



HOW TO GIVE GUIDE

Let's Do Good Together.

Pictured: (left) Fund Creators Walt & Kristin Sinclair of McCall, (right) Jackie & William "Action" Jackson of Boise.



The impact of The Idaho Community Foundation can be seen and felt in Idaho communities of all sizes.

Together with community-minded Idahoans, we have provided grants to build local parks, bring traveling theater companies to rural communities, buy books for school libraries, sustain critical social service programs, fund education initiatives, and much more.

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This guide will inform and inspire the many ways you can take care of your community by partnering with The Idaho Community Foundation. If you have questions, *our team is here to help.*

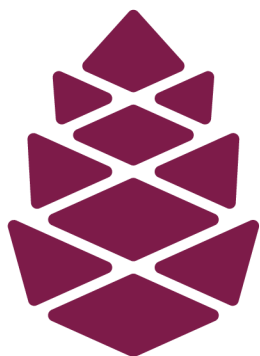


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Together, we invest in Idaho.

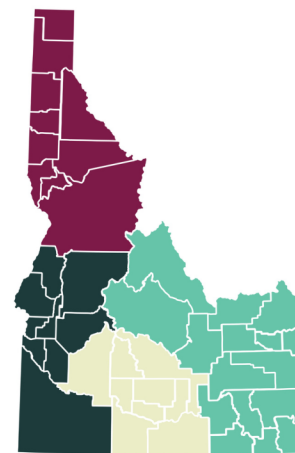
The Idaho Community Foundation



- Helps Idahoans give back to the communities they care about by offering flexible, impactful charitable giving funds.
- Works with donors to provide scholarship support for Idaho students.
- Facilitates collective giving initiatives like Idaho Gives, community giving circles, and support for affiliate foundations so local Idahoans can pool resources for an even greater impact.
- Assists nonprofits, schools, and other community organizations by offering grant funding programs.

Since 1988, The Idaho Community Foundation and its donors have:

- Granted nearly \$200 million throughout all 44 Idaho counties.
- Created and operated more than 1000 different charitable giving funds supporting Idaho communities.
- Through these funds, facilitated countless community projects, student scholarships, and positive change in Idaho communities.
- And, in 2024, successfully completed a merger with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, creating an even stronger force to serve Idaho nonprofits and donors.



What is a community foundation?

A community foundation is a nonprofit organization that fosters collaboration and brings together resources from donors, businesses, and community leaders to support charitable causes and nonprofit organizations that address local needs. Community foundations manage a variety of charitable programs such as donor advised funds, scholarship funds, giving circles and affiliate funds.

Community foundations offer donors flexible ways to give while maximizing their impact. By using local expertise, convening and advocating for the nonprofit sector, community foundations strengthen and enrich communities, ensuring they are vibrant, resilient, and thriving for future generations.



Photo Credit: Vanessa Grieve
 Pictured: The Women's Giving Connection of Southern Idaho, 2024 grants awards event.

Community Funds

Community Funds are Affiliate Foundations, Giving Circles, and Special Project Funds created by local residents to support and enhance their communities. These funds allow groups to pool resources, collectively fundraise, and distribute those funds for a variety of community projects, such as building playgrounds, preserving historical buildings, beautifying landscapes, and addressing urgent local needs. By working together, residents can make a significant impact on their community's development and well-being. Benefits include:

- **Collective Impact:** Pooling resources amplifies the ability to fund larger projects and address broader community needs.
- **Community Engagement:** Encourages active participation and collaboration among local residents, fostering a sense of belonging and pride.
- **Flexible Support:** Grants from these funds can be directed to a wide range of projects and needs, allowing communities to respond quickly and effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities.



Types of Community Funds at The ICF

Affiliate Foundations

Created by local residents to raise and distribute funds for their community.

Giving Circles

People with shared vision pool their membership contributions and collectively select nonprofits to support.

Special Project

Fund projects that benefit the community. Intended to exist for a specified purpose or period of time.

Forever Idaho

Fueled by generous donors, grants are awarded regionally, with decisions made by ICF's Regional Councils—local residents who know their communities best.

Affiliate Foundations

Community-led Philanthropy

Affiliate Foundations of The Idaho Community Foundation are regional partners dedicated to addressing the unique needs and priorities of their local communities.

