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Resource center connects those in need with help

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TREASURE VALLEY — Volunteers are the backbone of the Treasure Valley Community Resource Center, a local agency that helps callers locate local resources and information. Co-founder and president Jette Rogers answered some questions about TVCRC and the service it offers.

IPT: How does the Treasure Valley Community Resource Center work to help the local community?
Rogers: TVCRC is an all volunteer organization; we are a telephone referral agency. Dedicated volunteers help callers locate resources and information. We also hold resource meetings for the community every other month (this event is co-sponsored by Caldwell School District). We are active in the Region III Housing Coalition and serve as a clearing house for resource information for the community. We also publish a Referral Directory that is updated annually and an informational website including a community events calendar and Facebook page. Our web site is www.idahoconnections.org. We also have held an annual Information Fair for the last 13 years to promote agency networking and help the public meet the agencies in an informal setting.

IPT: What is your mission or goal?
Rogers: To connect those who need help with those who can help them.

IPT: How did this effort become what it is today?
Rogers: A lot of hard work, networking and dedicated volunteers.

Contact the Community Resource Center
To contact the Treasure Valley Community Resource Center, call 459-9263. The best hours are between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can also e-mail TVCRC@yc2.net or visit www.idahoconnections.org.

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IPT: How do you raise money? How do you use any money raised?
Rogers: We earn money by selling our Referral Directory and holding the annual Information Fair. We pay phone, computer, cell phone and Internet services. We have donated some funds to WICAP to help with heat assistance in Canyon County.

IPT: Can you estimate how many people you are able to serve?
Rogers: We have between 10-15 phone calls per day.