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Heartland High School Students Award \$5,000 in Grants to McCall Nonprofits Through Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project

McCall, Idaho — Students at Heartland High School are making a lasting impact in their community through The Idaho Community Foundation's (ICF) Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project (YIPP). After months of learning, discussion, and collaboration, the students awarded \$5,000 in grants to five local nonprofits working to strengthen McCall and its surrounding areas.

The following grants were awarded:

- **Ignite Idaho** – \$1,200
- **McCall Senior and Community Center** – \$1,500
- **Toby's Place** – \$500
- **Shepherd's Home** – \$1,000
- **Payette Lakes Community Association** – \$800

"This project gave students a real-world opportunity to experience the power of philanthropy," said **Michelle Harris**, Heartland High School teacher and YIPP advisor. "They gained critical leadership, teamwork, and decision-making skills—and learned that even small investments can create big change in a community."

The Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project was launched by The Idaho Community Foundation in partnership with Serve Idaho and the Idaho Nonprofit Center to empower rural youth with the tools and inspiration to become the next generation of community leaders. Students spent the spring semester learning about nonprofits, evaluating grant applications, and working together to reach a consensus on their funding decisions.

“This program demonstrates the importance of civic engagement at a young age,” said Tim Adams, Idaho Community Foundation Board Member and YIPP consultant. “The students at Heartland High School approached the process thoughtfully, recognizing the needs in their community and responding with generosity and heart.”

The Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project was made possible through the generous support of Serve Idaho and the Allstate Foundation. Their investment ensured that students could engage in hands-on philanthropy and make a difference right where they live.

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

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