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Veterans Group Gets Boost

Homeless veterans in the Treasure Valley received a major boost from members of the Church of the Rock, who donated 50 backpacks filled with hand-warmers, clothing, toiletries and shelf-stable food items.

The backpacks and many other donations over the past months are part of an ongoing Veterans Serving Veterans-sponsored drive "to keep our veterans warm and fed" and will be distributed April 11 at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the Nampa Light House Mission.

The Idaho Department of Labor is working with Serve Idaho AmeriCorps veterans, the Veterans Administration Homeless Veteran Program and the Veteran Advocates of Ore-Ida to secure additional donations. Collection points are at Department of Labor offices in Mountain Home, Boise, Meridian, Canyon County, Emmett and Payette.

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, is a division of the Idaho Department of Labor. The commission administers Idaho's AmeriCorps programs, Idaho's Promise, the Governor's Brightest Star Awards and hosts the annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The commission developed the state model for Emergent Volunteer Reception Centers established during disasters for the Bureau of Homeland Security. Serve Idaho is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor.

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