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Two East Idaho couples named to Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame

IDAHO FALLS – The Idaho Community Foundation will induct **Steve and Cindy Carr** of Idaho Falls and **Park and Sharon Price** of Pocatello and Idaho Falls into the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame, one of the state's highest honors for charitable leadership and community impact.

The couples were selected for decades of leadership, volunteerism, and philanthropy that have strengthened communities across East Idaho and the state.

The Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame recognizes individuals and families whose lifetime contributions have helped shape Idaho communities through generosity, volunteer service, civic leadership, and philanthropy.

They will be honored at the Gem Ball on Thursday, November 19, from 5:30–9 p.m. at JUMP in downtown Boise. Tickets are available at IdahoCF.org.

About the Honorees

Steve and Cindy Carr: The power of saying 'yes'

For Steve and Cindy Carr, a lifetime of service began with a simple invitation.

As a young attorney building a career and raising a family, Steve was asked to attend a local American Red Cross board meeting. He almost declined.

Instead, he said yes.

That decision launched decades of service that took Steve from Idaho Falls to the international stage. He became the only American elected to the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, its highest governing body. Closer to home, he helped strengthen the Museum of Idaho, Idaho Falls Arts Council, downtown revitalization efforts, and numerous nonprofit organizations.



Cindy has served schools, arts organizations, museums, churches, and other community causes, including more than a decade of volunteer work at the Museum of Idaho.

When reflecting on the people they have encountered through service, Steve often returns to a common theme.

"The common denominator with all those folks is that they're givers."

Over the years, the Carrs discovered that volunteering brought much more than opportunities to help others.

For Cindy, it brought friendships and a deeper connection to her community.

For Steve, it reinforced a belief that service enriches the lives of those who choose it.

"At the end of the day, we're the big winners."

Today, they continue encouraging others to become involved in the communities they call home.

"It's all about saying yes," Steve said.

Park and Sharon Price: Putting down roots and making a difference

For Park and Sharon Price, community involvement has always been rooted in a simple belief: if you're fortunate enough to live somewhere, you should help make it better.

After returning to Idaho in 1979, Park became a leader in business, education, economic development, and philanthropy. A founding Idaho Community Foundation board member, he also advanced educational opportunities through Idaho Business for Education and the College of Eastern Idaho. Sharon devoted decades of volunteer leadership to arts and cultural organizations, strengthening communities through music, collaboration, and civic engagement.

One piece of advice from Park's father helped shape the course of their lives.

"If you come back to Idaho, you can make a difference."

The Prices embraced that philosophy and spent the next several decades doing exactly that.

Their service reflects a broader view of philanthropy, one that extends beyond financial contributions.

"Too often philanthropy is connected directly to money," Park said. "In fact, many nonprofits need time and talent."



Together, the Prices have championed philanthropy through time, talent, leadership, and generosity while teaching their children the importance of giving back.

"You don't have to make a big donation to get going," Park said. "We value your time and your talent."

Their Hall of Fame induction recognizes a lifetime spent strengthening educational opportunities, supporting the arts, fostering economic growth, and helping others become engaged members of their communities.

Celebrating Philanthropy Across Idaho

The Idaho Community Foundation will also induct **A.J. and Susie Balukoff** and the **Oppenheimer Family** of Boise into the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame. **Megan Remaley**, President and CEO of United Way of Treasure Valley, will be named Idaho Nonprofit Leader of the Year, and **David Roberts**, Vice President and Community Development Officer for D.L. Evans Bank, will receive the Governor Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year Award.

"These honorees represent the very best of Idaho," said **Steve Burns**, President and CEO of the Idaho Community Foundation. "By sharing their time, talent, treasure, and leadership, they have created opportunities, solved problems, built connections, and helped neighbors thrive."

Tickets and additional information for the November 19 Gem Ball are available at IdahoCF.org.

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About the Idaho Community Foundation

Since 1988, the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) has helped generous Idahoans invest in the people, places, and causes they care about. Through our statewide programs, including The Nonprofit Center and Idaho Gives, ICF strengthens communities by growing philanthropy, elevating nonprofit impact, and connecting Idahoans to opportunities to give back. Learn more at idahocf.org or contact us at info@idahocf.org.