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FALL 2008

Smiles in Idaho Falls, a ‘More Professional’ Emmett Library, Better Hospital Equipment in Grangeville — But Funding Gap Continues to Grow

There’s a child in Idaho Falls with an ear-to-ear, cavity-free smile. In Emmett, library patrons are finding books more easily, thanks to new shelving. In Grangeville, a nurse no longer worries about injuring herself or the patient when she lifts someone.

These are all possible because of grants from the Idaho Community Foundation — grants designed to fulfill ICF’s mission of enriching the quality of life throughout Idaho.

But it’s not enough. Last year ICF awarded almost \$750,000 in grants throughout the state. In contrast, requests came in for almost \$2.5 million.

Smiles in Eastern Idaho

The heart-warming stories include those of 25 children in Eastern Idaho, where ICF awarded \$5,000 to The Regence Caring Foundation to help provide free dental care to low-income and uninsured children. Half of the funds came from the Eastern Region competitive grant awards, the other half from the Gladys E. Langroise Advised Fund in ICF.

“Tooth decay is the Number One chronic disease of children in Idaho,” said Kathy Ellis, Idaho coordinator for The Regence Caring Foundation. “More than 30 percent of Idaho children do not have dental insurance. If you don’t have insurance, you typically don’t go to the dentist unless you’re in pain. We’re trying to provide dental care to uninsured children who are not eligible for government-paid dental programs and who fall through the cracks, so to speak.”

The Regence Caring Foundation partners with 130 dentists around the state who provide routine and restorative services at reduced fees. Regence BlueShield covers administrative costs, she said, so that donations can go directly to dental care.



“We’re also starting to learn that there is a strong connection between tooth decay and overall health,” Ellis said. “Tooth decay can affect your entire body in both children and adults.

“ICF grants in all regions of the state allow us to serve more children, and we appreciate the fact that so many people are coming together in a true collaboration,” she added.

Better Care for Books in Emmett Library

In Emmett ICF provided \$5,000 for new shelving to help with the 25 percent increase in usage in recent years.

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A Dynamic 20th Year

A MESSAGE FROM ICF PRESIDENT AND CEO CATHY R. SILAK



20TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



Sara Ifft



Mayor Dave Bieter and Steve Gunderson, President and CEO, Council on Foundations.



Esther Simplot and Roger Martell

Thank you to all of you, our members, donors and supporters, for helping to make the Idaho Community Foundation's 20th Anniversary year such a joyous celebration of philanthropy. I'd like to take a few minutes to recap the highlights of the year, in which we celebrated the past but moved forward in new directions.

Celebrations of our 20th Anniversary extended to all three of our regions, starting in the spring with a reception in Coeur d'Alene, where staff and board members greeted our members, donors and volunteer panel members. We were entertained by a talented teen choir from the Coeur d'Alene Charter School. Panel members were able to relax before a hard day of reviewing grant applications for the Northern Region competitive cycle.

In May 670 supporters attended the 20th Anniversary luncheon in Boise, and paid tribute to the Foundation's founders, who as a group received the 2008 Friends of the Foundation Award. One of the founders, Roger Martell, accepted the award on behalf of all. In honor of these visionary leaders and corporate and foundation donors, the ICF Board of Directors created the Founders' Fund, an endowed fund from which grants will be made every year to carry on the founders' legacy. Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations, presented a keynote speech illuminating the important role that the charitable sector plays in the national economy and in the lives of our nations' citizens.

In August ICF continued the celebration in the Eastern Region. We hosted an evening at the Museum of Idaho, touring the Egyptian exhibit there. Our board convened for its summer meeting where board members heard presentations from local grant recipients.

Three new directors joined our board: Jean Elsaesser of Priest River, an active volunteer with a special interest in libraries; Flip Kleffner of Moscow, former director of the University of Idaho Alumni Association and a football and baseball star during his undergraduate years; and Tricia Swartling of Ketchum, executive director of Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Hailey. All three are bringing diverse and valuable perspectives to our board.

While ICF pays homage to its past, the board also realizes new initiatives are necessary to be responsive to the current needs of Idaho. In that vein, allow me to recap some of the exciting newer ventures accomplished this year:

- » In April more than \$222,750 was awarded in grants from the Idaho Education Access Fund in ICF. The goal of this fund is to increase post-secondary educational opportunities for those Idaho students who have been traditionally disadvantaged.
- » Our first e-mail newsletter was launched in August, allowing ICF to stay in touch in a convenient electronic format. Please e-mail us if you'd like to receive the electronic newsletter.
- » New community funds for Caribou County and the City of Nampa were started as part of ICF's Together Idaho Community Funds.
- » The Idaho Falls Symphony Society placed its endowment fund with ICF, further expanding the number of nonprofits joining with ICF to help insure a sustainable future.

As we near the end of the year, we know that many of you are planning your charitable donations. ICF has funds to address statewide or regional needs, a variety of funds addressing special needs ranging from education to healthcare, plus newer funds such as the Idaho Education Access Fund and the Founders' Fund. Any of us at ICF would be glad to talk to you and help you find an option that addresses your interests.

In closing, I would like to thank you personally for joining with ICF in enriching the quality of life throughout Idaho, and to wish you the best for the holidays and the coming year.

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL LUNCHEON

MAY 12, 2009

SPEAKER: JEFF NODDLE, CEO, SUPERVALU



New shelving at the Emmett Public Library makes the collections far more accessible.

