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A Thank-You from the Winters Family!

I've sat for almost a week thinking on how I was going to write, how I was going to express my thank you. I've wrestled with it for 6 days but nothing I can think of in words can express the deep gratitude we have. In a few short months we turned graves into gardens. It took a village and I'm so thankful for this one.

- Judy Blalack, the heart and soul of the Fuller Center.
- Tami Atkins, who works hard doing all the ordering, the backbone of the Fuller center. Who does all the things behind the scenes to keep things going.
- Bob Whitman, the President of the Fuller Center who was always ready to offer to lend a hand, always in a good mood and welcoming spirit.
- Kathy McPeak, the sergeant, the one who lights fires and gets the things done! She'll make sure nobody is standing around.
- Carol Young with a smile on her face, a laughter in her voice she will be there, anywhere to offer her heart and hand.
- Jon Borque, one of the most beautiful examples of humility, humbleness and kindness.
- Geri Cochrane, always being the beautiful soul you are, from praying constantly over us, with us, and for us, to being a good friend whom I will cherish for a lifetime.
- Gary Yergler, there's not a single thing in this community that he doesn't show up for, we are so lucky to have him in this community as a whole.
- John Boy, the Fuller Center Security and a friend, the one that keeps all of our hearts beating because of how big his heart is.
- Casey Duncan, he was always there ready to answer questions, keep us going on supplies, encouraging us and helping us through at Wallace Ace with anything we needed.
- Frank Coulhno, our sponsor and lead supervisor for the Fuller Center. He has been nothing short of amazing. he will be one of the most influential roles in the Fuller Center in times to come. His heart and passion flows. God has an amazing plan for Frank and this program.
- Ray Guthmiller - he is one that will come do anything, offer his time and have a smile. He may be limited on things he can do but his heart is larger than life.
- Jessica Barker and Siobhan Curet, you don't see them much but they are the bones of the Fuller center!
- Marlon Lankford, our Papa, he has been the most encouraging heart in this journey. He just shows up to help no questions asked. His time, his love and his heart is something we will forever be grateful for. He sets the bar for giving abundantly when he sees a need that he can help with. He embodies the heart of the biblical Phillipian Church.
- Julie Sanders, my go to, the one who goes unseen in so many ways but I'm so appreciative of, the friend I always needed.
- Linda Miller, my Mom, she has offered her home for the past 5 years, watched these kids while we worked countless hours and always trying to help, we appreciate you, we love you.
- Kayla Almer, for always bringing me gifts, letting these new neighbor kids come over and just being a friend.
- Janet and Patty Dose, working so hard on that first day of cleanup, did not go unnoticed. We are grateful!
- Tom Hinkleman, an angel, the mystery guy who shows up, works for 3 days straight and than disappeared. He said it was his first Fuller center homes, he was a Habitat Caravaner... You were a God send and I wish I knew how to thank you.
- The Worship Center, an amazing church who brought an entire crew of men of faith and really did some work in one day, they wrote scriptures in each room behind the paint that will forever be there in my mind. God has, and will do great things at this church and through the leadership who truly love Jesus with their lives.
- John and Pat Storey for donating a sani can for a month while we remodeled.
- MCE garbage for their donations of garbage bins

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Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



A Thank-You from the Winters Family, Continued

- Wallace Ace Hardware for their many donations.
- Rodda Paint for the paint donations
- Ryan Roberts for all his hard work on plumbing and hot water heater and sump pump.
- Bruce and Sisco for helping with tearing down and putting up siding.
- Daniel Burton for his work in helping with siding.
- Kathleen Joyner, for just being our clerk at the store to bring absolutely generous. May God bless you.
- Tami Wood for your endless generosity and encouragement, on so many occasions.
- Jodie Marek, Kerri Bentley Holling, Aunt Pat and Uncle John Storey, Uncle Kevin and Aunt Rhonda Winters, Bonnie Miller, Holly Sullivan, Devon Miller, from gifts, to being there for the dedication.

There's so many to thank, so many I want to hug and tell them I will never forget this. I will never be able to repay you. But I can repay by giving my time back.

The Fuller Center has my heart, we will forever be bound with them, you can't get rid of us now because we are all in and ready to help the next!!

Ezekiel walked up to me this morning, gave me a BIG hug and said "Mom, I can't believe we are in our new home"

At 4 years old, he's so grateful, we all are and I hope you all know just how appreciative we are, thankful we are and feeling absolutely blessed.

Thank you for this journey, thank you for opening my eyes to see a whole new light. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

-The Winters Family



The Winter's Family home

Frank Culhno Likes Giving Back

By Carol Roberts

The love of the great outdoors, lots of trees, water, wildlife and mountain bike riding were all a part of the lure that drew Frank Culhno to the Silver Valley.