Led by local advisory committees with deep knowledge and strong connections, these foundations focus on growing funds, providing grants, and supporting charitable projects that directly benefit their community.

Through their partnership with ICF, Affiliate Foundations gain access to resources, expertise, and administrative support, allowing them to maximize their impact while ensuring philanthropy remains locally driven and community-centered.



**GRANGEVILLE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



**GREATER COEUR D'ALENE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



**GREATER TETONIA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



**LEMHI VALLEY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**



Pictured: Grangeville Community Foundation 2022 Board



Pictured: The Greater Coeur D'Alene Community Foundation Backyard Bunch 2024



Pictured: Marsing Community School

Impact Story: Community Funds

Idaho Coalition for Community Schools

The Idaho Coalition for Community Schools is an innovative partnership that provides flexible support to students and families through their neighborhood schools. In 2022, the coalition established an Idaho Community Foundation fund to expand its reach across all of Idaho. As a result:

- In Mountain Home, Bennett Mountain High School expanded its childcare program for parenting teens to include the children of school staff.
- The Cascade School District established a teen program called Game Changer to provide mentorship, homework help and opportunities to build job skills.
- The Notus School District coordinated with community volunteers and others to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets, Christmas dinner baskets and Toys for Tots gifts for children and families in need.
- In American Falls a grassroots initiative, "Read, Talk, Play Every Day," has significantly improved family engagement, preschool access, and kindergarten readiness.

TO GIVE TO AN EXISTING FUND

Thanks to the generosity of Idaho donors, you can direct your donation to more than 500 funds! From regional funds serving the greatest need, to field of interest funds supporting causes that matter most to you, the opportunities to impact Idaho are nearly limitless! Scan the QR code to visit The ICF Fund Catalog.





Pictured: Governor Brad Little and Fund Creator, Alice Hennessey, Celebration of Philanthropy 2023

Additional Fund Types

The Idaho Community Foundation offers a variety of flexible fund types that offer donors the opportunity to advise how the assets they contribute to the fund are distributed.

Benefits include:

- **Flexibility and Control:** Donors can contribute a variety of assets and recommend grants to their favorite causes at any time, allowing for personalized and strategic giving.
- **Tax Advantages:** Eligible for immediate tax deduction upon contribution and tax-free growth of investments within the fund, maximizing the potential impact of charitable dollars.
- **Administrative Ease:** The ICF handles all administrative tasks, including due diligence on grant recipients, investment management, and record-keeping, simplifying the giving process for donors.



Additional types of funds at The ICF

Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

These funds offer continued flexibility, allowing donors to address current needs through the ability to make recommendations ensuring ongoing charitable giving.

Designated

These funds allow donors to specify particular nonprofits or causes to receive support.

Corporate

These funds enable businesses to manage their charitable giving efficiently.

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A few Donor Advised Funds:

Curtis Critter Rescue Fund: Created by Linda Grable-Curtis, Boise, distributions support programs in the fields of research, health maintenance, and rescue of small animals.

Ifft Foundation Fund: Created through the transfer of the assets of a private foundation established in 1984 by Sara and Nick Ifft, distributions benefit projects in Southeastern Idaho and the Greater Pocatello area.

Thilo Family Foundation: Created by Tom and Sue Thilo of Hayden to support charitable organizations in Kootenai County.

Pictured: Ifft Foundation Grant Recipient



A few Designated Funds:

Bogus Basin Endowment Fund: Established to assure the sustainability of Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area, which, since 1942, is one of the most treasured assets in southwestern Idaho.

Idaho Education Access Fund: Established to support access to post-secondary education for underserved students and to encourage students to complete their degree or certification programs in Idaho.

Weiser River Trail Fund: Created by Patricia Pontefract of Boise, this fund supports development of the Weiser River Trail.

Pictured: Weiser River Trail



Fund Impact Stories

Food Insecurity: Chobani Impact Fund Delivers Hope

The Chobani Community Impact Fund was established at The Idaho Community Foundation in 2018 to help fund programs and initiatives that increase access to nutritious food, address infrastructure needs and help fill the gap for Magic Valley residents experiencing food insecurity. The fund has distributed a total of \$1 million as of December 2024.

