



Holy Family Catholic School 8<sup>th</sup> graders, teachers, and family spend several hours working on a retaining wall at Donna Marquette's Greater Blessing site in Wallace.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grader's Experience

Kathy Sells, teacher and coordinator of the Holy Family Catholic School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat, asked 3 students to write a review of their experience:

Written by Matt Foley, Paul Wineinger, and Sam Anderson  
Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Holy Family Catholic School

"We are here because it is our duty as the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of Holy Family to give back to our community," were the words of Paul Wineinger, during their recent 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip and Fuller Center for Housing work opportunity. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of Holy Family Catholic School, located in Coeur d'Alene, aided a local project to landscape the house of Donna Marquette in Wallace. The class was humbled to be able to spend time leaving a mark just 53 miles down the road from where they call home.

Since 6<sup>th</sup> grade the Holy Family students have been required to do a minimum of 14 hours of community service a year, which is why the opportunity to serve was such an important part of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year trip experience. What better way is there to live our faith than by putting it into action to help somebody in need. We helped fortify a retaining wall, we hauled wood for the retaining wall, we planted grass, succulents, and plants to help not only make things look nice, but to help reduce erosion.

This is Holy Family's sixth year working with the Fuller Center for Housing. We'll see you again next year, with a new group of graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



John Wilson, from Careywood, provided great inspiration and support for this year's Ride the Wall bike event. Prior to the start, he painted arrows at all the intersections of the ride. Here he explains the areas of need for the medical volunteers: Steve Knox—Rose Lake QRU; Mark Aamodt—Kellogg Fire Dept; and Dave & Sarah Leeds, Duane Farkas, Sean Curran, and Cory Lewis from the Shoshone Medical Center.

### A Great Evening for a Bike Ride

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride the Wall had perfect weather by late afternoon. We did have 59 participants—mostly from North Idaho, but some from Washington & other states.

We are hoping to clear about \$1500 after all the expenses have been tallied. A big expense is the liability insurance of \$303 we have to have for using the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. We also pay 3% of our net income when that figure is complete for using the trail.

Bikers saw deer and moose. Everyone was enthusiastic about the event and many thanked us for holding it again this year.

Our thanks go to John Wilson who promised last year to help if we continued the ride; to Duane Farkas of Shoshone Medical Center who recruited four more co-workers; to Kellogg Fire Chief Mark Aamodt and Steve Knox of Rose lake QRU, both EMTs; to Officer Tayna Brown of the Shoshone Co. Sheriff's department who ensured safety for the bikers after they crossed the silver bridge and entered the Cd'A River Rd. above the Snake Pit; and to State Park's volunteer, Brad Normand, who directed bikers off the paved trail at Cataldo toward the old Highway 10 bridge.

Special thanks go to Tom Richards of The Snake Pit who offered to chair the event and continue the tradition for a fun time at this event including an excellent BBQ meal with huckleberry ice cream at the end of the ride.

For the first time, online registration was available with credit card payment. We thank Brenda Barton of The Fuller Center for Housing International for arranging this.

*Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.*

*1 Corinthians 10:24*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Group of 40 Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers



1<sup>st</sup> bike support team arrives to get set up at the Kellogg Middle School where they will stay for 3 nights.



They start finding projects to work on at John "Boy's" future home in Osburn. One of the first things will be tearing off the flat roof and walls of the room on this side where some are standing. This was where the whole ceiling was falling in and the floor was warped.



SVFCH Board member, Glory Carlile, visits with Mary Lou Kinsey of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Together we provided dinner after a rainy day of construction.

## The Bicycle Experience

By Jessica Leigh McClain

When I stumbled upon the Fuller Center Bike Adventure website almost two years ago, I had no idea of the profound effect that it would have on my life. As the communications and media specialist for the cross-country summer trip, I have been allowed to accompany the adventure in order to document everything: the cycling, the laughs, the home-building, the camaraderie, and the passion that overtakes us all as we work daily to reach our goals.

The Fuller Center Bike Adventure began in 2008 as an annual fundraiser for the Fuller Center for Housing. Cyclists may join for the entire cross-country trip, or for any of the scheduled weeklong segments. Regardless of a particular rider's time on the trip, they are each responsible for raising \$1 for every mile they will be riding with us. This makes the Bike Adventure the largest annual fundraiser for the organization!

