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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 fund holders have supported Avenues for Hope for many years, recognizing the importance of collective philanthropy in addressing Idaho’s housing crisis. The 2024 campaign raised a record-breaking \$5.2 million from nearly 6,000 donors, benefiting nonprofits across the state. In North Idaho, organizations like **Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley** and **Twin Falls Optimist Youth House** received essential funding to provide services to aid community members.

“Every year, we see more families and individuals facing homelessness, and the Avenues for Hope campaign helps us meet that growing need,” said John Spiers, Executive Director of Valley House Homeless Shelter. “Support from donors and organizations like The Idaho Community Foundation ensures we can continue offering shelter and hope to those in crisis.”

Other nonprofits across Idaho benefited significantly from this year's campaign, including **LEAP Housing** in southwest Idaho, which raised over \$1.3 million, and **Blaine County Charitable Fund**, which secured over \$150,000 in donations. As the demand for affordable housing and supportive services continues to grow statewide, the partnership between donors and nonprofits remains vital in creating lasting change.

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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).