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### ***The Idaho Community Foundation Donors Contribute Over \$91,000 to the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge***

IDAHO – Each December, the Home Partnership Foundation’s Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge brings Idahoans together in a shared mission: to ensure more individuals and families have access to safe, stable housing. This year, The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) and its donors once again played a significant role in addressing Idaho’s growing housing needs by contributing \$91,300 through 20 grants to support the campaign.

“Our donors truly embody the spirit of Idaho by stepping up to help their neighbors during difficult times,” said Steve Burns, President and CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation. “Housing is foundational to a thriving community, and the generosity of ICF fund holders helps create long-term solutions that offer stability and hope for families across our state.”

ICF has long championed the Avenues for Hope campaign, encouraging fund holders and donors to contribute to this collective effort. This year’s campaign raised a record-breaking \$5.2 million from nearly 6,000 donors. In East Idaho, organizations like **Aid for Friends** in Pocatello and **The Mahoney House** in Salmon benefited from these funds, allowing them to continue offering essential services such as emergency housing, transitional living, and support for survivors of domestic violence.

“The Avenues for Hope campaign is a critical source of funding for nonprofits like ours,” said Alexandra Bontecou, Executive Director of the **Community Resource Center of Teton Valley**. “As housing challenges continue to increase in our region, these funds allow us to provide essential services to vulnerable community

members and help them regain stability.” Other organizations across Idaho saw significant support as well, including **LEAP Housing** in southwest Idaho, which raised over \$1.3 million, and **Blaine County Charitable Fund**, which received more than \$150,000 in donations. With growing demand for housing support throughout the state, collaborative efforts like Avenues for Hope ensure that more individuals and families can find the stability they need to thrive.

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### **About The Idaho Community Foundation**

For more than 35 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has been Idaho’s trusted partner in philanthropy, collaborating with thousands of community-minded residents to invest in the people, places, and causes that enrich our way of life. Following our recent merger with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, we are better equipped than ever to support Idaho’s nonprofits and create lasting, positive change. To learn how you can join the movement to foster a culture of philanthropy, email us at [info@idahocf.org](mailto:info@idahocf.org) or visit [www.idahocf.org](http://www.idahocf.org).