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Greg Carr to Be Inducted into Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame

BOISE –The Idaho Community Foundation is proud to announce that **Greg Carr**, noted humanitarian, entrepreneur, and environmental philanthropist, will be inducted into the **Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame** on **November 20, 2025**, during the inaugural Gem Ball and Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame at the Boise Centre East.

The Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame honors those whose lifetime of generosity and vision has transformed lives, institutions, and communities across Idaho. Carr's impact, both in Idaho and around the world, exemplifies this legacy.

Born and raised in Idaho Falls, Carr built a career defined by both innovation and compassion. After achieving business success as co-founder of Boston Technology, one of the earliest voicemail companies, and as chair of Prodigy, a pioneer in early online services, Carr turned his focus to global human rights and environmental restoration.

He established the **Gregory C. Carr Foundation** in 1998 to support the advancement of human rights, education, and the arts, as well as to conserve biodiversity. The foundation's most renowned project—the restoration of **Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique**—has become a model for sustainable conservation, combining ecological renewal with community development, education, and economic empowerment.

Closer to home, Carr's philanthropy has deeply shaped Idaho's cultural and educational landscape. In Idaho Falls, he joined other community leaders to help restore the **Historic Colonial Theater**, breathing new life into a landmark that now anchors the city's vibrant arts community. He played a pivotal role in the creation of



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Boise's **Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial** and the **Wassmuth Center for Human Rights**, spaces dedicated to reflection, education, and the defense of human dignity.

In one of his most symbolic acts of restoration, Carr purchased the former **Aryan Nations compound** near Hayden Lake in 2001 after it was seized following a civil rights lawsuit. He donated the land to **North Idaho College**, where it was transformed into a peaceful public park—turning a place once defined by hate into one of hope.

Carr also co-founded the **Museum of Idaho**, ensuring that the state's rich stories and scientific heritage are preserved for generations to come. Beyond Idaho, his endowment of the **Carr Center for Human Rights Policy** at Harvard University continues his lifelong mission to advance compassion, justice, and human rights around the world.

"Greg Carr's work demonstrates that philanthropy is both local and global—that the same values that build strong Idaho communities can also heal ecosystems and societies across the world," said **Steve Burns, President and CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation**. "His vision for how philanthropy can elevate people and planet is exactly the kind of leadership we seek to celebrate in the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame."

Carr's induction will be recognized through a video tribute and remarks from the philanthropist, who now divides his time between Idaho and Mozambique. His story will be celebrated alongside fellow inductees **Alice Hennessey** and the **Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation**, as well as Idaho's **Nonprofit Leader of the Year, Tricia Swartling**, and **Volunteer of the Year, Carrie Getty Scheid**.

The Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame was established by The Idaho Community Foundation to honor those whose transformative generosity has shaped Idaho's culture of giving. Through their example, inductees inspire others to invest time, talent, and treasure in the communities they love—ensuring Idaho remains a place of possibility where everyone contributes to thriving communities.

Event Details:

Gem Ball featuring the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame

Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 5:30 p.m. | Boise Centre East

Tickets and sponsorships available at

<https://www.idahocf.org/philanthropy.php>.



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About The Idaho Community Foundation

For nearly 40 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has been a trusted partner in philanthropy, helping generous Idahoans invest in the people, places, and causes they care about most. Now united with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, we're strengthening communities through philanthropy, elevating nonprofit impact, and connecting Idahoans to the heart of their communities. Our vision is simple: Idaho is a place of possibility where everyone contributes to thriving communities. Join the movement to build a culture of giving at www.idahocf.org or email us at info@idahocf.org.