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Idaho Gives Events Bring Celebration and Connection to Communities Across the State

Nonprofits and local leaders host events to raise awareness and boost giving

From community block parties to coffee shop meetups, Idaho Gives – a program of the Idaho Nonprofit Center and The Idaho Community Foundation and powered by ICCU – is being celebrated across Idaho with local events designed to build awareness and encourage giving.

With over 640 nonprofits participating in this year's statewide giving campaign, organizations are also bringing neighbors together to connect, celebrate, and give back.

"These events showcase the heart and hustle of Idaho's nonprofit sector," said Zoë Brunelle, Vice President of Advancement at The Idaho Community Foundation. "They bring people together, inspire generosity, and remind us that philanthropy can be fun and deeply personal."

Upcoming Idaho Gives events across the state include:

- April 28 Community Information Fair Coeur d'Alene
 Join the Coeur d'Alene nonprofit community for an information fair to kick-off
 Idaho Gives Week, and enjoy lunch with Cascadia Pizza Co.
- April 28 Karaoke Throwdown Boise
 City of Good and Boise Farmers Market are launching Idaho Gives with an engaging and unique event that highlights partnership and shared success!
- April 28 Karaoke Night Moscow
 Join the Moscow area nonprofits as they kick off Idaho Gives week. Bring your friends, make new ones, and create epic memories as we rock the karaoke mic together.
- April 29 Free Community Paint Night Boise
 Join The Wassmuth Center for Human Rights from 5–7 p.m. for a family-friendly paint night celebrating community and kindness. Create signs and posters to support their Idaho Gives campaign. All supplies provided; donations welcome. Registration encouraged.

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May 1 – UnCharitable Screening & Discussion – Moscow

Hosted at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre from 5:30–8:30 p.m., this event features a screening of *UnCharitable*, a documentary challenging how society views nonprofits. Includes a happy hour with local nonprofits, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A. Presented by the Moscow NPO Group.

May 1 – Pardon the Giving – Boise

Hosted at the Old Idaho Penitentiary from 12–5 p.m., nonprofit leaders will be "locked up" until they meet their fundraising goals. Guests receive a free guided tour with admission, supporting the Ray Knight Field Trip Fund for Title I schools. Presented by the Idaho State Historical Society and Boise Farmers Market.

May 2 – "Fix Their Future" Idaho Gives Finale – Pocatello

Hosted by All About the Animals Coalition at the Pocatello Elks Lodge, 5–8 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments, door prizes, and a live auction. Proceeds support local spay and neuter clinics to prevent pet overpopulation in Southeast Idaho.

The full calendar of events is available at <u>IdahoGives.org/info/events</u> and includes more gatherings and details about the events.

"We love seeing Idahoans show up for their local nonprofits—whether that's with a donation or by joining one of these community events," said Laura Smith, Vice President of Community Development at ICCU, the campaign's presenting sponsor. "Idaho Gives is about connection, and these events bring that to life."

To find and support a nonprofit—or attend an event in your community—visit IdahoGives.org.

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<u>About The Idaho Nonprofit Center + Idaho Community Foundation</u>

The Idaho Nonprofit Center merged into The Idaho Community Foundation in 2024, combining resources to strengthen communities through philanthropy and nonprofit capacity. Both organizations have been trusted partners in communities across the

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state, collaborating with thousands of community-minded residents to invest in the people, places, and causes that enrich the Idaho way of life. Together, they are better equipped to support Idaho's nonprofits and create lasting, positive impact.

The Idaho Nonprofit Center does NOT take a percentage of donations. See full breakdown of maintenance fees on <u>IdahoGives.org.</u>