Culhno, a member of the Fuller Center for Housing Board, volunteers with the Fuller Center to give back to his community. "I have been blessed. I was fortunate to retire at a young age, and I wanted to do something to help people out," said Culhno.

Another board member, Casey Duncan, brought up the possibility of volunteering with the Fuller Center. Culhno attended a board meeting, and decided to become a volunteer.

As Construction Supervisor, all construction projects go through him. He also helps coordinate repairs that are done through the Greater Blessing program. On a remodel or build, he is the one who puts together the group to work on the builds. "I also help with the various events the Fuller Center sponsors, such as "Ride the Wall", and fund-raiser breakfasts," he said. "I was also the sponsor for the Winter's family, the last family to move into a Fuller Center home."

Culhno grew up in the Los Angeles area, and later worked as a Fire Captain for the Downey Fire Department. As retirement came closer, he wanted to live somewhere that had lots of green space, trees, water and wildlife. "The Silver Valley checked off all the boxes," he said.

Culhno and his wife Rhonda first bought a house in Kellogg, then started looking for a place to live after retirement. They found a beautiful home and some land in Kingston, and purchased it.

He also now has a small business he runs with his son, Frank Jr. Bear Ridge Trail Builders and Excavation build trails, puts in culverts and works on driveways and trenches. Previously he was a Physical Therapy Assistant for two and a half years at Kellogg Physical Therapy.

The Culhno's also enjoy being grandparents. Their daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren live in Utah, and they take any chance they can get to go visit.

Two years ago Culhno stepped out of his comfort zone by taking a small part in the Sixth Street Theater's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace". He has also volunteered at the Pinehurst Food Bank.

Culhno loves living in this community, and finds satisfaction giving back through volunteering with the Fuller Center for Housing.



Frank on a fire

Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing's Impact on the Silver Valley

By Judy Blalack

Low Income Family Home Construction (1/4 to 1/2 median income)

- 25 homes completed—families now paying taxes and becoming an integral part of our communities
- Footings poured for another home at Sunny Slopes.

Greater Blessings Program

- Have completed more than 60 repairs; have some to complete – doing small home repairs for those in need. Homeowners to repay our expenses when they can. [Most have repaid in full. ☺]

ReNew Program

- Finished a ReNew home for our 25th dedication in 2025.

Providing opportunities for visitors to discover our area—thus becoming our ambassadors elsewhere.

- Will be hosting RV Builders next June—we still hear and receive donations from our first helpers in 1994 and from others since then! ☺ Many RVers return.
- Hope to “Ride the Wall.” It attracts many riders from N. ID, Wash., & some other states.
- Youth Servant Adventurers from Shoshone Mountain Retreat come every year.

- Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers stop on their rides across the US. They worked on several projects when here in 2024. Returning in 2026.

Education *** We provide instruction! ***

- We have spent parts of 7 or 8 weeks each summer working with youth from the Shoshone Mt. Retreat on our construction sites. [Since we now are doing “Greater Blessings Projects” we have more sites.]
- We have hosted various schools, NIC, & U of I groups.
- We work with “Community Service” people needing to put in their hours.
- We are willing to train volunteers who come to the work site.
- We train our families how to become good homeowners—legal issues; repair; & especially in budgeting.

Publicity

- We try to keep the public informed through our monthly “Silver Bulletin”—mailing about 1,000, handing out over 400 and emailing almost 450.
- We have a web site www.svfch.org. We are looking for a volunteer to adapt our website for easier access - please contact Tahnee at 208-512-9869 if you can assist!



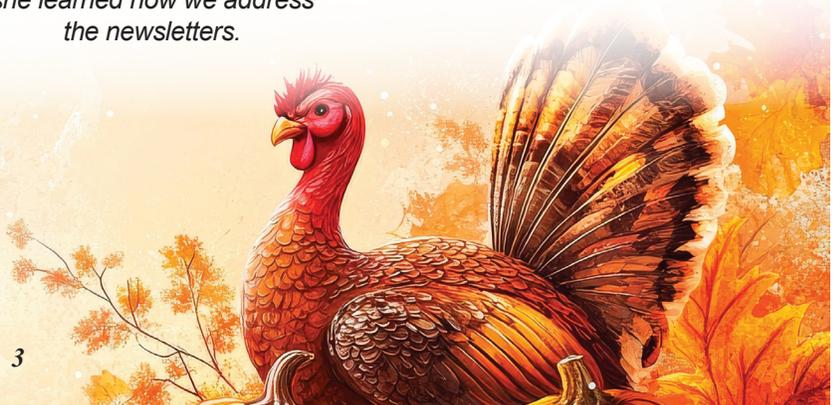
Cadence Bauer and Lisa Martin present the certificate donation from Sams's Restaurant. This will be used as a prize in a Christmas basket raffle.



