



Virtual Ride the Wall Bike Event Shirt.

### ***Ride the Wall goes Virtual***

With the increase of local COVID-19 cases, it appeared that we could not hold our annual event as usual. First it was delayed from the longest day of the year until September. Now it will be a virtual ride on September 12.

Registration will either be online or via mail. Registration includes your shirt (shown above) which will be mailed to you—together with a certificate from The Snake Pit for their usual Ride the Wall meal of pulled pork sandwich or \$10 toward a different order.

Tom Richards, Snake Pit Owner, is on the board of the Museum of North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene. He said that this year they were holding a virtual fundraising event and requested everyone send in photos to make an album of the participants. We do request that our participants do the same, wearing their Virtual Ride the Wall Bike shirts. The album will be posted online.

The registration fee is the same as before and includes our cost of mailing the shirts:

**ENTRY:** \$40 - payable to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. Either online or must be postmarked by August 29<sup>th</sup> if mailed.

**LATE ENTRY:** After Aug 29<sup>th</sup> - \$50.

### **23<sup>th</sup> Annual WALK-A-THON**

We will be holding our annual Walk-A-Thon as usual on Saturday, September 19. Since this is an outdoor event, we expect it to be a safe fun fundraiser. Please wear your masks and observe the 6 foot social distancing.

(Sorry the wrong date was listed in the calendar last month. That would have put it during the Labor Day weekend.)

Thanks to the efforts of Judy & Verne Blalack, Ellie Arguimbau, and especially Linda Amonson, we have begun collecting prizes for this fundraiser and our Christmas Raffle.

### **Being a Recipient of Greater Blessings**

By Judy Blalack

This is the second time we have been on the receiving end of help when we needed it. The first time was when the 2 Mile Ministries came after the 1996 flood. The 2 Mile Ministries was organized by members of various churches to help those like us who were flooded by the Coeur d'Alene River. In Cataldo, the water rose high enough that Verne canoed over our chain link fence and we had a full basement and 6 inches of water in our living room. We truly appreciated the help removing sopping carpets and pumping out the basement.

Now again we were at the receiving end of willing helpers. Last week, Clint Kunze called to see if we had anyone asking for Greater Blessings projects. All of the many groups scheduled with Idaho Servant Adventurers had to cancel due to the Corona Virus. However, he had a young local group from Spokane Valley scheduled starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They would not be able to do construction.

Since we did not have any Greater Blessings requests at this time, I suggested his group may help with some of the storage structures where we have Fuller Center for Housing stuff stored. Thus we had a crew arrive to help paint, clean and sort Fuller Center tools. They even cut the mailing labels that I've accumulated over the years to be usable as stickers on the Silver Bulletins we mail.

However, there were more volunteers in the group to keep busy and they helped me with my yard & flower gardens, cleaned my food room, vacuumed the garage and shed, and even thinned the apples on a tree. All was accomplished with a smile under their masks.



Tristan, Zoe, Ellie, Grace, Meggie, and Jen from the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley pose in front of the trailer they painted, which is full of Fuller Center insulation. While here they helped with Fuller projects such as vacuuming the storage building at right, sorting tools and cutting mailing stickers. They also helped Judy with lots of yard work and cleaning.

**The Global Home Challenge has expanded from our area.**

Carolyn Hinds came here with the Fuller Bike Adventurers and signed up for our online newsletter. After reading of the Challenge, she contacted Ellie Arguimbau about this event. Not only did she make a significant contribution, but when her granddaughters learned of it, they decided to create their own team. Here is what she sent:

My grandchildren Kallie Joe 10 yrs. and Keegan Ann Marie-7yrs. old have been glad to help raise funds for the Fuller Center for Housing. We created a team of Kallie Joe, Keegan Ann Marie and Grandma Hinds. We started out by riding our bikes. However Kallie Joe was riding a bit too fast as she was turning and ended up hitting the cement. Ouch! After visiting the doctor she now has a cast on her arm for 6 weeks and was instructed not to ride her bike until the fracture has healed. However her enthusiasm has continued and so our team is now walking to help raise funds and awareness for the need for simple, decent housing for everyone.

When Kallie Joe fell, Keegan Ann Maire was there at her side giving encouragement. Yea! Keegan Ann Marie. Yes, encouragement and hope to each other will create more sunshine for us all.

*Thank you, Silver Valley, for making the Fuller Bicycle Adventurers so welcome when they come, stay, and help.*



Patrick Stanford accepts a flier from Judy explaining why the Blalacks are walking an average of a mile a day to complete 80 miles in 80 days for the Global Home Challenge. All the well wishes and donations toward their goal are certainly appreciated. If you wish to help, send a check, Attn: Global Home Challenge, The Fuller Center for Housing, PO Box 523, Americus, GA 31709 and note whom you are supporting. Or, go online to [www.fullercenter.org/global-home-challenge/](http://www.fullercenter.org/global-home-challenge/) where you can donate and learn more.

**We certainly appreciate their help!**



Thanks go to Debbie Johnson of the Funky Monkey for the wine basket donation to be used as a prize in a fundraiser. Verne & Judy used their GPS app to record how much they walked in Wallace that day with Linda Amonson and Ellie Arguimbau.



Rayma Shields donated another lovely gift of an Idaho Garnet necklace from Idaho Silver to be used as a prize.

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John Boy Delaney helped supervise the Lutheran group on the first day, sorting tools, etc. It was interesting to watch as the youth cut down a small cottonwood tree that was crowding the trailer. But when the tree began to tip over the neighbor's fence, John Boy hurried to help them drop it on this side without any damage.

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**Thank You  
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Sad to say, our donor page is not up to date due to the Corona Virus. Tami Atkins, our treasurer, helped take her grandmother to be tested and was thus exposed when her grandmother's test was positive. So Tami is self quarantined until she knows if she is also infected and does not have access to the financial records of the donations made earlier in July. These listed were picked up from our PO Box in Smeltonville by Norm Holtz—thanks, Norm. We expect to include those missing in the next edition.

Tom & Tami Atkins, Ron & La Donna Boothe, Hap Butler, Charles French, Norm Holtz, Ilene Huber, Ronald & Robin Lowe, Laurie Lutz, Marilyn & Tom Patton, Cary Spoor, Gary Stanley, Lois White, Winnie Williams, Necia Wright

**We are honored to receive this memorial.**

*From Judy and Verne Blalack,  
In Memory of Lila Crawford*



Grace worked first with trimming the iris plants & planting flowers and then trimmed Judy's collection of address labels to be used as stickers on our newsletters.

**Coming Events**

- Aug 11—Committee & Board meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
- Sept 12—*Virtual Ride the Wall*
- Sept 19—**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM, Kellogg, ID**



Norm Holtz and Judy Blalack meet to discuss handling the mortgage for Tabatha Weaser's home. Norm also gave the mail to Judy since Tami was in quarantine.

Verne & Judy and John Boy stopped at Tabatha's to check on picking up anything left from construction to be hauled to the transfer station. Tabatha is also waiting to see if her COVID-19 test is positive.



Judy, Verne, and Linda met with Norm at the Red Light Garage to give the mail keys to Norm. Jamie Baker donated a certificate for a prize while we were there.

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- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for one year.
- ❖ 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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***Ride the Wall* REGISTRATION FORM**

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Late Entry, after Aug 29<sup>th</sup> \$50.00.

**LINK TO REGISTER ONLINE GO TO: [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org)**

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