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Ribbon Cutting: Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station at Kroc Center

The Idaho Community Foundation will unveil a fun, innovative way for people to support their community with the Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station (*photos attached*). This special vending machine doesn't dispense chips or candy but lets people donate to one of 24 local nonprofits and programs. Simply swipe or tap your debit or credit card and press a button. You'll receive a card about the nonprofit you selected, and they'll receive your donation!

**The Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station Ribbon Cutting:
Friday, May 24 at 10 a.m.
Kroc Center main lobby, 1765 W Golf Course Rd, Coeur d'Alene
The media and the public are invited.**

“Our goal at the Idaho Community Foundation is to include as many people as possible in giving to and strengthening their community. The Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station is a fun, interactive way for people to learn about nonprofits and support their community,” said Steve Burns, President and CEO of the Idaho Community Foundation.

The purpose of the Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station is to make charitable giving easy. Newcomers to Idaho may not know how many terrific nonprofits operate in Kootenai County and north Idaho – this is a great way to showcase some of them.

It's also a great way for parents and grandparents to teach young people about the importance of supporting their community in a way that is quick and meaningful.

The Giving Station features Kootenai County nonprofits that serve Idahoans in many ways, including healthcare, recreation, the arts, social services and many more. Donation options range from \$10-\$25. The local nonprofits are:

Boys and Girls Club of Kootenai County
CDAIDE
Children's Village
Coeur d'Alene Rotary Foundation
Coeur d'Alene Symphony
Coeur Group
Companions Animal Shelter
EXCEL Foundation
Habitat for Humanity North Idaho
Heritage Health
Hospice of North Idaho
Kootenai Health Foundation
Love, INC.
Museum of North Idaho
NAMI Coeur d'Alene
North Idaho Centennial Trail
Safe Passage
St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho
The Avenue Marketplace (Post Falls Foodbank)
The Greater Coeur d'Alene Community Foundation
The Salvation Army Kroc Center - 3rd Grade Swim
The Salvation Army Kroc Center - Clothe a Child
The Salvation Army Kroc Center - Mental Health Services
United Way of North Idaho

The Idaho Community Foundation is the perfect organization to launch the Giving Station because we award more than \$12 million in grants throughout Idaho every single year. This year is our 35th Anniversary and we're celebrating by making charitable giving easy and accessible for everyone. To date, the Idaho Community Foundation has awarded more than \$177 million in grants across all of Idaho's 44 counties.

"We want to make philanthropy fun and accessible. The Idaho Community Foundation's Giving Station will introduce more people to the joy of giving back to their community and learning more about some of the amazing organizations working hard to make north Idaho such a wonderful place to live," said Steve Burns.

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For 35 years, the Idaho Community Foundation has helped Idahoans make their communities even better through philanthropy. If you want to support the nonprofits, schools, recreational opportunities and more that make your community special, please contact us at info@idahocf.org or visit: www.idahocf.org.