Brian and Barbara Canterbury, Judy Blalack with Chevy, Maryjane Schuljak, Norm Holtz, John Boy Delaney, and Bob Whitman pose for a photo at the end of October's newsletter mailing workshop. Not shown are Linda Amonson, Penny Michael, and Danny Scott.



Maryjane Schuljak, Judy's neighbor, came to help as she learned how we address the newsletters.



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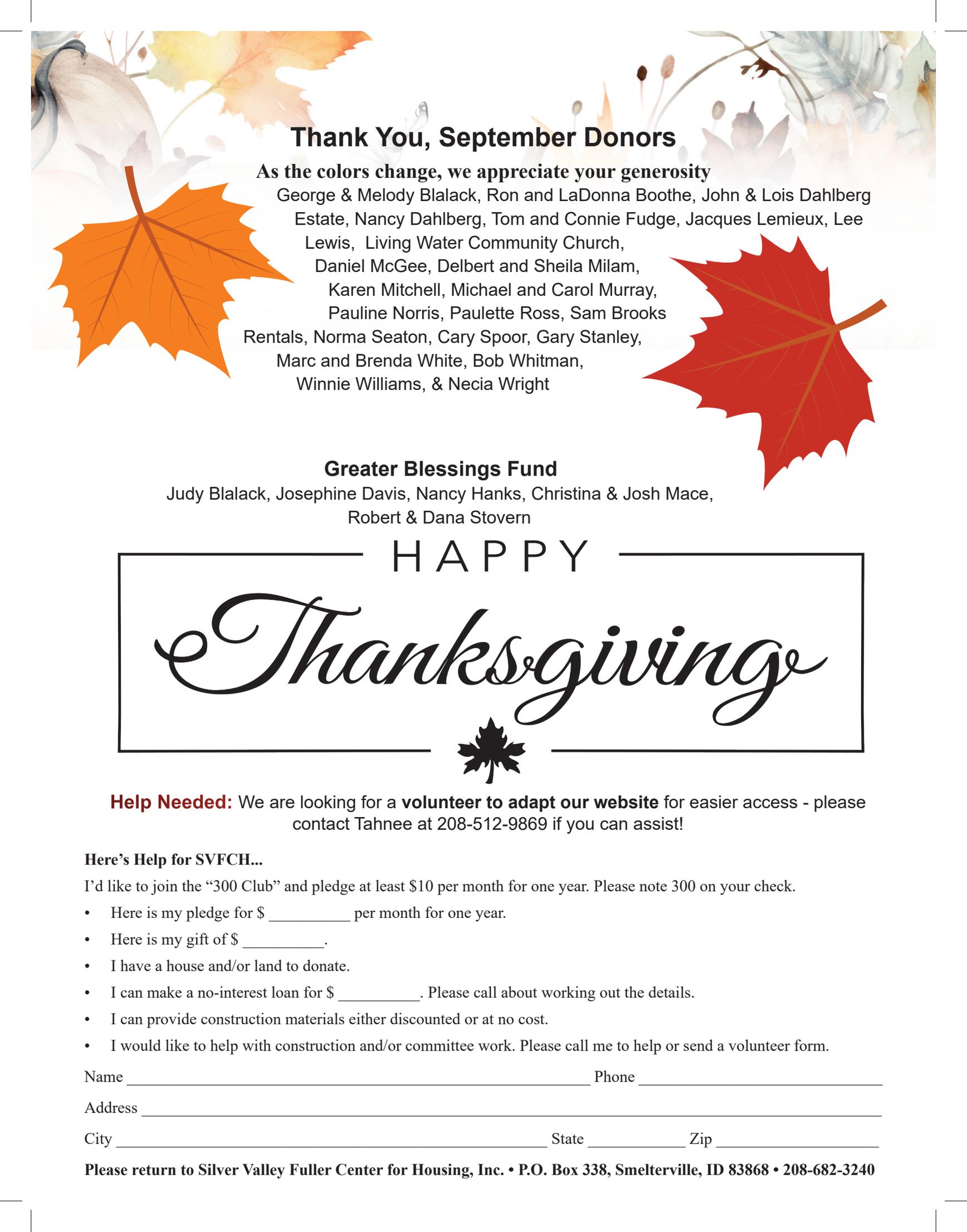
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Judy Blalack, Josephine Davis, Nancy Hanks, Christina & Josh Mace, Robert & Dana Stovern



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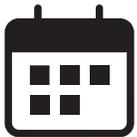
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November 4th — Newsletter mailing workshop at St. Rita's in Kellogg 9:00 AM.

November 11th — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

November 27th — Thanksgiving

Wish List

Specific Needs:

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

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