

Fuller Center Golf Tournament

10 golfers attended the golf scramble fundraiser. The winning team was made up of Jeremy Streeter, Mike Livingston, Dustin Walkenshaw, and Cody Lyons. Jeremy Streeter won the longest drive, as well as the 50/50 raffle. He donated the 50/50 proceeds back to the Fuller Center. Thank you to all who participated, as well as those who sponsored the tournament. Dave Smith made a generous donation to the fundraiser.



Judy Blalack and Chevy pose with the Dave Smith banner



Tournament participants tee off



Tami Atkins and Bob Whitman man the booth at the golf tournament



Jeremy Streeter holds his longest drive prize certificate.



The winning team: Cody Lyons, Jeremy Streeter, Dustin Walkenshaw and Mike Livingston



Competitors pose for a picture during the tournament

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

1 Peter 3:8

SVFCH is Accepting Home Applications for New Families!

by Casey Duncan



The Fuller Center in the Silver Valley is finally ready to begin taking applications again. Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing works with prospective homeowners who earn “sweat equity” hours and may eventually purchase their home with a no-interest mortgage.

If you, or someone you know, is renting or living in sub-standard housing, please fill out an application. It is not an easy process, but we currently have several build sites and very few applications and even fewer “hands on” Volunteers.

Take it from someone who personally knows. There is nothing like the feeling of going from renting a substandard home to owning your own home to raise your kids in.

To apply or learn more about the application process, visit our website:

<https://www.svfch.org/>

and click “Apply for a home” to access the application and details.

Certificates of Appreciation

Linda Amonson recently distributed certificates of appreciation throughout Wallace, thanking those who have contributed funds, gift certificates, and raffle items to the Fuller Center.

In 2022, we received donations from over 120 businesses throughout the Silver Valley and Coeur d’Alene. We greatly appreciate the generosity of these local businesses. Some of the donors from Wallace are pictured here.



Jamere Radford, owner of the Pizza Factory.



Katie Bullen, of Brooks Restaurant.



Danylle McClain, owner of The Woodland Market.



Ed Johnson, owner of Johnson's Gems.



Kathy Harper, Executive Director of The Northern Pacific Depot Railroad Museum.

Landing Some Expertise

by Brian R. Lee

Duane Little has seen some changes in the almost two decades he has served on the board of directors for Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. He joined the board in 2003.

The former Shoshone County assessor knows about land values, and he has seen a large increase in those values over recent years. That makes it difficult to help provide affordable housing for low-income people. Wages in the area have not been keeping up, he noted. That increases the need for affordable housing while making it more difficult to provide.

One of the answers, he suggests, might be something along the line of townhouses or row-houses that require less land. In addition to reducing construction costs and land costs, having the shared structure wall between them helps reduce heating and cooling costs. This method seems to be helping provide more affordable housing in other areas, he noted.

“We’ve been pretty lucky. We’ve been given some land in the past,” he said.

Fuller Center has those vacant lots available now.

But building materials are still expensive, he added, although the price of lumber has come down from its peak. Finding sufficient funds to build any house has proven to be a difficult reach. And to build multi-family structures, while reducing the overall cost to a family, still creates greater expenses for the organization since it would involve more than one home. Fuller Center would pay the constructions costs up front and the qualifying person purchasing one of the homes would pay an interest-free mortgage to pay back those construction costs. Coming up with the funds for the initial construction of such a project is challenging.

“You have to have enough people that can afford it,” he added.



Duane Little, top right - pictured with other board members of the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing.



In the meantime, Fuller Center has not been standing still. Little noted that the Greater Blessing program has been very active in helping low-income homeowners with repairs they might not be able to afford, such as on roofs or stairways. And that has provided rewards in itself to both recipients and the Fuller Center volunteers.


“It’s been a great experience, but I’m getting to the age where I’m going to retire pretty soon,” Little said.

Sallie Sprute won the gift basket at the Ride The Wall event.

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*Correction: Last month, the
memorial from Arliss and Suzy
Blalack was for Jerry Walker*

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- PR Chair
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Thank-you letter writer
- Ad payment bookkeeper
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Upcoming Events

August 8th — Board meeting at Pinehurst Lions' Club 5:30 PM

August 18 — 20th — Wallace Huckleberry Festival