



Greg Habel, left with
John Bodden

Idaho Power - Giving Back to the Community

Recently Idaho Power made another contribution to MVRS in support of *People With Abilities*. Greg Habel, Vice-President of the Employee Community Service Fund at Idaho Power (Southern Region), presented the check for \$649 to John Bodden, MVRS Executive Director.

"Idaho Power has always been a company that gives back to the community," said Bodden. "They understand our mission in the community, and they support it through the donations they've made for many years now."

Habel said Idaho Power employees have always appreciated what MVRS does for persons with disabilities throughout the eight counties of South Central Idaho, and have shown that through their individual contributions.

Thank you Idaho Power!

The 6th Annual MVRS Dinner & Auction

If you are looking for an evening full of fun, laughs, entertainment, great food, and dozens of items you can bid on or win, you don't want to miss this event. MVRS will be holding its' **6th Annual Dinner & Auction on Friday, April 10th at the Turf Club here in Twin Falls.**

Doors at the Turf Club will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. Chicken, pork and a number of other items are on the menu, and a no host bar will be available.

Mr. Jim Howard of Hagerman will function as the Chief Auctioneer (and comedian) for the evening. Dozens of live and silent auction items will be available during the evening, and a number of other items will be raffled. These include get-away trips; family fun packages; golf and bowling packages; numerous handcrafted items including furniture, quilts and clothing; gift baskets; certificates for dining; certificates for auto, veterinary, dental and other services; and so much more. We guarantee there will be something for everyone at this Event!

Tickets for the Dinner & Auction are just \$15.00 per person (\$10.00 of this is a tax deduction). Tickets will also be available before and during the event for two Grand Get-away drawings, one to Bend, Oregon, and one to Las Vegas. These are \$10.00 each, and you need not be present to win. **Seating is limited and last year's event was sold out, so if you're planning to attend tickets should be purchased in advance. Call 208-734-4112 for tickets, or detach and return the reservation form included with this newsletter.**

"The dinner/auction is a great time. It has always been such a big success because of the support we get from so many individuals and businesses from communities in, and even outside the Magic Valley," said MVRS Executive Director John Bodden. "This is our annual fund raiser, and it has grown each year we've held it."

Bodden indicated MVRS relies heavily on this fund raiser to supplement state and federal funding received for services provided. "The success we have at this event is critical for persons with disabilities in South Central Idaho in terms of their ability to access our services," he said.

All proceeds from the event will benefit MVRS programs and services. Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services is a private, non-profit agency which has a 42 year history of providing training, employment, personal development and related services to persons with disabilities.

Use this order form or give us a call at 734-4112

Name _____ Telephone # _____
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- \$ _____ Event Tickets (\$15 each)
- \$ _____ Grand Get-Away Tickets (\$10 each)
- \$ _____ Event Sponsor (\$100 minimum, includes 2 free event tickets)
- \$ _____ Donation
- \$ _____ Total Due

Enclosed is my check payable to MVRS in the amount of \$ _____ or Charge my credit card \$ _____
 Mastercard Visa Credit card # _____ Expiration date _____

Detach this form and mail it along with your
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Satisfaction Survey Results

Each year MVRS formally solicits input from our Program Participants, their Parents/ Caregivers/ Residential Providers, and from Employers on their satisfaction with the services provided here. These surveys are normally completed in February, and this year MVRS experienced about a 90% response rate. Results from the survey are reviewed and discussed by MVRS Board and Staff members during the strategic planning session, and are used to adjust and guide the services offered here.

This year 98.5% of respondents indicated they were satisfied with the services received; 100% indicated they wanted to continue in these programs and services; and 100% reported they were treated with respect and dignity by all MVRS staff members.

One of the open-ended questions posed to participants and their caregivers on the survey was "What do you like best about your program?" Far and away, the most common answer was "Being/working with my friends, and the MVRS staff."

Some of the specific comments made by participants and caregivers were:

- *I really enjoy the Work Services program and the Janitorial Crew. We have a good boss, and he teaches me what I need to succeed.
- *He loves his program there, his friends and Job coaches.
- *The Developmental Therapy and other activities help her maintain positive self-esteem and self-worth. Every day she looks forward to participating in your program.
- *My services are outstanding and the Job Coaches I have are very friendly to me.
- *The match up of staff with my daughter has been excellent and has made such a positive difference.
- *Everything! Everyone is friendly, supportive and we appreciate everything you do.
- *The choices he gets to make about his services and activities.
- *These services lead to increased confidence, access to the community, and social skills improvement. These programs work and I am grateful!
- *You treat her like family.
- *It gives my son the chance to socialize and learn skills for life.
- *MVRS has always served the people who attend their programs with respect and helpfulness.
- *My questions are always answered in a timely manner, and I appreciate the staff being an advocate and staying in contact with me. We would be lost without your program.
- *They respect me!

A few of the employer comments made were:

- *MVRS staff are always helpful and in great spirits. It's nice to know the individuals they help are getting such good care.
- *Your staff do a great job helping with the client and he is happy. We enjoy the staff that work with him, and we are happy to be a part of this program!
- *The participant that works in our store has been with us for several years. She does a great job, and is willing to help out with other tasks when needed. Your Job Coaches are very helpful and are a pleasure to work with.
- *The Job Coaches do a wonderful job checking in with the client, asking if she is doing ok, or if she needs help with something. We've had no problems with the client, and she is always willing to help.

Staff at MVRS do make a difference!

Members of the community both individually and collectively have a right to accurate information upon request as long as the information to be divulged is not protected by applicable privacy laws. Information to be provided shall include, but is not limited to, financial information, IRS Forms 1023, 990 and 990-T, the organization's conflict of interest policies, accreditation status, effectiveness of services, and consumer and customer satisfaction with services. Requests for information can be made by telephoning 208-734-4112, by sending a fax to 208-734-1514, or by sending an email to mvrs@mvrehab.org.

Mission

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc. affirms the worth of all individuals. Through a variety of programs MVRS actively strives to:

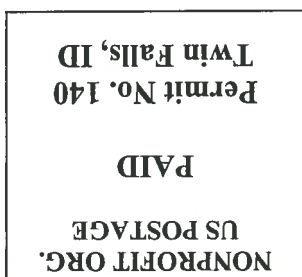
- **Empower** individuals to achieve maximum participation in employment and community life,
- **Encourage** individuals to explore and enhance their unique skills and abilities,
- **Promote** a work ethic that leads to greater social and economic independence and self-reliance, and
- **Develop** within the community a knowledge that supports the strengths and talents of a diverse population.

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