

## Board Elections

Annual Board Elections were held at our January 10th meeting at the Lion's Club in Pinehurst. In a unanimous vote, it was decided that all officers will be re-elected for the 2023 term. Bob Whitman will continue as the president of the board, John Boy Delaney will remain Vice President, Siobhan Curet will remain the Secretary, and Tami Atkins will remain the Treasurer.



Ray Guthmiller, a longtime Fuller Center donor and volunteer, was proposed for membership on the board of directors by Norm Holtz. The board unanimously approved the nomination and Ray will join the board. In addition to the newest member, it was unanimously voted that Casey Duncan, Norm Holtz, John Hopper, Duane Little, Kereen McDose, Bev Lightner McKinnie and Kathy McPeak will remain directors of the board.

In addition, John Boy Delaney was presented with the "Volunteer of the Year" Award. John Boy goes above and beyond to help anytime he is needed, and is greatly appreciated. See page 2 for an interview with John Boy to learn more about his story and how he helps facilitate the good work we do to improve the lives of others in our communities.

*Fuller Center President Bob Whitman presents John Boy Delaney with a Volunteer of the Year shirt at our January meeting*

In December, we created 122 thank-you certificates to be delivered throughout the Valley and CDA to all the generous businesses and organizations who supported our cause in 2022. At the meeting, they were handed out to different members for distribution over the coming weeks.

*Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul "Therefore I hope in Him!"*

**Lamentations 3:22-24**



*Bob Whitman presents a thank-you certificate to Brad Kitchen, President of the Pinehurst-Kingston Lions Club*

# Valuable Asset

by Brian R. Lee

A home can be a valuable asset to a family or individual. But in some cases, making a home available can result in a valuable asset for an organization.



Front view of John Boy's house prior to beginning work



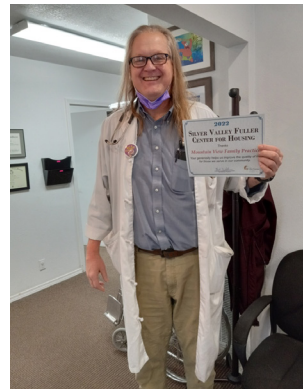
Verne Blalack and Clint Kunze (Servant Adventurers Coordinator) in the back room with the ceiling falling in and black mold



Servant Adventurers crew remodeling the back room. We finished and dedicated it in April 2018



Thank-you certificates were presented to local businesses throughout the valley who donated to the Fuller Center for Housing in 2022



In 2013 John Boy Delaney of Osburn partnered with Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing to rebuild a run-down house for him to live in. Delaney worked alongside Fuller Center volunteers to do the many repairs needed and then paid back the costs while living in it. But Fuller Center got far more than repayment of construction costs.

Delaney was a prime candidate for the program to help people get into affordable housing. He learned a lot of construction skills through the Job Corps in 1984, then worked in both indoor and outdoor maintenance for a hospital in Quincy, WA, for many years, which included a lot of carpentry work.

The Osburn house they chose needed new plumbing, new windows and a lot of interior structure work. There was a lot of mold that needed to be removed, and some of the ceiling was hanging clear down to the floor, he said. They salvaged the hardwood floors and installed vinyl exterior siding.

While Delaney invested a lot of sweat equity and skills, he noted that he had a lot of help doing those repairs. There were teenagers from a Christian camp and tradesmen from a company in another state all working alongside him. Members of the Fuller Center performed a lot of the work, including the late Randall Rosson, who did the plumbing, Delaney noted. Delaney replaced most of the electrical wiring himself.

But once the house was refurbished, Delaney wasn't done. He has continued as another Fuller Center volunteer to help many other people repair and obtain similar houses for themselves. He has worked on houses in Osburn and Smelerville, averaging about one house per year, whether it's helping an existing owner do repairs or refurbishing another home for someone else. He has proven to be one of the Center's best resources in the work he has been able to do on so many different houses. He also currently serves as vice president on the board of directors.

He has no plans to slow down. He noted that he was given a 75-year-old horse trailer which he has restored and modified into a box trailer for tools and supplies he may need on future Fuller Center projects.

# *My Heroes, Vern and Chevy*

*By Judy Blalack*

At 4:30 AM Jan 6 our poodle, Chevy, awakened me. Verne had wandered outside in only his underwear and socks. I would have awakened when he went out if he had turn on any lights. Some of his dreams caused by dementia are extremely real to him, and he said some children needed his help, so he went.

Our 70 yard driveway was a sheet of ice. He fell face forward and then crawled on his elbow and knees to the paved frontage road with some gravel on it. I grabbed a coat and shoes for him and threw a coat over my robe. It was too slick for me to walk so I took my van keys and carefully drove as close as possible. My cell had poor reception so I wasn't sure my attempts at 911 were getting through. I am not sure quite how, since he could not stand, but with him pulling and me pushing, we got him into the van with heat. I carefully drove him to SMC fearing black ice and arrived there about 5 AM just as the EMTs arrived at my home.