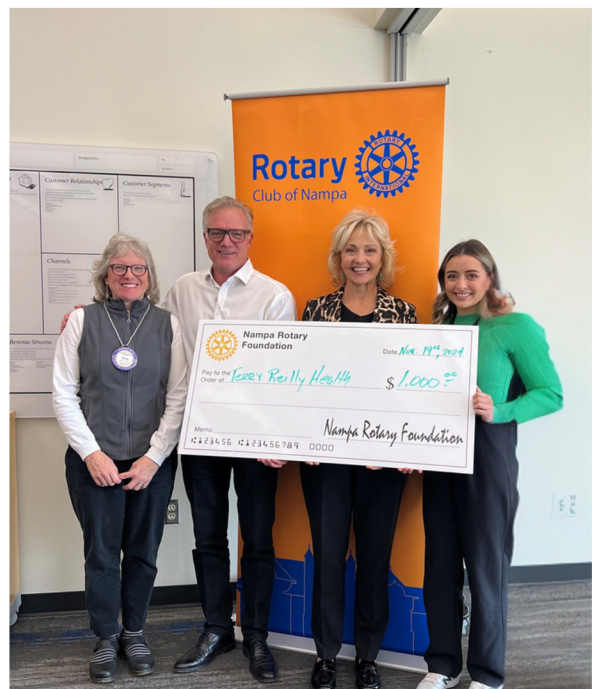


Photo Credit: Chobani

Rotary Club Impact

Idaho Rotary Clubs and The Idaho Community Foundation have a long history of creating more good together for Idaho communities.

- The Coeur d'Alene Rotary Endowment Foundation was established to support charitable and educational service projects for the betterment of the community.
- Greater Boise Rotary Foundation fund was created to support nonprofit organizations in Ada County.
- The Nampa Rotary Community Fund supports local charities in the Nampa community.
- The Rotary Club of Sandpoint was created to forever support the charitable activities benefitting Sandpoint.



Pictured: Nampa Rotary Members

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ICF Funds for Schools & Scholarships

At The Idaho Community Foundation, we believe that access to education is one of the most powerful tools for creating a better future. Our School and Scholarship Funds are established by forward-thinking Idahoans, local school districts, and family foundations who share this belief and are committed to promoting education, supporting Idaho students, and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to pursue their educational goals.

A few School Funds:

- Dean and Gay Welch Fund for the Emmett Public School Foundation
- Fruitland Public Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund
- Stanley School Hot Lunch Fund
- West Side School District #202 Education Foundation Inc.

We work with school districts and foundations across Idaho to establish funds that benefit students.

A few Scholarship Funds:

- Bingham County Mayors Scholarship Fund
- Hailey Rotary Foundation - Bud Purdy Agriculture Scholarship
- Erle and Cynthia Byram Scholarship Fund
- Idaho Power Company Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Salmon River High School Scholarship Fund

SEEKING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

The Idaho Community Foundation manages more than 50 different scholarship funds, each created by a person, family, or company who has invested in the success of Idaho students. To view all our scholarship funds and learn how to apply, scan the QR code to the right.



Idaho runs on nonprofits



In 2024, the Idaho Nonprofit Center (INC) merged into The Idaho Community Foundation to continue its mission of supporting and strengthening Idaho's nonprofit sector through resources, advocacy, and education to help nonprofits thrive. Offerings include professional development, networking events, and tools like board training and fundraising guidance. Through initiatives like Idaho Gives and policy advocacy, the INC empowers nonprofits with the skills, connections, and knowledge needed to build strong, vibrant communities across the state.

The Nonprofit Center in The Idaho Community Foundation supports and strengthens the nonprofit sector through a variety of services:

- **Professional Development:** Workshops, webinars, and courses covering topics like leadership, fundraising, and financial management.
- **Advocacy:** Represents the interests of Idaho nonprofits at state and local levels, providing resources to engage in advocacy and understand policy issues affecting the sector.
- **Capacity Building:** Offers consulting services and resources to help nonprofits with strategic planning, governance, and program enhancement.
- **Idaho Gives Campaign:** Organizes the statewide giving campaign, providing nonprofits with the tools and training needed to participate successfully.
- **Resource Hub:** Provides access to templates, guides, and updates on nonprofit trends, funding, and best practices.

Picture: Downtown Idaho Falls





Photo Credit: Opera Idaho

ICF Funds for Nonprofits

We're here to help nonprofits succeed. Agency Funds at The Idaho Community Foundation are a fantastic way to ensure Idaho nonprofit organizations thrive now and in the future. By choosing us, you get expert fund management, investment expertise, low investment fees, and a dedicated partner committed to your organization's long-term financial health and impact.

