. Rita's in Kellogg 9:00 AM.



Wish List

Specific Needs:

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

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