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\$100,000+ Infused into North Idaho Communities, With More to Come

Coeur d'Alene, ID – May 24, 2024 – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) hosted the North Idaho Celebration of Philanthropy event, marking a significant milestone in local philanthropic efforts. Held in the scenic city of Coeur d'Alene, this year's event announced the distribution of \$100,000 in grants to 26 nonprofit organizations across Kootenai County. Among the recipients, the University of Idaho's Scott and Gabriella Green Scholarship Fund received a notable \$10,000 grant, furthering educational opportunities for local students.

In a significant development for the community, the event also heralded the creation of the Greater Coeur d'Alene Community Foundation, which will be an affiliate of the Idaho Community Foundation and raised nearly half a million dollars in community support from event attendees, including a \$35,000 gift from the Idaho Community Foundation.

The Greater Coeur d'Alene Community Foundation, an initiative led by an inspired group of local citizens including ICF Board Member Heidi Rogers, aims to bolster support for local nonprofits, schools, and community organizations, thereby enhancing the unique fabric of Coeur d'Alene.

“We were thrilled when Heidi and the Advisory committee approached us with the idea of creating a community foundation for Coeur d'Alene,” said ICF President and CEO Steve Burns. “This local control approach to giving and grantmaking will be hugely beneficial to both donors and community organizations and represents a model for other Idaho communities to replicate.”

Rogers, a dedicated member of the ICF Board for five years, brings her extensive experience and passion for charitable giving to this initiative. She emphasized the broad potential of community foundations to support diverse philanthropic goals.

“Community foundations are great because they are flexible enough to support everyone’s philanthropic goals no matter what their focus is – arts, recreation, housing, education and more can all be supported through a community foundation,” she said. “Ours will offer all of those options, but will be focused here in Coeur d’Alene.”

As an affiliate of the Idaho Community Foundation, the Greater Coeur d’Alene Community Foundation will have an Advisory Committee composed of residents. This committee will work in partnership with the Idaho Community Foundation Board of Directors to oversee the distribution of grants, ensuring that funds are allocated to areas where they can make the most impact.

This latest infusion of \$100,000 in grant funding directly from the Idaho Community Foundation is part of a broader effort that has seen a \$25 million investment in North Idaho over the past 35 years, with plans for continued. One innovative effort includes the Idaho Community Foundation Giving Station, currently at the Kroc Center in Coeur d’Alene through June.

The ICF Giving Station aims to simplify charitable giving. Instead of dispensing snacks, this special vending machines allows people to donate to 24 local nonprofits and programs. With a simple swipe or tap of a card, donors can select a nonprofit to support and receive a card about the chosen organization, ensuring their donation goes directly to their selected cause.

For those interested in supporting the nonprofits, schools, recreational opportunities, and other initiatives that make their communities special, the Idaho Community Foundation would love to partner with you. Please contact info@idahocf.org or visit idahocf.org for additional information.

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For 35 years, the Idaho Community Foundation has helped Idahoans make their communities even better through philanthropy. By sharing this story, you help spread the word about the positive impacts of philanthropy in North Idaho and the exciting new opportunities presented by the Greater Coeur d’Alene Community Foundation. Together, we can continue to enrich our communities and create lasting change.