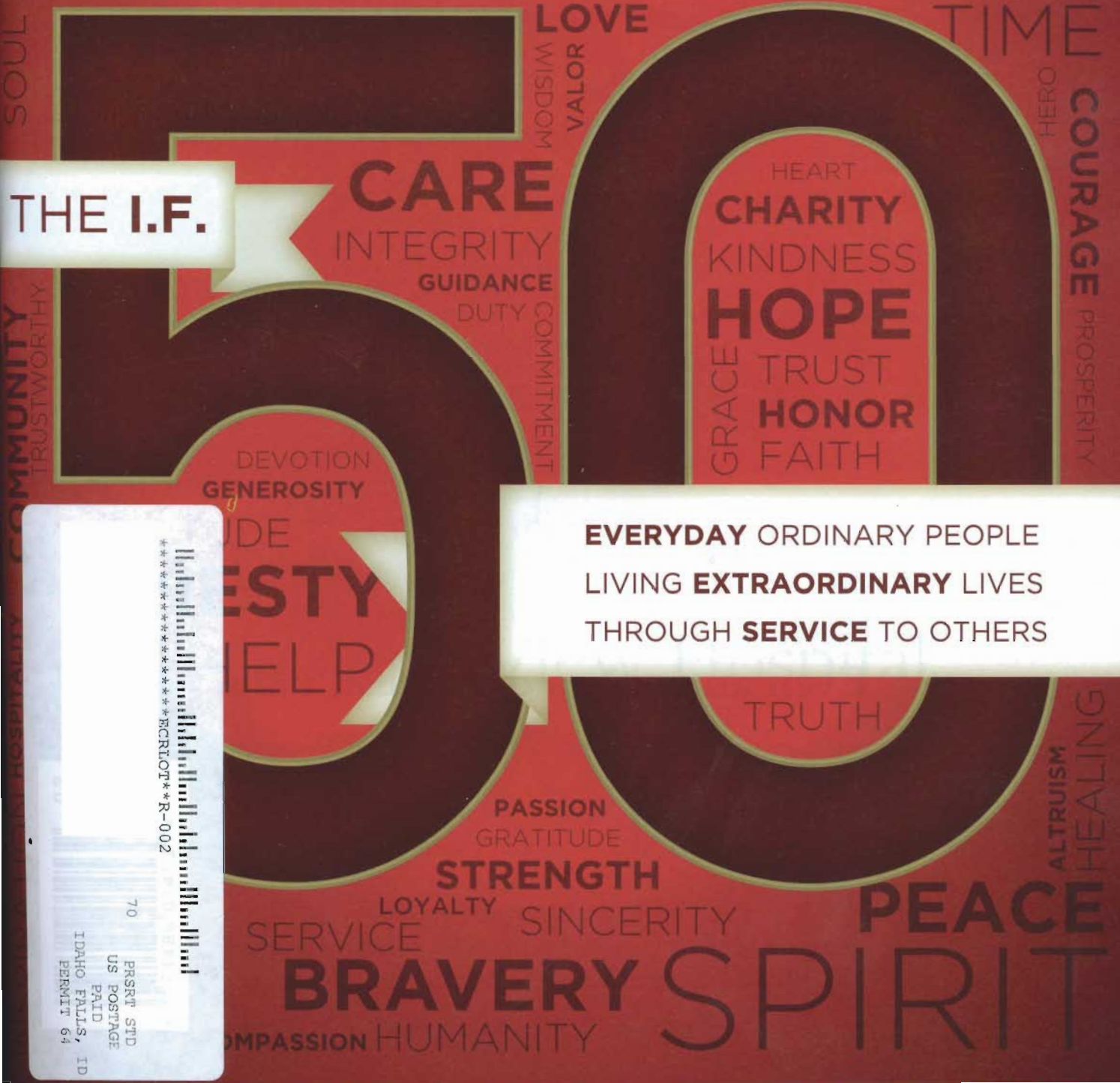


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Helen Stanton

In January of 2004, Helen Stanton, an AmeriCorps VISTA, came to the Area VI Agency on Aging, a program of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP), to develop and put into action a Volunteer Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. An Ombudsman provides advocacy services by investigating complaints made by or on behalf of elders receiving long-term care services. In addition, regular unannounced visits are made to each facility in Idaho to give residents timely and regular access to Ombudsman services and to provide oversight to ensure residents receive good quality care.

