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***Blackfoot High School Students Award \$5,000 to Local Nonprofits
Through Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project***

Blackfoot, Idaho — Blackfoot High School students are making a difference in their community through The Idaho Community Foundation's (ICF) Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project (YIPP). After engaging in weeks of discussion, evaluation, and collaboration, students awarded \$5,000 in grants to five local organizations that are strengthening Blackfoot and Bingham County.

The following grants were awarded:

- **Bingham Arts Council** – \$500
- **Bingham Crisis Center** – \$1,000
- **Make-A-Wish Idaho** – \$1,500
- **Bingham County Senior Citizens Center** – \$500
- **Idaho Foster & Adoption Association (The Village)** – \$1,500

Students will present certificates to each nonprofit during a special awards assembly on **May 13 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Blackfoot Performing Arts Center.

"Thank you so much for this opportunity! The kids really got involved and it was very neat hearing them talk through the decision-making process," said Andrea Coles,

Blackfoot High School teacher and YIPP advisor. “We really benefited from the experience, and it’s something the students will carry with them for a long time.”

The Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project, a partnership program with Serve Idaho and the Idaho Nonprofit Center, empowers rural high school students to learn about nonprofit organizations, community needs, and the power of collective giving. Students work together to review grant applications and reach consensus on how best to support their local communities.

“This program helps young people see how philanthropy can be a powerful way to solve real-world challenges,” said Tim Adams, Idaho Community Foundation Board Member and YIPP consultant. “The students at Blackfoot High School approached this project with thoughtfulness and heart, and we are incredibly proud of their leadership.”

The Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project is generously supported by Serve Idaho and the Allstate Foundation.

For more information, visit IdahoCF.org or contact The Idaho Community Foundation at grants@idahocf.org or 208-342-3535.

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