



Interim Executive Director's Report

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1. Current Significant Issues

1.1. The Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen served a total of:

1.1.1. 3,750 meals during February. This number includes:

1.1.1.1. 194 Children

1.1.1.2. 3,556 Adults

1.1.1.3. **Crisis Center / Rescue Mission: 927**

1.1.2. These numbers reflect an almost 10% increase over our numbers served in January.

Activities:

1.2. Donations / Partnerships

1.2.1. We still have seen no movement in the two Department of Labor programs that would provide us with paid staffing. However, we did receive a visit from the LDS Service Missionaries program and one of their missionaries is very interested in choosing us his service location.

1.2.2. Habitat for Humanity continues to provide access to their truck, and all we do in return is fill their gas tank when we use it. This continues to be an important partnership.

1.2.3. I have submitted our Letter of Intent to the United Way, with a request for \$10,000 in funding. The LOI is due on March 11, and United Way will notify us on March 21 if we are invited to submit a full application. Full applications are due on April 15 at noon. Grant awards will be announced June 20.

1.2.4. A reminder that we are scheduled to host the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on Thursday, April 21. I have already secured several donated door prizes. Diabla's Kitchen will donate the catering and Farr's Candy will donate both door prizes as well as ice cream dessert. Please be sure to mark your calendars to attend and be present as Soup Kitchen ambassadors.

1.3. Technology

1.3.1. Idaho Gives is a four-day event this year – May 2 – 5. Each board member can be established with your own individual fundraising link and page. I would encourage you to magnify our presence and multiply our impact by reaching out to your own networks during Idaho Gives. Just let me know what you would like to set your personal fundraising goal at and I will set you up with the necessary tools.

1.4. Volunteers / Operations

1.4.1. So far this year, there have only been two instances of teams cancelling their day of service. This is a dramatic decrease from what we were seeing last fall.

1.4.2. We received the shipment of Stone Soup books and I have begun presenting them to our team leaders as special recognition for their leadership and service. They have been warmly and gratefully received!

1.4.3. As a part of renewing our membership with the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, we received two complimentary tickets to their Out of the Box Networking Lunch, which occurs monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Westbank. Please let me know if any of you would like to attend on behalf of the Soup Kitchen.
