



Long time Calder residents, Daina Oliver and her son, Dale Huddleston, pose in front of their home with its roof under construction. This is a Greater Blessings project where friends helped Dale tear off the old sagging roof and install the new one. *Daina sent a thank you, "We have a dry roof over our heads. We appreciate the help."*

### Busy with Greater Blessings

Since we still do not have a home site for Nicholl Deblasieo in Kellogg, we have been busy with several Greater Blessings projects.

Daina Oliver has owned her home for 40 years and the roof is 40 more years older. It had been patched and built with a dip in the middle that caught snow and moisture. Her son Dale ordered new 2x4s for rafters and made the slope straight without the dip. Dale had help from some local friends with the installation.

We also are helping Kathleen McCabe and Michael Sponsel with their home's foundation near Cataldo.



Steve Bristow at Kellogg Lumber waited until Dale and Rick Huddleston arrived with a trailer (which broke down along the way) to pick up roofing materials. Glad they made it before Steve had to leave.



Judy witnesses Kathleen McCabe's signature on her Greater Blessing pledge.



Mike Sponsel, at right, shows Director Duane Little the hole left in the foundation.



Andrew Lane helps Mike unload supplies from Kellogg Lumber.

*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



## We are hoping for another Greater Blessing project



Contractor, Alan Cannaday, of Cataldo Construction, goes with Verne & Judy to evaluate Sharon and Richard White's request for a snow roof over their double wide home. Sharon noted that they are afraid of the wiring may get wet where the roof leaks.

Since they live fairly close to Pine Creek and the river, they are in the flood zone, but Dan Martinsen, of Shoshone County Planning and Zoning, said they can apply for a building permit with a "flow through" structure. One of the difficulties may be ground water requiring that the supports be extra strong.



Kathleen McCabe sent the photo of the ongoing work on her foundation. Glad her home on River View Drive is not in the flood zone (although the lower pasture is), but the house sets up the hill from Cataldo.



Using new and recycled materials, Daina Oliver's home has a straight flat roof. She told Judy on Tuesday that they are warm and dry. ☺

## What is happening with The Fuller Center International?

As a Board Member of The Fuller Center International, I received their financial statements.

On July 30, 2018, the Fuller Center for Housing was awarded a \$370,000 grant by the American Red Cross to further their Hurricane Harvey recovery work in Houston, Texas. This greatly increased The Fuller Center for Housing's ability to serve households that were devastated by the storm.

Last year, The Fuller Center spent over \$1,200,000 in helping with overseas projects.

Another organization, contributed over \$275,000 for building in El Salvador which The Fuller Center oversaw.

They also distributed \$656,900 to Covenant Partners in the United States for local building efforts in 2019. We received a grant of over \$1000 to pay for our expenses during the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers construction stay.

We now have 80 Covenant Partners at work or forming in the US cities and in 20 other countries. All share the principles of The Fuller Center and provide housing opportunities for families in need in their areas. A number of these in the US are new to the Fuller Center having been part of Habitat for Humanity such as we were. Since Habitat is not supporting the smaller groups such as we are, they are offering the International's phone number to learn how these smaller affiliates can switch to the Fuller Center—going back to the "grass roots" philosophy originally set up by Millard Fuller. These new groups can keep their assets when they switch between organizations.

The Fuller Center does support building efforts in the other countries as well. A number of these countries send back tithes as our local group does. Tithing is figured on non designated funds. For instance, mortgage payments and Greater Blessings payments go back into our building funds and are not tithed. Our tithes go to help others in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries with their costs of materials. So in addition to the number of local families we help, we contribute some for other families.



**The Fuller Center for Housing has been rated by three nonprofit watchdog agencies:**

**accreditation from the Better Business Bureau's Wise giving Alliance;**

**Platinum rating from Guidestar;  
rated as a Three-Star Charity by Charity Navigator.**



Brian Lee interviews Kathy McPeak for this article.

## When the Fuller Center holds a fundraiser, Kathy McPeak is probably in the middle of it

By Brian R. Lee

It costs a lot of money to fix up a house, and a lot of people just can't make that sort of thing happen.

But that is what the Fuller Center is there for, and board member Kathy McPeak plays a big part in the gathering of funds to help bring it together.

Born in Wallace, ID, and raised in Smeltonville, she started with Fuller Center seven years ago when she volunteered to help operate the Center's Reuse Store in Smeltonville with her husband Loran. "I enjoy being around people and things," she said. "I just enjoy helping people, and I think that's why I got started in the store for Fuller Center."

