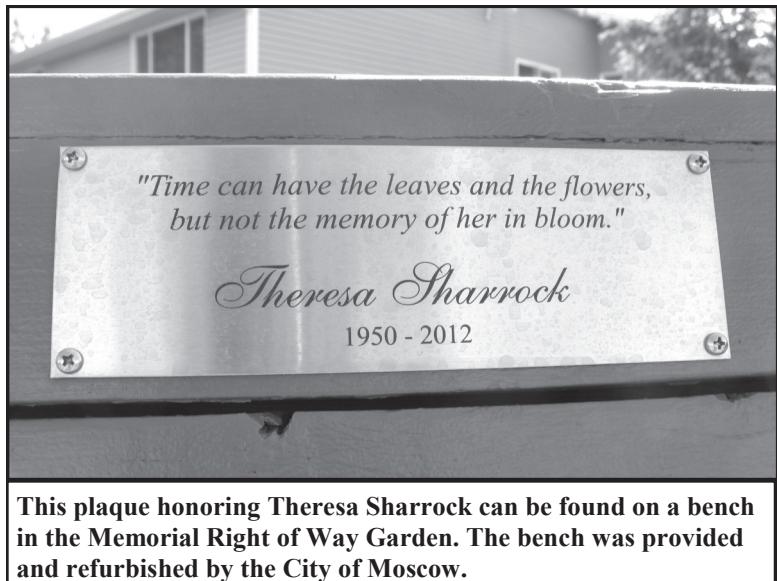


New garden honors city employee Theresa Sharrock

I will do my best to honor Theresa's vision for having a garden at the Moscow City Shop. She had envisioned turning unused areas at the shop into numerous garden plots. This idea stimulated Tyler Palmer, Street Supervisor, to approach us with the possibility of being able to use the right-of-way next to our facility for a garden area. Tyler took the idea to his boss, Les MacDonald, who approved the Encroachment Agreement. Theresa was able to see her vision become reality before she passed away in June 2012. The food produced from the garden provided fresh vegetables to our clients and folks who access our food bank in Troy. One idea can grow to feed many.

Seeds, plants and monetary assistance were provided by the Moscow Garden Club, Logan-Zenner Seeds, Inc., and a number of individuals from the community. The garden was planted and then put to sleep in the fall with help from Real Life Ministries and Humanists of the Palouse. Thank you, everyone! And especially, thank you, Theresa Sharrock!

—Stephen Bonnar

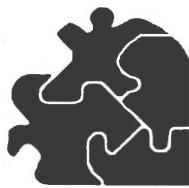


This plaque honoring Theresa Sharrock can be found on a bench in the Memorial Right of Way Garden. The bench was provided and refurbished by the City of Moscow.



A Note About Our Mailing List

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Mission Statement

Sojourners' Alliance is a private, non-profit organization working toward a community vision of dignity and equality for all people.

Our mission is to promote the personal growth, empowerment and self-sufficiency of people in transition by providing basic services, and education in interpersonal and life skills.

From the Director's Chair

I made a mistake. It happens to the best of us. We received the Emergency Shelter Grant for this region, allowing us to financially assist households who are being evicted or who are homeless. I knew our funds would be tight at the end of November because of payroll and the rental assistance we pay on ten households through a different grant. I let my heart get in the way when seven households presented themselves in need of help. We prevented those seven households (11 adults and 15 children) from being homeless, but because of that choice, I was unable to meet our payroll obligations. This situation is a reminder to myself that we can't be all things to all people but we are most certainly trying to make a difference while actively improving our financial solvency.

We have been energetically involved in the Poverty on the Palouse Forum. The forum has stimulated the development of the Family Promise program which will house homeless families in local churches for up to 90 days. Another off-shoot of the forum is that the CHAZ Clinic is exploring opening up a medical clinic that would provide services to low income individuals in Moscow. We are proud of our involvement in stimulating discussions about issues in our community that are now leading to positive solutions.

Our first foray into selling Sojo Dogs at the Renaissance Fair was fairly successful. We learned that we need to cook our sauce in a state approved facility, and were unable to find one on short notice, so the Dogs were sold that time around without the Special Secret Sauce. Next time we will have the sauce with our Dogs!

The house painting business is growing and we expect to make it more profitable by asking local service groups to donate some time by scraping/sanding for one day; the time donated would reduce our payroll expenses.

