



## ***Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation***

### **Taking Care of Idaho**

For more than six decades, the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation has quietly shaped the heart of Idaho. From the smallest towns to the largest cities, the Foundation's grants have strengthened nonprofits, supported students, and invested in the people who make Idaho home.

That spirit began with Laura Belle Moore Cunningham, a Boise native born in 1869 to pioneer parents C.W. and Catherine Moore. Laura devoted her life to strengthening her community, leading the Children's Home, volunteering with the Red Cross, and championing Boise Junior College. When she passed in 1963, she left one final gift: a foundation to continue caring for Idaho and its people.

Since then, the Foundation has honored her legacy not through recognition, but through results. Each year, it supports hundreds of nonprofits tackling Idaho's most pressing needs—from early learning, housing, and health care to the arts, environment, and community vitality. Whether funding food banks, mental health programs, or youth development, the Foundation focuses on one simple mission: to help Idaho communities thrive.

Education remains a cornerstone of that work. Through scholarships across Idaho's colleges and universities, thousands of students—many from rural communities—have been able to earn degrees, pursue meaningful careers, and give back to their hometowns. Each graduate is part of a growing legacy of opportunity that strengthens Idaho's workforce and future.

For the Foundation, philanthropy has never been about headlines or handouts. It's about trust, partnership, and proximity—getting close enough to understand what Idaho communities truly need. That's why the Foundation continues to be led by family members who serve as volunteers, maintaining Laura's belief that giving should always be personal.

As Idaho grows, the need for this kind of giving grows with it. The Foundation's approach reflects a deeply Idaho value: neighbors taking care of neighbors, believing that everyone can play a role in building a stronger state.

As the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation enters the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame, we celebrate not only more than sixty years of generosity, but a philosophy



that continues to guide Idaho forward. Laura's legacy lives on in every nonprofit given the means to serve, every student given the chance to learn, and every Idahoan inspired to give back.

Her story is an invitation—to remember that philanthropy isn't just what we give, it's how we live. Whether you mentor a child, volunteer at a nonprofit, or create a fund that endures for generations, you're part of Idaho's story too.