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Carrie Getty Scheid Named 2025 Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation is deeply honored to recognize the late **Carrie Getty Scheid** of Idaho Falls as the **2025 Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year**, one of the state's highest honors for civic and philanthropic leadership.

Carrie passed away on October 21, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer. Her husband, **Jerry Scheid**, and her step-daughter will accept the award on her behalf during the **Gem Ball featuring the Idaho Philanthropy Hall of Fame** on November 20 at the Boise Centre East.

The award honors Idahoans whose extraordinary volunteer service has strengthened communities, elevated the work of nonprofits, and inspired others to give back. Carrie's leadership and unwavering commitment to Idaho Falls did all that and more. Throughout her life, Carrie was a driving force behind transformational projects that shaped Eastern Idaho's civic, cultural, and educational landscape. From revitalizing downtown Idaho Falls through the arts to strengthening higher education as a trustee of the College of Eastern Idaho, her contributions reflected a deep belief in collaboration and community possibility.

In August, the **City of Idaho Falls** presented Carrie with the **Mayor's Choice Award** for her decades of service, a recognition typically reserved for those whose impact is both broad and lasting. Mayor Rebecca Casper described Carrie as "a force for good whose fingerprints are on nearly every major civic and cultural project of the past 30 years."

Former Idaho Community Foundation Board Member **Mary Lynn Hartwell**, a longtime Idaho Falls resident and close friend, said, "Carrie was a tremendous force in moving projects forward. I will miss my dear friend and her unwavering dedication to



advancing the arts, animals, education, and amplifying the voice of the political middle in our society.”

Carrie’s leadership extended far beyond titles or recognition. Her thoughtful approach, integrity, and determination inspired countless others to give, serve, and lead.

“Carrie embodied the spirit of volunteerism that Governor Andrus championed—quiet, consistent, and profoundly effective,” said **Steve Burns**, President and CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation. “She didn’t just give her time; she gave her vision. Idaho is better because Carrie believed in the power of community.”

Named in honor of Idaho’s late Governor **Cecil D. Andrus**, the award recognizes individuals whose service reflects his legacy of compassion, integrity, and commitment to the common good.

Carrie Getty Scheid’s passing leaves a deep void in the Idaho Falls community and across Idaho, but her impact will continue to shape the state she loved—for today, tomorrow, and generations to come.

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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.