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# Views from the Village

Boise Christian Retirement Village Newsletter



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## Praise Report

Bob Weygandt spoke with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge that he is a part of and encouraged a donation to Boise Christian Homes. We were blessed to receive \$5,000 from that IOOF lodge and we're so thankful. Bob sent us some information about Caldwell Lodge #10. It was the first Odd Fellows lodge instituted under the Grand Lodge of Idaho which happened in 1911. The lodge has been active ever since and has done things like supporting Caldwell library's Summer Reading Program and their outreach program for the Labor village in Wilder. He said it was their privilege to help the village with our donation. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows aims to provide a framework that promotes personal and social development. Lodge degrees and activities aim to improve and elevate every person to a higher, nobler plane; to extend sympathy and aid to those in need, making their burdens lighter, relieving the darkness of despair; to war against vice in every form, and to be a great moral power and influence for the good of humanity. Thank you, from all of us here at Boise Christian Homes.



## **Resident Spotlight - Carole Stone**

You may have seen her putting up the mail or delivering the bread she brings to us through her bread ministry. She often provides the cakes for our birthday celebrations. And what about her beautiful potted plants? Do you recognize our resident yet? Yes, it's Carole Stone, our wonderful go-to when someone has a need or there is an opportunity to serve.

Carole has been involved in ministry for many years. She and a friend began a food ministry to the needy run through the kitchen facilities of the then Central Christian Church (now Hill City Christian). Their small endeavor grew until they opened their door to welcome Boise High School students, and it became a youth ministry as well serving up to forty meals a day.



As a member of her church, she was asked to run to serve on the board of Boise Christian Homes. Each supporting church can have up to three members on the board. She ran, was elected, and has served in several capacities both on and off the board.

Obviously, her heart of service still directs her as a resident of the village. She does grocery shopping, gives rides to doctor's appointments, plays a mean game of Hand and Foot, and is a wealth of information to help us all navigate life. (Just be careful if she offers you some of her homemade salsa. Her love of the jalapeno is legend!) - Written by Karolynn Hutchison

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**Our greatest need is funding for daily operations  
and funding for our redevelopment.**

**Some Ideas:**

**Set up a recurring monthly donation.**

**Speak with local business owners about support.**

**Come and spend time with the residents and  
you'll see what God is doing here.**

**Safe and secure donations can be made through:  
<https://www.boisechristianhomes.org/donate>**

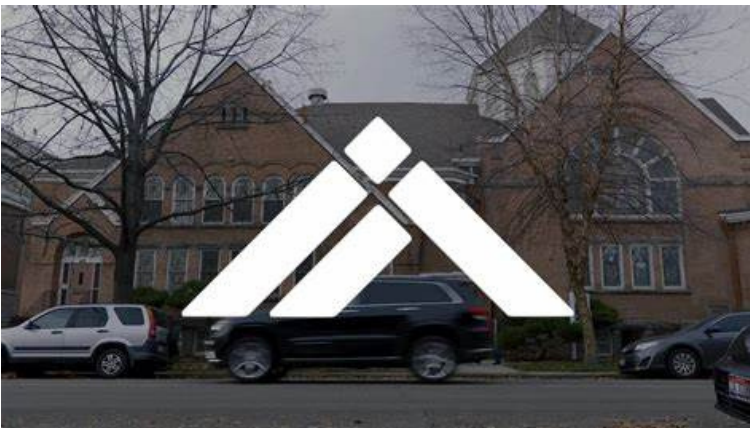
## Special Thanks to Hill City Church

Hill City Church in Boise has been so good to us, and we wanted to dedicate some space here in the newsletter to thank them. They have volunteered so many hours with care and love. They've also come out consistently to have fun with us. They've played games with the residents, worked on art projects, and have spent time in conversation.

We have been so blessed by the congregants and pastors of Hill City Church. Their smiling faces and Christ-like characters are a testament to the Spirit working in and through Hill City Church. Join us in praying for God's blessings to pour out on them.

One of the biggest blessings for the residents has been all of the time spent interacting with Hill City's youth group. Every time those young people are here at the retirement village, they show that there is so much hope for the next generation of Christ-followers.

All of us here at Boise Christian Homes and every resident of the Boise Christian Retirement Village thank Hill City Church for their faithfulness to God's mission.



Thank you

## Administrator's Corner

My hope is that every person who sees this newsletter would know how much love and work goes into this ministry. I think it's evident that God is moving in this place. His plan advances regardless of what we do, but I think it's of utmost importance to always be listening for any portion of His plan that He might reveal to us. It brings to my mind Deuteronomy 6:4 some might recognize it from the Shema Prayer.

***“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”***

‘Shema’ is the Hebrew word often translated ‘hear’, but the meaning is so much deeper than just hearing. We are to hear AND respond accordingly. As in hear that the LORD our God, the LORD is one and then live your life with that in mind. God’s Word tells us so much about what God wants from us. If we are going to accept that He is who He says He is, we need to follow through. People like Bob Weygandt and the folks over at Hill City Church. They not only hear, they also respond.

Please, join our community of supporters. We need volunteers and funding. I believe that every visit to the village and every donation is an act of listening and responding accordingly. I pray that God blesses your September.

Written by Michael Morris, Administrator for Boise Christian Homes

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## Partner with Us

You can join our community in many ways:

- Set up a recurring donation through our website or your bank.
- Set up a large one-time gift for the village.
- Send a donation by check or drop one off and visit with us.
- Come visit with residents or serve on a volunteer basis.
- Organize a group to come out and serve.
  - There’s always gardening, weeding, beautifying, etc.
- Pray for us.