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Honoring Idaho's Philanthropic Heroes: Idahoans Making a Difference Through Time, Talent, and Treasure

IDAHO - Each year, Idaho Philanthropy Day shines a spotlight on the individuals, businesses, and organizations that embody the Idaho way of giving back—those who dedicate their time, talent, and treasure to strengthen their communities. The six honorees for 2024 exemplify the heart of philanthropy, demonstrating how acts of generosity can create lasting change.

The honorees include:

- Heritage Bank (Boise)
- **Dr. Mary Sanderson** (Coeur d'Alene)
- Boise Contemporary Theater (Boise)
- Jessica Gordon (Boise)
- Jackie Livingston (Coeur d'Alene)
- Kaylee Wilson (Idaho Falls)

Their inspiring stories can be found online at <u>idahophilanthropy.org</u>. These stories highlight what drives each honoree to give back—from deep-rooted ties to their communities to a desire to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

"It's an honor and very humbling to be recognized for things that to me, feel like second nature," said Jackie Livingston, reflecting on her award.

"I wanted to do something in the long run for the community. This is where I grew up," shared Dr. Mary Sanderson, explaining her motivation to keep giving to the Coeur d'Alene area.

The Idaho Community Foundation and Idaho Nonprofit Center are proud to partner with **Serve Idaho** in celebrating these philanthropic heroes, whose generosity inspires others to engage in meaningful community work.

"Philanthropy is for everyone," said Kevin Bailey, Vice President at The Idaho Community Foundation and Idaho Nonprofit Center. "Whether through volunteer hours, expertise, or financial contributions, we all have the power to make a difference in Idaho."

More than 100 nominations were submitted, and honorees were selected by a volunteer committee. Their collective contributions represent the diverse and vibrant ways Idahoans show up for one another.

Want to make a difference in your community? Join us in recognizing Idaho's next generation of philanthropic leaders by nominating someone for the 2026 Idaho Philanthropy Day awards. Together, we can continue the proud tradition of giving back—the Idaho way.

Visit <u>idahophilanthropy.org</u> for more information and to nominate a local hero in philanthropy.

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About The Idaho Community Foundation + Idaho Nonprofit Center

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.