

Your Neighbor: The Volunteer who Brings Food to the Needy



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When We Met

Bobbie Goss started volunteering because she saw a need in her community. For the last four years, she has delivered food to elderly men and women in Hagerman. She delivers food every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and also works the desk of the Hagerman Senior Center. Her sister Rose Irwin is the site manager of Hagerman Senior Center.

“The good Lord put me in a good position. I have a lot of time to do it and a lot of people don’t have a lot of family here,” Goss said. “There’s a need for that, there really is.”

How You Might Know Her

Goss, 80, moved to Idaho in 1980.

“I just fell in love with Hagerman. It’s a great place,” she said.

Goss is also involved with the Hagerman Chamber of Commerce and has served on the board of directors.

She’s a founder of the Magic Valley Republican Women, which started in 1994.

Goss was recently honored as the Idaho winner of the Home Instead Senior Care network’s Salute to Senior Service award. Goss was recognized for her dedicated community service, including her work at the Hagerman Senior Center, the Idaho Federation of Republican Women and the Hagerman Chamber of Commerce. As one of 50 state winners, Goss earned \$500 for her charity of choice — the Hagerman Senior Center — donated by Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network and contest sponsor.

Goss will also have a spot on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame on SaluteToSeniorService.com where her nomination story has been posted, says a press release from Home Instead, Inc.

“Bobbie represents so well the dedication and commitment that make senior volunteers such a value to their communities,” said Jeff Huber, president of Home Instead, Inc., in a press release. “She has proven once again that age is meaningless when it comes to making a difference. So many charities, nonprofit organizations and faith communities could not do the work they are doing without selfless volunteers such as Bobbie.”

What’s Next for Her

Goss said she was surprised when she found out about the award.

“I was shocked of course. I just love people. I always have since I was little,” she said. “People care about each other and their neighbors, I was raised that way. That’s what we are here for, that’s why God brought us here.”

Tell Tetona Dunlap whom she should meet next for her weekly column: 735-3243 or tdunlap@magicvalley.com.