



A Life of Quiet Leadership

Honoring Carrie Getty Scheid

In Idaho Falls, it's hard to find a place that Carrie Getty Scheid hasn't touched. Her influence isn't loud or showy—it's woven into the fabric of the community itself. It's in the historic downtown that's now alive with art and culture. It's in the classrooms at the College of Eastern Idaho, where students are building new futures. It's in the countless nonprofit boardrooms where Carrie's calm, steady voice helped shape ideas into action.

For decades, Carrie was the person who showed up, listened deeply, and quietly found a way to make things better.

Her lifetime of service and leadership earned her the **2025 Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year Award**, presented by The Idaho Community Foundation. The award honors Idahoans whose volunteerism, compassion, and commitment to the common good reflect the values of Governor Andrus himself.

Carrie's legacy is deeply rooted in her love for community and her belief that great things happen when the right people come together. As a trustee of the College of Eastern Idaho, she helped guide the community's successful effort to transition from a technical college to a fully accredited community college, opening doors for students and strengthening the region's workforce for generations to come.

As a champion for the arts, Carrie helped transform downtown Idaho Falls into a cultural destination—working with the Idaho Falls Arts Council, supporting public art initiatives, and lending her vision to projects that continue to bring people together through creativity and connection.

"She's been a force for good whose fingerprints are on nearly every major civic and cultural project in Idaho Falls," said **Mayor Rebecca Casper**, when the city honored Carrie with its **Mayor's Choice Award** earlier this year. "Her leadership has changed our city for the better."

Carrie's friends and colleagues agree. **Mary Lynn Hartwell**, a former Idaho Community Foundation Board Member and longtime Idaho Falls resident, shared, "Carrie was a tremendous force in moving projects forward. I will miss my dear friend and her unwavering dedication to advancing the arts, animals, education, and amplifying the voice of the political middle in our society."



That kind of balance—heart, vision, and steady collaboration—defined Carrie’s leadership. Her service was never about recognition; it was about care. Whether helping a nonprofit find its footing, mentoring a new board member, or rallying support for a cause, she always led with integrity, grace, and a deep love for Idaho Falls.

“Carrie embodied the spirit of volunteerism that Governor Andrus championed—quiet, consistent, and profoundly effective,” said **Steve Burns**, President and CEO of the Idaho Community Foundation. “She didn’t just give her time; she gave her vision. Idaho is better because Carrie believed in the power of community.”

Carrie passed away on October 21, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Though she is no longer with us, Carrie’s spirit endures – in every student she helped, every piece of public art she championed, and every community conversation she inspired.

Carrie Getty Scheid spent her life lifting others and strengthening the place she called home. Her legacy of compassion and leadership will continue to light the way for Idaho—for today, tomorrow, and forever.