The 2nd Annual Yard Sale took on a life of its own requiring us to move it to a bigger venue. The number of folks volunteering to make this happen was amazing. And, it was extremely successful!

Our 4th Annual Fall Breakfast went smoothly although attendance was lower than previous years primarily due to a Vandal Football game that day.

The 8th Annual Academy Awards Gala Event is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2013 at the 1912 Building.

We received a grant of \$18,881 from the 2012 Community Strategies grant for our Case Manager position. We typically use our allocated federal funds for this position within six months, leaving us to pay out of pocket the remaining wages. This grant is giving us the breathing space to establish solid fundraising/revenue-producing ventures. If it were not for this grant, we would have experienced severe financial hardship this fall.

We appreciate and value all the help we receive from our supporters. Without your donations, we would not be able to meet the growing needs of our community. Thank you!

—Stephen Bonnar

Moscow transplant combines passion for painting with volunteerism

David Wells moved to Moscow from Bradford, Pennsylvania in June 2011. He describes the town he grew up in, in the upper northwest corner of Pennsylvania, as a small town similar in ways to Moscow. When asked about Bradford, he proudly stated that Bradford is the home of the Zippo Lighter. He began his professional career as a sign painter at the age of 16, working for the company his grandfather started in 1913. He became co-owner with his father in 1992 and continued working until closing the business in 2011. The challenges he faced to maintain the business were daunting due to the technological advancements necessary to stay competitive along with maintaining the building, described as a “money pit”. In addition to the financial challenges, his father died the year before and David was divorced after 32 years of marriage. This combination of events led him to seek a change of scenery. The change occurred as a result of a friend, who lives in Moscow, telling him about the area.

people come in. It's nice to help out people just like people have helped me when I needed it.” David distributes the USDA Commodities to income eligible households and will often be seen helping carry food out for those accessing the food bank. He regularly assists the food bank manager on trips to Lewiston for food pick-up

David found employment within a month of arriving; however, the job only lasted two months before he was laid off. He initially accessed the Troy Food Bank for his own personal needs but quickly transitioned into volunteering. His experience working at the food bank is “always fun. Lots of different peo-

and delivery. Beyond his direct help with the food bank, David painted murals in the entryway and walls of the food bank, and several signs for the outside of the building.

In addition to David's passion for painting and computer graphics, he has been playing the electric bass for 30 years. He

described playing in a jazz band for eight years with his father, 12 years in a rock & roll band, and a couple of years in a blues band. He currently works at Walmart doing maintenance but hopes to have full-time work in the future that combines his art work with painting signs. When asked about his thoughts on living in Moscow for one year, he said, “The Palouse

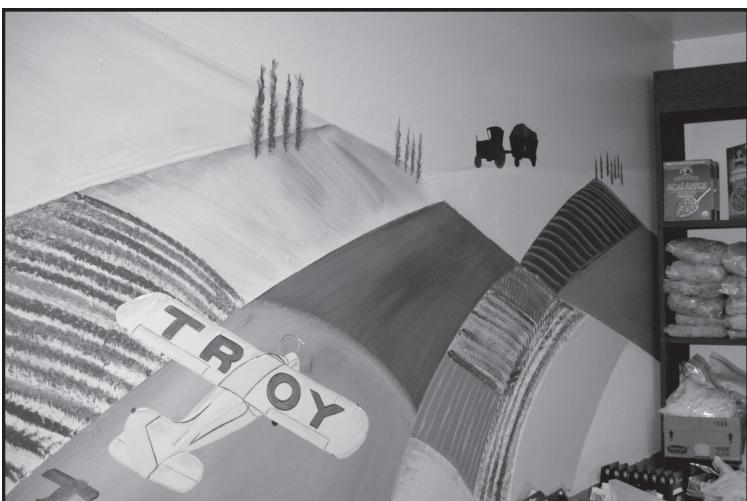
is beautiful. I hope to have a chance to see more of the Northwest in the future.”

Thank you, David, for your time, energy, and passion in helping make the Troy Food Bank more comfortable for those in need.

— Stephen Bonnar



Volunteer David Wells stands with one of the new murals he painted at the Troy Food Bank



"I can no other answer make but thanks. And thanks, and ever thanks."