A few ICF Agency Funds

- **Angels Over Sandpoint Fund:** Established to forever support the mission of Angels Over Sandpoint, which assists persons in need in Bonner County.
- **Panhandle Alliance for Education Endowment Fund:** Created to promote excellence in education and broad-based community support for the Lake Pend Oreille School District.
- **Salmon Education Foundation, Inc.:** Established to provide long-term support for the Salmon Education Foundation, Inc. and their efforts of funding scholarships and other community and education needs.
- **Tautphaus Park Zoological Society Fund:** Created to assist the City of Idaho Falls help improve the Tautphaus Park Zoo for the region's families and animals.
- **Wood River Community YMCA - Bonni's Garden Fund:** Created to forever support the construction and maintenance of the greenhouse and accompanying garden as well as support the programs involved with "Bonni's Garden."

VIEW ICF AGENCY FUNDS

To see a list of all ICF Agency Funds, scan the QR code to the left or visit IdahoCF.org. If your nonprofit is interested in opening an Agency Fund, please connect with one of our Philanthropic Advisors.



TO GIVE TO FOREVER IDAHO

Join thousands of community-minded Idahoans who contribute to the Forever Idaho Fund, established to serve Idaho communities and their greatest needs. Scan the QR code to learn more and make a donation.



Grants for local community organizations



Every year, The Idaho Community Foundation distributes millions of dollars in the form of grants, scholarships, and other support to Idaho nonprofits, schools, and students. While most of these are grant recommendations from our fund advisors, we also offer opportunities for community organizations to apply for grants.

We manage more than a dozen grant cycles and run a regional grant program called Forever Idaho, funded through the generosity of community-minded Idahoans who recognize that the needs in Idaho communities and among nonprofits are constantly changing.

To learn more about annual ICF grant cycles and how to apply, visit our website: idahocf.org or scan the QR code to the left.

Photo Credit: Lookout Ski Patrol



Photo Credit: Portneuf Greenway



Photo Credit: Festival at Sandpoint





Pictured: Idaho Gives Celebration 2024

Idaho Gives

Idaho Gives is an annual collective giving program that brings the state together, raising money and awareness for Idaho's nonprofits.

Idaho Gives traditionally runs the first week of May.



IDAHO NONPROFIT CENTER + IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

How to support Idaho Gives:

- **Nonprofit Organization:** Register your organization to participate in Idaho Gives. Attend the online trainings, utilize the tools offered in the tool kit, and spread the word.
- **Corporations:** Consider sponsoring Idaho Gives. There are a number of ways to be involved and demonstrate your commitment to community.
- **Donors:** Consider giving during Idaho Gives to the nonprofit organizations you care about most.

2024 impact

● **\$4,308,879**
total raised

● **13,621**
donors

● **23,598**
donations

■ **5,056**
Donors gave to new organizations

■ **38,138**
donors emailed

■ **40+**
events

Private Foundations

The ICF's Role with Private Foundations

The Idaho Community Foundation helps private foundations sunset once they have run their course or the family or individual running the private foundation no longer wants responsibility for day-to-day management.

We can transition a private foundation to an ICF fund that allows the individuals or family to make grants (the fun part) while we take responsibility for investments, IRS filings and other tasks.

Transitioning a private foundation to a fund at The ICF offers advantages:

- **Reduced Administrative Burden:** The ICF handles all tasks, freeing donors from the complex regulatory requirements.
- **Cost Efficiency:** By consolidating functions and leveraging The ICF's resources, donors benefit from lower operating costs.
- **Enhanced Impact:** The ICF team are local Idahoans. We help donors make more informed, strategic grants that maximize their charitable impact.

Mary Bradof Foundation

Ruth and Bob Blaha of Eagle created the Mary Bradof Foundation in 2021 to honor Ruth's mother. They announced it at Mary's 80th birthday party.

"Starting the foundation was a way to start a 'giving generation' in the family and reach out to those in our communities who were disadvantaged in some way," Ruth said.



Mary Bradof, age 21



Mary Bradof, age 85

After Mary's passing in 2020 at the age of 99, the family decided to close the foundation with the help of The Idaho Community Foundation.

"We knew we could trust The Idaho Community Foundation to be good stewards of the money at the end," Ruth said. "It was so seamless and easy to make the transition. ICF handled it beautifully as we let it go."

