

# Foster Care Furniture

A brief history of  
our  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# A Message to Our Supporters

- Both of my daughters have asked me to dissolve my nonprofits and step away from nonprofit activities.
- Since my highest priorities in life are God and family, I have reluctantly chosen to honor my daughters' wishes.
- This presentation reflects what we have accomplished with our 15 years of community service, foster care advocacy, and child abuse prevention efforts.

# Awareness through Golf

- Organized tournaments dedicated to child abuse prevention awareness.



Partnered with golf associations, businesses, and volunteers to unite the community around protecting children and supporting families.

# Fashion Shows for Child Abuse Prevention

- Produced five fashion shows in partnership with local pageant organizations, Dillard's, and The Cottonwood Grille.
- Contestants from across Idaho helped raise awareness for child abuse prevention.



# Idaho Steelheads & Boise Hawks Partnerships

- Ceremonial first puck drops at Idaho Steelheads games
- First pitches at Boise Hawks games
- Bicycle giveaways for children
- Partnership with Boise Bicycle Project



# Picnics in the Park

Over four years:

- Served more than 5,000 lunches
- Pantry items were provided to take home
- Hosted games and activities for children
- Welcomed Star Wars troopers to entertain the kids and their families



# Child Abuse Prevention Force

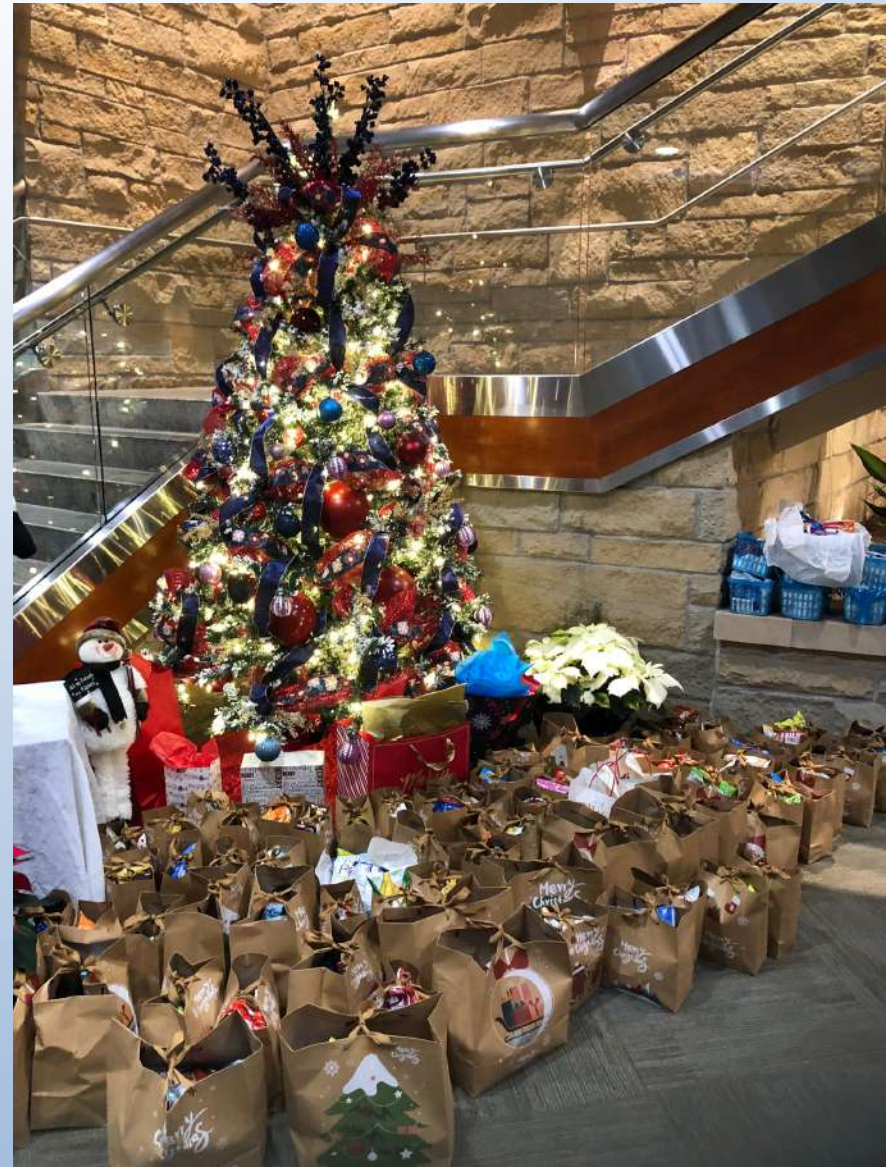


# Baskets of Gratitude Program

- During COVID-19:
- Supported overworked and exhausted healthcare workers at community hospitals
- Worked with community volunteers and DeMeyer Furniture



For Three Years, Donated over 500 Gift Baskets Annually



# Child Abuse Prevention March

- Organized a march from the Boise Art Museum to the Idaho Capitol.
- 172 miniature coffins were placed on the Capitol steps symbolizing children who had died due to faith-based medical neglect.
- Advocated for stronger child protection laws.



Medical professionals estimate that 90% of these children could have survived with modern medical care.



# Tuesday Night Dinners

- Partnership with Boise Food Pantry, Corpus Christi Church, Boise Rescue Mission, and volunteers.
- A decade of service



Program now serves more than  
7,000 meals annually.

# Legislative Advocacy Efforts

- Worked with legislators, the Idaho Children's Trust Fund, law enforcement, and community leaders to advocate for reform of Idaho's religious exemption laws.



# Dark Clouds of Canyon County

- Sponsored documentary screening at the Idaho State Capitol's Lincoln Auditorium.
- Included public discussions and community panels focused on child protection advocacy.



# Foster Care Furniture Program

- Partnered with organizations including:

- College of Idaho
- General Contractors Association
- Maker Shop and Woodcraft

Built furniture offering training opportunities for foster youth



Furniture was sold to help pay for program costs

# Foster Care Day at the Capitol

Participated annually to:

- Promote foster care awareness
- Meet with legislators
- Strengthen agency partnerships



# Media & Public Awareness Campaigns

Worked with local television, radio, and newspapers to increase awareness for foster care and child abuse prevention.



Multiple News Stories Broadcast Our Message to thousands of viewers throughout the state

# Recognition Awards

Received Child Welfare Award from Idaho Health and Welfare

Director Alex Adams

Recognized for foster care advocacy and community service



We were also honored to receive the Jefferson Award through KBOI-TV in recognition of our work promoting foster care awareness and community support

# Training Programs To Auctions

- Provided mentorship, teamwork, and hands-on furniture-building experience.
- Furniture given to charities to sell at their auctions



Projects raised thousands of dollars for charities serving children and families

# Mrs. World

We brought Mrs. World to the Boise City classrooms to inform the kids about abuse prevention and how they could get help if they were experiencing anxiety.



# Public Market Outreach

- Maintained displays at the Idaho Capital City Public Market.
- Hosted games, outreach activities, education programs, and community engagement events.



# New Chapter Communities

- New non-profit focused on housing and healing for aging-out foster youth and trauma survivors.



- Launching exposure connected us with two major developers:
  - 37 acres being created for aging-out foster care camp in the mountains just outside Emmet, ID
  - Another group focused on building a Healing Center for those suffering from trauma

Two exciting projects. I am working with both of them



# Some Disappointments



- Religious exemption laws were not fully repealed
- Foster Care Furniture could not reach as many youth as hoped
- A mistake I made led to my two daughters asking me to step down from nonprofit work. I deeply regret the pain I caused them.

# Reflections & Gratitude

- The disappointments are real, but so are the lives touched, the relationships built, and the positive changes made along the way. For that, I will always remain grateful.



- The mission brought together volunteers, donors, businesses, agencies, and families to support vulnerable children and individuals.
- Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed.

# Continuing the Mission

- Although I dissolved the nonprofits, the commitment to helping children, foster youth, families, and trauma survivors continues.



- Bruce Wingate