~William Shakespeare

Since our last newsletter in the spring, grants, monetary donations, and in-kind donations of food, toiletries and household items have been received from **Emmanuel Lutheran's Mary Circle**, the **Inland Northwest Community Foundation**, **First United Methodist Church**, **United Way of Moscow/Latah County**, **Club Moscow Volleyball**, the **Association for the Education of Young Children at University of Idaho**, **Moscow Cares**, **Moscow Presbyterian Women**, the **Gap Foundation Gift Match Program**, **ADK Moscow Teachers' Philanthropic Organization**, **US Bancorp Foundation**, **Eagles Auxiliary #2277**, **St Mark's Episcopal Church**, the **Latah Human Rights Task Force**, **First Presbyterian Church of Moscow**, **Troy Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, the **Moscow Food Co-op's Impulse Giving Program**, **McKinstry Co. Charitable Foundation**, **EcoAnalysts Inc.**, **Northwest Nations Upward Bound**, **Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse**, **Latah County Community Foundation**, **Living Faith Fellowship**, **Five Star Equity**, the **Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary**, the **Third Annual Intolerista Wingding**, **Vandal REPS** and the **Nearly Naked Dash** at the University of Idaho, **Rotary Club**, the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** of both **Moscow** and **Troy**, the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**, and the **Seventh-Day Adventists of Moscow and Pullman**, **Project Night Night** by **First United Methodist Church**, and **Mister Cabinet**. Of course, we also want to thank all of our individual contributors, big and small, one-time and recurring, and too numerous to mention here. Whether organizing a massive food drive or dropping by a few extra toiletries, every little bit helps us help others. **Thank you!**

Our annual **Fall Breakfast** at the 1912 Center was held on November 3, and despite competition from UI football and Dad's Weekend was another success! Many, many thanks go to the **women of St. Mary's Catholic Church**, **St. Augustine's Catholic Church**, **First Presbyterian Church**, and **Moscow Church of the Nazarene**, the **Emmanuel Lutheran Church Outreach Committee**, **First United Methodist Church**, the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, **Wheatberries Bake Shop**, **Archer Photography**, **Tri-State** and **McDonald's**, as well as all the volunteers who cooked, spoke and just made the whole thing work!



On several occasions, Girl Scout Troop #2200 has gathered boxes of Girl Scout cookies for us. Each time the cookies were a huge hit and a very special treat for our clients, both at the shelter in Moscow and the food bank in Troy. Pictured here with part of the last batch (87 boxes total!) are Scouts Tegan Campbell and Samantha Brownell, with Sojourners' Executive Director Steve Bonnar and Office Manager Elaina Pierson.

The **Second Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser** was held on August 11 and was another huge success. This event required a lot of work, and could not have been pulled off without the tireless effort of **Kathy Kearney**, **Cindy Lou Ament**, **Cindy Magnuson**, **Deb Rupp**, **Cece Connors**, **Elisabeth Berlinger**, **Ginger Rankin**, **Barbara Jo Vandehay**, **Jill Dacey**, **Debbie Sutton**, the many volunteers who helped set up and take down, as well as **The Storage Spot**, **Moscow Mini Storage**, and **Safeway**.



Black and white just doesn't do justice to this beautiful afghan, given to Sojourners' by fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders in Russell School's Knitting Club, led by teacher Carolyn Jensen.

Wish List

If you can help by contributing any of these items, they would be greatly appreciated.

- Toilet paper
- Large garbage bags (30+ gallon)
- Hand soap & sanitizer
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Mops & mop buckets
- Brooms & dustpans
- Vacuum cleaners
- Coffee, coffee makers & filters
- DVD players/VCRs
- Pillows
- Pots & pans
- Laundry baskets

For the Troy Food Bank:

- Tuna
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Toilet paper

Our needs are always changing. If you are unsure about particular items you would like to donate, don't hesitate to give us a call at (208) 883-3438. Thank you!



An idea that started five years ago became a reality this summer. Children from the Moscow School District's Adventure Club painted one section of the retaining wall behind our office, under the guidance of Rebekah Rust. We plan on making this a regular summer project. Thank you, David Garnett, for facilitating this project.

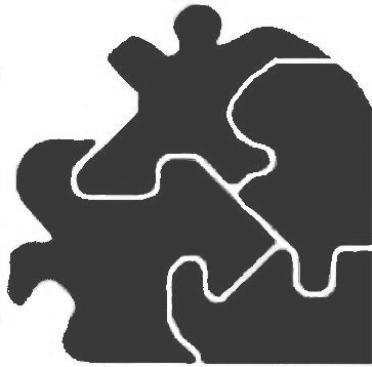
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