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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 fund holders have supported Avenues for Hope for many years, recognizing the importance of collective philanthropy in addressing Idaho’s housing crisis. The 2024 campaign raised a record-breaking \$5.2 million from nearly 6,000 donors, benefiting nonprofits across the state. In North Idaho, organizations like **Family Promise of North Idaho** and **St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho** received essential funding to provide emergency shelters, rental assistance, and transitional housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

“The ongoing housing challenges in our region require innovative solutions and collaboration,” said Scott Ferguson, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho. “Support from campaigns like Avenues for Hope and contributions from ICF

donors help us continue to meet the growing need for housing and supportive services.”

Other nonprofits across Idaho benefited significantly from this year’s campaign, including **LEAP Housing** in southwest Idaho, which raised over \$1.3 million, and **NeighborWorks** in Pocatello, which secured over \$60,000 in donations. As the demand for affordable housing and supportive services continues to grow statewide, the partnership between donors and nonprofits remains vital in creating lasting change.

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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 or visit www.idahocf.org.