Join the Movement.

Being an Idahoan means more than living in Idaho—it's about actively investing in our communities. At The Idaho Community Foundation, we're leading a movement to cultivate a culture of philanthropy across the state. Are you ready to join us?

Scan the QR code below to connect with our team.



Pictured: (left) Fund Creators, John & Mary McGown of Boise, (right) Tim & Sue Hamilton of Ketchum.



Examples of Funds at The Idaho Community Foundation

EAST REGION

Community Funds

- Caribou Community Fund
- Lemhi Valley Community Foundation Giving Fund

Donor Advised and Designated

- F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation
- The Cindy and Steve Carr Family Fund
- James E. Hawkins Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Marshall Family Fund
- Agnes Barrick Fund for Adoption Support Services

Schools & Scholarships

- Alois and Marie Goldmann Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Daugherty Foundation—ISU Education Scholarship Fund
- J. Carl Mattson Scholarship Fund
- Salmon River High School Scholarship Fund
- Steve and Donna Guerber Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

- Idaho Falls Symphony Endowment, Inc., Fund
- John Orr Fund for the First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls
- Marshall Public Library Endowment Fund
- Salmon Education Foundation Nep and Mary Ellen Lynch Scholarship
- Teton Regional Land Trust Endowment Fund
- Tautphaus Park Zoological Society Fund

NORTH REGION

Community Funds

- Greater Coeur d'Alene Community Foundation Endowed Fund
- Grangeville Community Foundation Legacy Fund
- Women's Gift Alliance Fund

Donor Advised and Designated

- Bonner County Endowment Fund for Human Rights
- Duane and Lola Hagadone Fund
- Getts-Yonker Charitable Fund
- Gloria Lewis Fund
- Rolphe Family Fund
- Thilo Family Foundation

Schools & Scholarships

- Chesnut Family Scholarship Fund
- D and D Rhoades Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy B. Adler Scholarship Fund
- Irene Gustafson Scholarship Fund
- Jeanne Van Meeteren Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

- Angels Over Sandpoint Fund
- Bonner Community Food Bank Fund
- Coeur d'Alene Rotary Endowment Foundation
- Museum of North Idaho Endowment Fund
- Panhandle Alliance for Education Founders' Fund

Examples of Funds at The Idaho Community Foundation

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Community Funds

- Women's Giving Connection of Southern Idaho Fund

Donor Advised and Designated

- Fortissimo Fund
- Guy H. Shearer Memorial Fund.
- Jean E. Rolles Advised Fund
- Lane Williams Memorial Fund
- Bobbie and Art Dahl Fund
- Chobani Community Impact Fund
- Chuck and Pam Lyford Fund
- Mazzola Family Fund
- Lynn and Frank Whittelsey Designated Fund
- William Tews Memorial Fund

Schools & Scholarships

- Fredrick Chandler Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Gooding High School Scholarship Fund
- Hokey Pokey Scholarship Fund
- James and Rose Helebrant Education Scholarship Fund
- Robert C. Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

- Blaine County Education Foundation Fund
- Josh Pollock Memorial STEM Scholarship
- Wood River Community YMCA - Bonni's Garden Fund

SOUTHWEST REGION

Community Funds

- Eagle Community Fund
- Greater Boise Rotary Foundation
- Nampa Rotary Community Fund
- Supportive Housing Investment Fund (SHIF)

Donor Advised and Designated

- Arthur and Jane Oppenheimer Fund
- Copple Family Fund
- DeLuca Family Fund
- Hormaechea Family Fund
- John William Jackson Fund
- Kissler Family Fund
- The Nielsen Family Charitable Fund
- Warren E. and Bernie McCain Fund
- Wayne and Peggy Thiessen Family Foundation Fund

Schools & Scholarships

- Colton Mackey Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dean and Gay Welch Scholarship Fund
- Donovan and Evelyn Grable Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy L. White Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Eric Marshall Sullins Scholarship Fund
- Jayo Family Scholarship Fund
- Larry J. May Hospitality Management Scholarship Fund

Agency Funds

- Bogus Basin Endowment Fund
- Boise Philharmonic Association Fund
- Foundation for The Idaho Shakespeare Festival
- Garden City Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund
- Terry Reilly Health Services Endowment Fund
- Wassmuth Center Endowment