



Lois Dahlberg sets off leading the group of participants for our 19th Annual Walk-A-Thon.

Photo by Judy

Our 19th Annual Walk-A-Thon

Despite gloomy weather with soft rain, twenty participants came to help raise funds for our housing ministry. Together with cash brought to the event and two more pledges, we raised over \$1200! ☺

Participants:

Ellie Arguimbau, Judy Blalack, Jo Davis, Lois Dahlberg, Dave Otto, Donna Otto, Mary Lou Dubiel, Eric Hall, Patti Houchin, Mike Humphrey, Ro Ann Humphrey, Patsy Lemieux, Marilyn McManus, Dan Michael, Penny Michael, Danny Scott, LeRoy Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Samuel Scott, and Jerry White

Business Donors of the Prizes Participants Received:

North Idaho Trading Company, D-Spot Massage, Red Light Garage, Building Maintenance-Wallace True Value, Espresso Barn, Les Schwab, Humdinger Inn, Silver Valley Car Wash, Mamma Bear's Day Care, McDonald's of Kellogg, Fonks, 1313 Club, Wah Hing, Kellogg Subway, Silver Streak Zipline Tours, Sam's Restaurant, Wild Rose Salon, Sports Cellar, Mom's Café and US Bank.

This year, several walkers brought their furry friends to walk with them. We do encourage bringing your pets and baby strollers. Remember, the distance is not as important as your effort to show your support for our work.

Penny Michael served as chair of the event. Her helpers were Dan Michael, Danny Scott, Patsy Lemieux, Patti Houchin, and Sam Scott

Thank You, Everyone



Ellie Arguimbau and Jeannie Rogers sign the moral agreement for repaying our costs of hiring plumber Randall Rosson fix Jeannie's laundry room drain.

Photo by Duane Little



Ellie brings Casey McKinney of the Real Life Ministries to appraise what else is needed at the Roger's home. Removing the huge growth of tansy weeds seems to be first on the agenda, probably with a backhoe. Casey will take his report to his church in hopes some members can help.

Photo by Ellie Arguimbau

Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, humility, and perseverance; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, if any man has a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so you also do.

Colossians 3:12-13

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Mike Humphrey, SVFCH President, introduces Pastor Bill Howard from the Silver Valley Worship Center. Pastor Bill offered a blessing for the event. Also pictured are Jerry White, Eric Hall, Ellie Arguimbau and Donna Otto.



Donna Otto, Ellie Arguimbau, Dave Otto, Patsy Lemieux, Jerry White, Eric Hall, and Dan Scott pose at the turn around spot. Sam Scott rode his bike earlier to place the sign that Dan holds.



Dave and Donna Otto register for the Walk. They brought their pets for a little workout, too.



LeRoy and Elizabeth Scott pass Ellie Arguimbau as they return along the route.



Elizabeth Scott sets a good pace as she heads out.

Photos by Judy, Patti Houchin, and Penny Michael



Grandpa Jerry White asks his grandson, Eric Hall, to hold the prize he won for being in the Walk-A-Thon. The Teddy Bear donated by Mama Bear's Day Care is almost as big as he is. Judy and Ellie enjoy the moment.



The Fuller Center for Housing International Board members met in Atlanta, GA, for their semiannual meeting: Rev. Chet Johnson, Judy Blalack, Karen (Toolie) Warkentien, Bob Abel, Jeff Cardwell, David Forehand, Jackie Goodman, Edgar Stoesz, David Snell, Bill Lee, and Pierre Maloka.

My New Friends and Duties With The Fuller Center For Housing International

By Judy Blalack

I am very impressed with the dedication shown by this board of directors, on which I now have the privilege of serving. Although Verne and I have been working with our local housing ministry since 1993, many of these board members had been involved with Millard Fuller and Habitat for Humanity and are now with the Fuller Center for Housing much longer. Their perspective is not just with the local groups back home but with the global scene. Their Mission Statements reads:

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

In order to accomplish their goals, they must create awareness of their mission to challenge substandard housing not only in the United States but also worldwide. Their new website <http://fullercenter.org> gives a great introduction into various projects here and abroad and how to contribute with funds and/or labor to where you wish ([you can send \\$ on line there and designate it for our efforts here in the Silver Valley](#)). The news posted on their website is updated frequently.