He had scraped off multiple layers of skin from his knees and had many other scratches from head to heel. His temperature was 92.7 degrees.

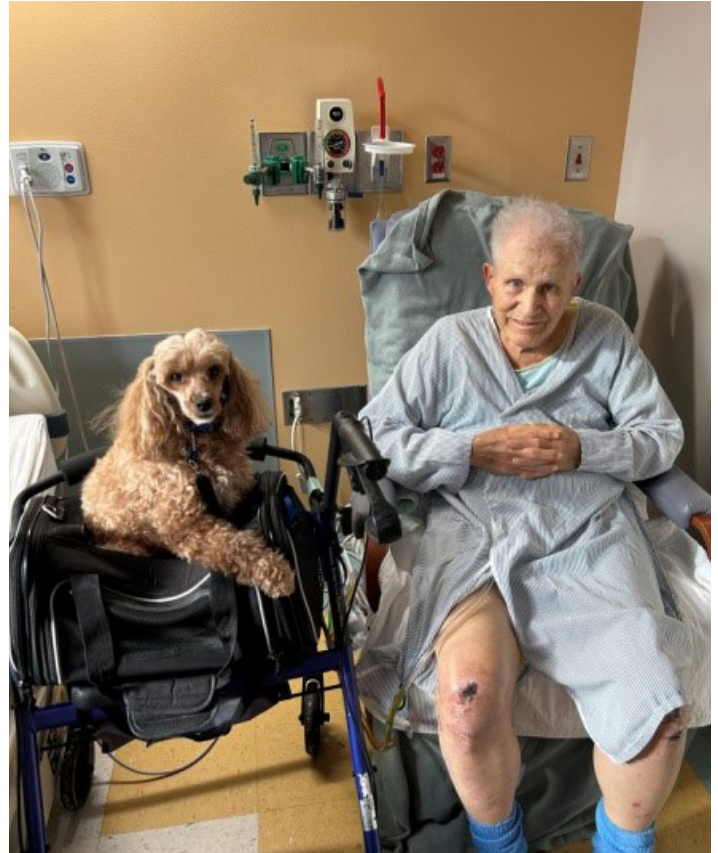
Physical therapists worked with him climbing stairs so he was able get in our door with some help from neighbor, Patrick Stanford.

His mobility is rapidly improving and the large scabs are coming off.

He still has an issue with a kidney stone. Ellie Arguimbau picked him up at the hospital when they discharged him and then picked Chevy and me up to take all of us to Verne's Urology appointment. We will know more by next week.

I sincerely thank the staff at Shoshone Medical Center, Ellie, Patrick, Arliss Blalack, Duane Little, the EMTs, and all praying for Verne for their efforts.

Verne has always looked out for those needing help as evidenced by his many years serving with Silver Valley Habitat for Humanity, starting in 1993, and continuing with Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing until dementia took over. For this, he is my Hero.



*Verne and Chevy at SMC*



## *Brian's Trailer Update*


Things are coming along at Brian's trailer. Unfortunately, we discovered some additional work that needs to be done before Brian is able to move in. There is a section of siding that needs to be replaced on the back of the trailer to cover some exposed insulation, the shower stall needs to be installed, water connections still need to be made and furnace vent covers need to be installed throughout. We are also waiting to have a window replaced. The security lights are hooked up and working. The trailer is incredibly close to being done, and we hope Brian will be able to move in soon!

*Don Matthews installs sheetrock in Brian's trailer*

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- Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
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- 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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**Upcoming Events**

**February 14th** — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

**Thank You, January Donors**



**You give a boost to this  
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## Wish List



**We are down to a skeleton crew and implore you to help.**



Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.

Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.

PR Chair

Volunteer Coordinator

And others – Call Judy 208-682-3240 & leave a message

### ***What is the Fuller Center for Housing?***

The Fuller Center for Housing, faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

The Fuller Center creates partnerships within communities that bring together churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations to build decent, affordable homes in partnership with people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means.

The Fuller Center works in collaboration with our covenant partners, other service-oriented organizations and countless volunteers to build and repair homes. All homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build their own homes, which are then sold to them on terms they can afford, based on the Biblical idea of no-profit, no-interest loans.

With some smaller renovation projects, an innovative payment program called The Greater Blessing Program is utilized, whereby recipients promise to repay the loan amount without signing an actual mortgage agreement. They decide the monthly amount they can afford to repay and the period of time that it will take to repay the cost of repairs. There is no legal obligation to repay these loans. It is a leap of faith in the basic goodness of humankind and is proving to be very successful.

We are committed to good stewardship and work hard to keep our administrative costs low and to select our recipient families wisely. This helps to ensure that the vast majority of your tax-deductible gifts go toward building and repairing homes for those in need.

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