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## Angel Tree Wishes

We are absolutely ecstatic about the response from all of you wonderful NIFC employees who took a tag from the Angel Tree in the lobby and brought in those unwrapped toys for the needy children in the valley. As you can see, the toys donated are significant. A huge thank you to everyone who participated by giving.



## NIFC Holiday Party A

### Success

We were one person short of 100 attending the Holiday Party at the Winter Garden aGlow this year. Life's Kitchen catered the delicious turkey dinner and Allen Deitz, Becky Brooks, and Bonnie Wood provided sumptuous desserts. Centerpiece baskets were donated by a number of generous people and were given as door prizes by way of a computer generated drawing system devised by Scott Bradshaw. The tent was warm

and cozy and the mood festive. We were able to enjoy the company of fellow employees and their spouses outside the confines of the NIFC environment. We have heard only positive comments from the after-party hall chatter and hope all who attended had fun.



## Save the Date



January 23, the Wednesday after Martin Luther King Day the NIFC Employees Association

is hosting a free lunch

catered by Goodwood Barbecue.

This will be the kickoff party for our new health and wellness challenge. Please mark the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January on your calendar (this is one day later than previously posted) and look for a flyer to be sent soon with all the information on how to sign up and where to get lunch tickets.

## Christmas Shopping, NIFC Style

When you are Christmas shopping, remember you can do your Christmas and other holiday shopping at the NIFC store located in the lobby of the Jack Wilson building. We have the famous NIFC cookbook, several different kinds of coffee cups, (root)beer mugs, NIFC pens, hats, shirts, water bottles, and even beanies. We are open from 7:30 to 4:30 for your shopping convenience. We cannot accept debit or credit cards though – just cash or check!



## Barrels of Food for Food Bank

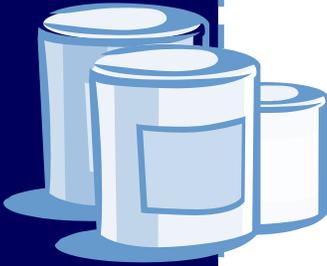
The Idaho Food Bank picked up food from the NIFC Food drive on December 11. Our best guess is we contributed between 300-400 pounds of food. Thanks to all who donated! We know there are so many places where your donations of food, toys and money can go this time of the

year so we especially appreciate what you have done here. A special thanks to Stan Palmer and Genny McGrath for making sure the blue barrels were placed around the base and all the donated food was taken to the pick-up point. We could not have done this without your help.

## Walking the Trails of America



This year's version of Walk Across America will be spearheaded by Kris King. This time the challenge will be for one year using the walking trails of America as our guides. Each month there will be a brown bag lunch with a speaker addressing issues that face people trying to maintain good health and nutrition. Keep tuned to your e-mail and bulletin boards for the specifics as we get closer to the starting date.



### Retiring Folks!

Congratulations and best wishes to Cheryl Molis, Bonnie Wood, Tory Henderson, and Molly Haarhoff on their upcoming retirement. We hope you enjoy every minute of your well-earned freedom.

### Bundles of Joy

Congratulations to new parents Shannon Spies, Billie Farrell, and Jason Brandt. They all recently welcomed beautiful little girls into their families.



## Holiday Party for the Kids

The Children's Christmas Party on December 15 was delightful as more than 35 children and their families enjoyed all the food, fun, and activities. Children made their own ornaments and anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. Smiles adorned every child's face as they watched him drive up on a big red engine. He joined the party and handed out gifts to everyone. The staff at the National Park Service made this party a very special event for one and all. Their hard work and efforts were reflected in the sparkling eyes of the children!



**News Wanted!** If you know of anyone who needs some special attention i.e., they've had a baby, have had surgery, are going through difficult times and need some help or encouragement, please let us know by contacting any of the officers listed in this newsletter. We are here to serve the needs of all NIFC employees no matter which agency they work for or under what contract. When you think about it there really are no NIFC employees – just people who work for different companies at a place called NIFC.