At this time there are 72 Covenant Partners (CP) like the Silver Valley FCH and more are joining—many switching from Habitat, as we did, but some are combining the two housing ministries. They also have worldwide efforts in 21 countries. They are constantly on the outlook for corporate donations which can be passed on to the CPs such as the shipment of Wooster paint brushes and Hyde scrapers we received. We also received \$2000 for hosting the 2 Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers groups in June. One thousand dollars (\$1000) came from North American Retail Hardware Association, \$500 from Stanley-Black & Decker, and \$500 from The Bicycle Adventure Program. The stipulation with this grant is that it must be spent with small hardware companies—no problem here in our small valley.

This International organization accepts donations from like minded organizations, foundations and churches who wish to help relieve the suffering found in so many areas of the world. They realize that ***people wish to remain in their communities if they have decent safe homes—ones to replace the thatch huts that let spiders and insects fall on them and ones that withstand earthquakes like those in Nepal. These poor people truly do not want to become refugees.*** Housing in these locations follows the Jesus economics of not paying interest, but they do repay their mortgages into recycling building funds. The Fuller Center has the infrastructure to put donated funds to work, but some of the donated funds designated only for building materials such as those from New Story Charity require matching funds—thus the constant need for fund raising.

President David Snell recently returned from a trip with 25 others to Armenia where 500 homes have been built since 2008. He noted: “Armenia is an ancient land. Until Turkey annexed it, Mt. Ararat was in Armenia and the Armenian people claim to have descended from Noah’s great-great-grandson, Hayk. They have their own language, alphabet and religion (Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as its state religion) and these factors have helped the Armenians maintain their national identity through centuries of subjugation. . . .

It’s a great blessing to travel from the safety and affluence that we have here to places of great need, but places where our work is making a huge difference in the lives of God’s people in need. My prayer is that we all have the opportunity to experience the joy that our work together brings.”

Join a Global Builders trip. You can find them listed with information at <http://fullercenter.org>. There are openings going to Armenia, Bolivia, Ghana, Haiti, India, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Sir Lanka, and Thailand.

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Paulette Ross, Nancy Elliott, Christina and Jason Mace,
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The Fuller Center draws people of all walks of life together with the common goal of eliminating poverty housing. This is only part of the goal, though; FCfH also builds partnerships and community. People of all beliefs come together and get to know each other. Friendships are formed and love is shared in the act of building a house.

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
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Coming Events

Oct 11—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, 525 W. Cameron Ave, Kellogg
 Nov 5 & 6—Silver Valley Arts, Crafts Fair, Silver Hills Elementary School, Osburn, ID.



Chris Frye and Verne carry a nice table with extra leaves from "Old Blue" into the ReUse Store where it is on display for sale for \$40.



Jerry Hagaman finds a toy in a donation box.. Of course, he had to see how it worked. *Photos by Judy*

🏠 UPDATE ON THE OSBURN HOUSE 🏠

After researching which water heaters are approved by AVISTA for their rebate program, we have ordered an inline heater with Pat Elfsten at Trustworthy Hardware. We have applied through The Fuller Center International for a grant from North American Retail Hardware Association to cover most of the cost. Then the water can be connected. ☺



Dave Otto walks along Jerry White as Jerry carries his grandson, Eric Hall, in the light rain storm. This is my favorite photo of the Walk-A-Thon. *Photo by Judy*



Some of the members of the Board of Directors of The Fuller Center for Housing International are shown here: Pierre Maloka; Chris Johnson (Communications Director); Jackie Goodman; Chairman Bill Lee; President David Snell; Jeff Cardwell; and Toolie Warkentien. Behind Toolie are the makings for our lunch—reminiscent of Millard Fuller’s frugal brown bag lunch meetings when he was alive.



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