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Photo credit: Marjorie McBride
Caption: Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder & CEO of Chobani addresses guests

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The Idaho Community Foundation Celebrates Philanthropy

Twin Falls, Idaho – Last night, The Idaho Community Foundation hosted the South Central Celebration of Philanthropy granting \$60,000 to Magic Valley area nonprofit organizations, including \$15,000 to Voices Against Violence and \$7,500 each to La Posada, Martha & Mary Food Pantry, Everybody House, and the Twin Falls Refugee Center.

The event, co-hosted by Twin Falls Mayor Ruth Pierce, highlighted the growing movement to create a culture of philanthropy in Idaho. Mayor Pierce noted the importance of community giving, saying, “Our nonprofit leaders and professionals are the heart of our communities. They work tirelessly to address the challenges we face and build stronger futures for everyone. I am proud to see how Magic Valley and all of Idaho are coming together to support these efforts.”

Chobani and its Impact Fund were honored with The Idaho Community Foundation’s Friend of the Foundation award for their continued investment in South Central Idaho. This year marks a milestone for Chobani, as they reached \$1 million in charitable giving through their fund at The Idaho Community Foundation.

In his keynote address, Hamdi Ulukaya, Founder and CEO of Chobani, shared his gratitude and commitment to the community, saying, “Giving back is not just an obligation—it’s a privilege. In Idaho, we believe in supporting one another, and the work we are doing together through Chobani and our partnership with The Idaho Community Foundation is creating a stronger, more connected community for generations to come.”

Steve Burns, President and CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation, emphasized the critical role that nonprofit professionals play in the health and vitality of Idaho communities. “The nonprofit sector is the backbone of our state’s effort to care for our neighbors and tackle the challenges ahead. We are honored to stand alongside them and to partner with organizations like Chobani, whose generosity sets a powerful example for others.”

The event was a testament to the collaborative efforts of Idaho’s philanthropists, community leaders and nonprofit organizations, all working together to elevate the state and foster a thriving culture of giving.

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For 35 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has helped Idahoans make their communities even better through philanthropy. If you want to support the nonprofits, schools, recreational opportunities and more that make your community special, please contact us at info@idahocf.org or visit: www.idahocf.org.