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***The Idaho Community Foundation to Honor Kaylee Wilson
at Celebration of Philanthropy***

Idaho Falls, ID – Philanthropy is not about age—it’s about heart, dedication, and the willingness to make a difference. And no one embodies that spirit more than Kaylee Wilson, an inspiring young leader whose passion for giving back has already transformed lives in East Idaho.

This May, The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) will recognize Wilson at its Celebration of Philanthropy event, where she will be honored for receiving the **Cecil D. Andrus Youth in Philanthropy Award**.

A high school student from Idaho Falls, Kaylee has dedicated countless hours to Champ’s Heart, a nonprofit that connects children with disabilities to the healing power of horses. But her dedication goes far beyond volunteering—she created, organized, and led a full-scale rodeo during the Warbonnet Roundup, designing events tailored for children with disabilities, giving them an experience they had never imagined possible.

Kaylee’s parents have witnessed firsthand how philanthropy has shaped her. “The worries she had earlier in the day at school are minimized,” said her mother, Lacey Wilson “her opportunity to see [kids] smiling despite their challenges has helped her

have a perspective that every teenager could benefit from. I think it's helped her not take for granted what good things are, and just love life.”

Her father, Brad Wilson, added, “Kaylee's learned life lessons at her age that 40 and 50-year-old adults still haven't... I've watched her grow so much just from her interactions with Champ's [Heart].”

The Celebration of Philanthropy is an annual event that highlights Idaho's most dedicated philanthropists. In addition to honoring Kaylee, the evening will also recognize Park Price, a lifelong advocate for education, economic development, and the arts, who will receive the prestigious Board of Directors Forever Idaho Award—one of the highest honors given by The Idaho Community Foundation.

The event will also highlight the growing momentum of philanthropy in Idaho. With the Idaho Nonprofit Center now merged into The Idaho Community Foundation, this strategic decision strengthens the foundation's ability to provide resources, leadership, and support to the nonprofits that make Idaho a better place to live.

Tickets for the event are now available at IdahoCF.org or <https://bit.ly/COPEast>.

For more information about the event or to reserve your spot, please visit IdahoCF.org or contact info@idahocf.org.

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About The Idaho Community Foundation

For more than 36 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 or visit www.idahocf.org.