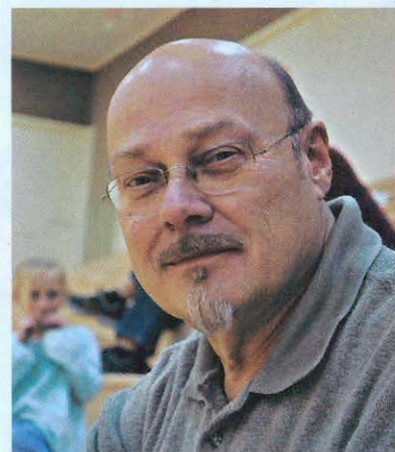
When Helen started in 2004, there was

one Regional Ombudsman visiting 34 facilities that served more than 1,321 residents in an area of about 22,000 square miles. Facilities were visited only four times per year.

Helen researched and designed training materials and a series curriculum sessions followed by one-on-one mentoring sessions in the facilities, for each recruited volunteer. She developed a method of supervising and providing on-going education.

Helen began a media push to recruit dedicated volunteers to go through the training. If an individual was unable to volunteer to visit residents weekly, Helen had a way to encourage volunteering that suited their needs. She even recruited Miss Idaho Rodeo USA, who went through the training so that she could help publicize the program and promote Residents' Rights.

Helen also negotiated with a public relations professional to volunteer her time to develop promotional materials for the program. Part of the development included the acronym: VOICE: Volunteer Ombudsmen Improving Care for our Elders. These materials were presented to the State Ombudsman. With Helen's hard work and perseverance, the Volunteer Ombudsman Program was selected as the pilot program for the State of Idaho. —R. SPAIN



Dick Brooks

For years, he was the owner of Brooks Trophy Cottage. He is just one of the most colorful and nicest men you will ever meet.

Dick Brooks has probably coached in the thousands of kids over generations in Idaho Falls. There are 40-year old men who still call him Coach. He still coaches today and is one of the best people that I know. His influence on my own children and literally hundreds of others has been tremendous. This is a guy who has sacrificed a huge part of his life to spend in the pursuit of helping kids become better people. Coaching is his avenue to teach, and he does it very well. Soft spoken, but with a fire behind his eyes, he is really something special.

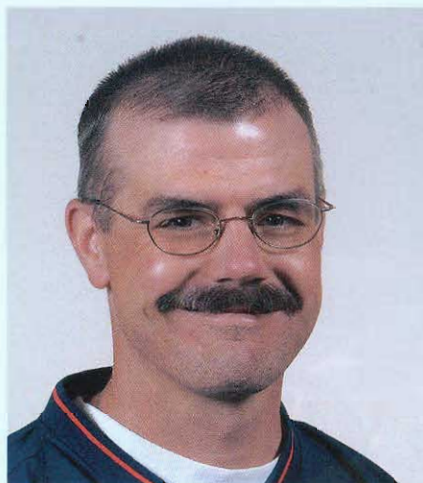
He's a colorful guy, too; he has always built and restored vintage cars. He's one of the "old-school" body shop types that doesn't believe in "bondo" but in the old fashion steel bending ways of old. He has had multiple collections of vehicles from dragsters to roadsters and everything in between.

You'll often see Dick running around town in one of his hot-rods, or at least you used to.

He'd spend time with you, talk to you about coaching, kids, life and teaching. He is truly an inspiring figure in my life and in the life of my kids and all of their friends. If you go to any school today, literally almost any elementary school, chances are that there are a handful of students who (a) have played for coach Brooks or (b) are playing currently for coach Brooks. —M. BRIAN

Rob Morris

As a teacher for Idaho Falls District #91, Morris has taught with enthusiasm and interest where his students have gained more than a real appreciation for history. They have learned to appreciate the efforts and sacrifice of soldiers who have fought for their freedoms. Gaining the respect of his students is easy due to the personal care and admiration he exhibits for his students and the subjects. He believes in those heroic men and women who have fought for his own freedoms. He shares stories of



valor and bravery from the veterans he personally interviews from all over the country as research for his writing. Morris is an author of numerous books with his most popular and best-selling story called *Forgotten Stories of American Bomber Crewmen over Europe in World War Two*. It has been his lifelong interest since graduating from the University of Montana with a degree in history. Interacting with his students to help them succeed is evident in his dedication to preserving those stories that are written to inspire them to do and be all they can. He is also a professional track and soccer coach. —N. SANCHEZ