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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 has been a steadfast supporter of the Avenues for Hope campaign for many years, encouraging fund holders and donors to contribute and amplifying their impact through collective philanthropy. This year’s campaign raised a record-breaking \$5.2 million from nearly 6,000 donors, directly benefiting almost 100 nonprofits, including organizations offering emergency shelters, rental assistance, and transitional housing programs.

One of the nonprofits significantly impacted by this campaign was LEAP Housing, which raised over \$1.3 million, thanks in part to a \$1 million contribution—the largest single donation in Avenues for Hope history. Other organizations like Interfaith Sanctuary and Jesse Tree also received substantial support, helping them provide critical housing services in southwest Idaho.

“As the demand for affordable housing and supportive services grows, campaigns like Avenues for Hope, combined with the generous support of ICF donors, are more important than ever,” added Burns. “This effort exemplifies how Idahoans can come together to address urgent needs and strengthen our communities.”

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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](mailto:info@idahocf.org) or visit [www.idahocf.org](http://www.idahocf.org).