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The Idaho Community Foundation Welcomes New Regional Council Members

Achieving representation from all 44 Idaho counties for the first time.

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is proud to announce the addition of five new members to its Regional Councils, marking a historic milestone for the organization; for the first time since its founding, ICF now has Regional Council **representation from every single county in Idaho**, strengthening its commitment to **community-led philanthropy** and ensuring that local voices guide grantmaking statewide.

Regional Council members play a vital role in ICF's mission by bringing local knowledge, lived experience, and community insight to funding decisions across the state. Their leadership ensures that charitable resources reach the people, places, and priorities that matter most in Idaho's diverse communities.

Welcoming New Members

- **Lewis Chandler – Bear Lake County** (East Region)
A lifelong Southeastern Idaho resident and volunteer Executive Director of the National Oregon/California Trail Center, Chandler brings decades of experience in healthcare operations, nonprofit finance, education, and community service.
- **Miriam Edes – Ada County** (Southwest Region)
Edes is a financial services leader with deep experience in fiduciary stewardship, investment strategy, and nonprofit support—guided by a passion for aligning financial planning with community values and long-term impact.
- **Maryclaire Fery – Ada County** (Southwest Region)
A third-generation ICF donor, Fery brings experience in nonprofit fundraising,



corporate social responsibility, and trauma-informed counseling, along with a lifelong commitment to strengthening community wellbeing.

- **Avrey Hendrix – Jefferson County** (East Region)
Founder of the Idaho Period Project, Hendrix is a champion for menstrual equity, dignity, and access—serving more than 1,500 girls and women across Southeast Idaho through grassroots leadership and advocacy.
- **Andrea Clark Roope – Ada County** (Southwest Region)
A respected leader in affordable housing and community development, Clark Roope has spent her career expanding access to stable housing and building cross-sector partnerships throughout the Mountain West.

To view a list of all Regional Council Members, visit [About | Idaho Community Foundation](http://idahocf.org/about.php) (idahocf.org/about.php).

A statewide milestone for community-led philanthropy

This moment represents a major achievement for ICF: **all 44 counties now have a voice in the Regional Council structure**, ensuring that grantmaking decisions reflect the full landscape of Idaho communities – from rural towns to urban centers.

ICF's regional model is central to the **Forever Idaho** philosophy: combining statewide reach with deep local insight so charitable investments remain community-driven, flexible, and responsive.

"Our Regional Councils ensure that philanthropy in Idaho is shaped by the people who know their communities best," said **Steve Burns**, ICF President & CEO. "Having representation from every county strengthens our ability to connect generosity with real local needs."

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About The Idaho Community Foundation

For nearly 40 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has helped generous Idahoans invest in the people, places, and causes they care about. Through our statewide programs, including The Nonprofit Center, an Idaho Community Foundation program, we strengthen communities by growing philanthropy, elevating nonprofit impact, and connecting Idahoans to opportunities to give back. Learn more at idahocf.org or contact us at info@idahocf.org.