This trip, however, is not just about fundraising, cycling, or seeing the country. While all of these are wonderful, I have come to realize that the Fuller Center Bike Adventure acts as more of a catalyst in motivating participants to recognize their role in helping others who are in need. Many riders register simply because it is the most cost-efficient way to cycle across the country. However, upon seeing the work of the Fuller Center firsthand through our build days, rider's eyes are opened to the needs of this world, and the resulting actions are astounding. I have seen past participants find new covenant partners in order to transform their cities. I have seen college majors be changed in order to foster a career that makes a difference for those who need it. I have seen tears shed at the sheer emotion that accompanies a build day as we work alongside homeowners. Countless stories have been told, listened to, and passed along as the Bike Adventure allows the nation to become more enlightened of the differences that unite us all, and the steps that we have to take to continue building a global community in which poverty housing is no longer a concern.

Personally, I feel immeasurably blessed to have encountered such incredible people with such big hearts during our time here in Kellogg. Working with the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing has only reconfirmed my faith in our mission. There is excellent work taking place here, and I cannot express my gratitude at your allowing us to be a part of it for a weekend. Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing, Oyee!



Five other churches helped provide meals for these bikers. The St. Rita's Catholic Daughters offered their welcoming dinner. The LDS Relief Society took them lunch at the work site, and 3 churches, The Seventh Day Adventist, American Lutheran, and The Christian Life Center provided the final breakfast pictured above. The donations of lodging and food allowed them to donate pledged funds to our project. ☺

## Random shots by Mike & Judy at the Ride The Wall Event



Kathy McPeak sorts the 2016 Ride the Wall shirts, prepared by Gordon Turner, before the crowd arrives.



Sean Curran was stationed at the CCC Road, and Brad Normand stayed at the Cataldo intersection, to direct traffic at along the bike

route. One year two ladies missed the turn onto the CCC Road and finally turned around at the weigh station in the canyon.



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John Delaney

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Arliiss & Suzy Blalack, Kathy McPeak, Debra Bornitz, Judy & Verne Blalack, Nancy Elliott, Paulette Ross, Shannon Souza

### A Special Thank You

We received a \$2000 donation from the Fuller Center for Housing International in recognition of our care for the 2 bicycle groups that stayed and worked with us.

\$1000 from North American Retail Hardware Association  
\$500 from Stanley-Black & Decker  
\$500 from the Bicycle Adventure proceeds.

The stipulation with this grant is that we spend these funds on our current project with small hardware companies.

We have no problem with this since we have excellent relations with all our local hardware businesses, Ace Hardware, Kellogg Lumber Co, Trust Worthy Hardware, and True Value of Pinehurst & of Wallace.

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### Coming Events

July 12—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM,  
Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg  
August—Pinehurst Days  
Sept ?—19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM, Kellogg  
Middle School



Mike Humphrey and Andy Lane assemble the helmets donated by Silver Mountain from their Water Park. They are for sale at the ReUse Store.



Verne met with Blake, and Gordon Milholland, of GM Electric, at the ReUse Store before going to the home site in Osburn. Gordon gave us information of what will have to be done when he rewires it. Thanks, Gordon.



Jim Taylor of Taylor Made Construction shows volunteers from the Holy Family Catholic School group how to dismantle the damaged retaining wall.



Riders start to assemble at the Enaville Trailhead across from The Snake Pit prior to the start of the Ride the Wall family bike event.



Ro Bond welcomes the 1<sup>st</sup> group of Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers to their donated breakfast at McDonald's of Kellogg.



## WISH LIST

Since Construction started on the house in Osburn, John "Boy's" future home, we definitely have been shorthanded at the ReUse Store. We have had special teams of construction volunteers coming especially to help such as the 2 groups of bicyclists and one of the crews from Minnesota staying at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat. Verne and John "Boy", who have been mainstays at the store, are definitely needed to supervise the worksite.

Thus, Kathy McPeak and Kay Baker (excellent salespeople and organizers) are left without muscle for moving, lifting, and loading the merchandise on the 2 days they work. Thus, regrettably, we have had to close the store some days. Call Judy at 682-3240 if you can help.

*The Pig Roast & 2<sup>nd</sup> Group of Fuller Center Bicyclists will be featured in the next newsletter.*

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