Until the store recently closed, it was the homeport for the Center's operations. People could go to the store to donate, but the Center also used a lot of the stock offered for sale there to help in efforts to rehabilitate homes for those needing such assistance. Volunteers working on a house for Fuller Center would shop first at the Reuse Store. Now those volunteers must purchase all of the materials needed, and that means more funds are needed for each house rehabilitated..

"It was so hard for all of us down there to close it," Kathy said. "There just were not enough volunteers."

But that hasn't reduced the time she spends helping the Fuller Center. She is heavily involved in every fund-raising event held, including the bicycle tour every June 21, the annual September walkathons and the Christmas raffles.

"I love being on the fund raising committee," she said.

As the city of Pinehurst prepared for its annual Pinehurst Days, Kathy suggested the Fuller Center organize a golf tournament in conjunction with those festivities, even though she had never played golf. She knew how to prepare food, though, and that was where she helped with this event, leaving the handling of the holes to others.

"Everybody just sort of falls in and helps," she said.

It was so successful that she expects it to return again next year.

The costs of purchasing homes or properties and performing necessary repairs keep going up, making the fund raising aspect even more important for Fuller Center. While they have been mostly focused on rehabilitating existing houses, Judy Blalack said they may get more into building from the ground up if they can find a retired building contractor to help with that kind of project.

But whatever the project, they all take money, and

Kathy knows that. The more she can help raise, the more people that Fuller Center can help, and that's what gives her her drive. She is frequently going around the Silver Valley visiting with various businesses for donations. And it isn't difficult, because the businesses are so willing and generous.

She also spends a lot of time visiting with people in need, often bringing them some of her homemade soup. They may be in need of a warm meal, or they may just need a visit from a friend. Kathy can fill many roles.

Having lived in the Silver Valley most of her life, Kathy has found a lot of people to visit. And that has also proven to be a great asset for Fuller Center.

"She is one person I go to when I need to know who to contact because she knows everybody," Judy said.

It is people like Kathy McPeak and the many donors she introduces to the Fuller Center that make the center the success it is today.




The board wished Kathy well on her birthday as Judy presented her with this article.

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### Greater Blessings Fund

Verne & Judy Blalack, Debra Bornitz, Scherry Colhoff, Andrew Dawson, Joann & Louis Groves, Kathy McPeak, Daina Oliver, Randy Riley, and Joan Zanetti



Verne surprised Janice DeVoe with the raffle she won at our Walk-A-Thon. *Photos by Judy*

### Coming Events

Nov 12—Board & Committee meetings, 6 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg  
Dec 10—Annual Christmas Pot Luck, 7 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church, 525 W Cameron Ave, Kellogg



Our usual helpers came to the October mailing workshop: John Boy Delaney, Norm Holtz, Verne Blalack, Linda Amonson, Maggie Beeler, Gwyneth Faye, Tammy Spears, Ellie Arguimbau and Penny Michael.

Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at St. Rita's Parrish Hall, 27 Kellogg Ave, Kellogg at 9 AM. Call Judy at 208-682-3240 if you can help.



A few members were missing from our October Board meeting, but we had plenty for a quorum and enjoyed companionship. Shown here are Norm Holtz, Verne Blalack, John Hopper, Duane Little, John Boy Delaney, Kathy McPeak, and Ellie Arguimbau.

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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Judy caught up with Krista Kirby and her son Dewey as Krista was leaving the Kellogg School District Office. She works as a substitute teacher 4 days a week. She is holding her copies of the mortgage for her home. So glad for her.



We are still hoping to get an affordable home for Nicholl Deblasieo in Kellogg where she holds several jobs. The costs for homes has really risen recently making it difficult for low income folks to be able to afford mortgages—even with no interest. If anyone can sell us a discounted fix-it-upper that we can afford, please give Duane Little Site Selection Chair, a call at 208-786-7572. The amount you discount can be determined as a donation and applied to your taxes.

## Wish List

- ❖ Board Members from the East end of the county—Wallace & Mullan
- ❖ Newsletter layout assistant to help Judy—usually 1-2 days a month
- ❖ Ad billing helper
- ❖ PR Chair
- ❖ Committee Members
- ❖ Data entry Volunteer
- ❖ Grant Writer Volunteer
- ❖ Construction Volunteers and onsite supervisors

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Mark December 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar so you will remember to come to our annual Christmas potluck.

When: 7 PM, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Where: Mountain View Congregational Church, 525 West Cameron Ave, Kellogg

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