Students in dental hygiene at Idaho State University help with the “Give Kids A Smile Day” in Pocatello.

“The shelving has been an absolute blessing,” said Library Director Alyce Kelley. “We have spread out our collection and organized it so that it is much more user-friendly.

“Also, people don’t realize that when books are crowded tightly together, it tends to break down the spines. We weren’t seeing an immediate effect, but we were concerned about the long-range impact,” she added.

A particular plus is that the new shelves have end panels, providing more shelving and giving “a much more professional, finished look,” she said.

Kelley attributes higher library use both to the increased population and the decline in the economy, which is sending people to libraries instead of bookstores.

“We have limited funds and our focus is always on service,” she said. “The indirect needs such as shelving often go on the backburner. ICF’s help has been so important with the non-routine requests.”

The library is supported by the City of Emmett, which has a population just over 6,000. Funds for the grant came from the Southwestern competitive grant cycle and the Ethel R. and Ronald Rawlinson Fund in ICF.

New Equipment for Safer Patient Transfers

In Grangeville, Syringa General Hospital used a \$6,000 grant to purchase equipment for lifting and transferring patients.

The request came after the hospital found that workers compensation claims in a single year totaled \$131,700, and all but \$1,000 resulted from overexertion in lifting or a related capacity. In a typical eight-hour shift, said Laurie Rockwell, director of the Syringa Hospital Foundation, a nurse lifts a cumulative total of 1.8 tons.

The hospital had equipment to lift patients weighing up to 300 pounds. With the increase in obesity, it needed a mechanical device to lift up to 800 pounds. The equipment also weighs the patient, eliminating the need for additional transfers on and off scales.

Another feature is a sling that can travel with a patient who is walking. If patients become tired, they can sit down to rest, and then resume walking without putting a strain on the staff.

For the Syringa Hospital grant, \$3,000 came from Northern Idaho competitive grant funds, \$1,500 from the Kissler Family Foundation Philanthropic Gift Fund, and \$1,500 from the King’s Stores Fund.

“It’s wonderful to see how our advised funds can supplement the funds allocated through our competitive grant cycles to make a major difference in so many communities,” said Cathy Silak, president and chief executive officer of ICF.

“The challenge is that the needs are still so great. Even with almost three quarters of a million dollars, we can fund only half of the applications every year. We know that times are difficult for many, and we are concerned about our ability to meet next year’s requests. We hope that those who can help will continue to do so, and realize what a difference even a small donation makes to ICF’s regional greatest-needs funds,” she added.



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Bonnie Roll, RN, with new patient lifting equipment.

Caribou County, Nampa Create First Together Idaho Funds



Two new community funds, one for Caribou County and one for the City of Nampa, have become the first two funds created as part of ICF's new Together Idaho campaign.

ICF will grant \$5,000 to new funds that are established through the year 2011. Each fund must reach a minimum of \$25,000 to be eligible, and sponsors have up to five years to accumulate this amount. ICF will award up to a total of \$20,000 each year on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Carriboo Development Foundation, the first to become eligible for the ICF grant program, has the same goal as ICF: improving the quality of life.

"We started by forming the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee," said Trent L. Clark, chair of both the development committee and the Carriboo Development Foundation. "We soon realized that we needed a public-private partnership to move forward. Idaho law prohibits governmental units from giving money to nonprofits, so we formed the foundation to accept private donations."

Soda Springs' first community center and an expanded library, as well as historic preservation, are on the agenda. "Our library occupies the same space that it did 30 years ago, even though the demand for library resources has quadrupled," Clark said. "We also have opportunities to preserve our history, which we believe will increase tourism and improve our economy."

The unusual spelling of Carriboo comes from the nickname of an historic Caribou County figure, Jesse Fairchild, best known as Carriboo Jack. The colorful character came from the Yukon to Soda Springs after gold was discovered, and he told tales of wading across the Yukon River by stepping on the backs of caribou.

Spelling, however, was not his strong point. He created his own spelling, which is on his tombstone in Soda Springs. When the county was named in his honor, someone corrected the spelling to Caribou — a somewhat unusual choice, Clark said, as there have never been any caribou in Caribou County. "We wanted the name of our foundation to reflect our awareness of our history," Clark said.

In Nampa the Rotary Club set creation of a long-term foundation as one of this year's goals. "We started researching our options, and decided that working with the Idaho Community Foundation was by far the most economical option," said Andy Dodson, president of the Nampa Rotary Club. "This is an avenue both for members of our club and the community as a whole to contribute."

The Rotary Club currently donates about \$50,000 a year to community activities, including funding for Hope House, which cares for approximately 50 children; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, and Boy and Girl Scout programs. It also donates backpacks with school supplies to children, and helps the Salvation Army gather winter coats for children and raise funds through its holiday bell-ringing program.

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Last year, in conjunction with Nampa's Sunrise Rotary Club, it initiated a program to give every third-grader in Nampa a dictionary. It also hosted a group study exchange team with Sri Lanka in cooperation with other Rotary Clubs in the area.

Under the new ICF program, a group of citizens in a particular geographic area may create a new community fund.

"ICF has long operated through regional panels as part of our philosophy that local communities know their own needs best," said Cathy Silak, ICF president and CEO. "This is one more way to help people give back to their own communities."

Helping Nonprofits with Operating Expenses

JILL JURVELIN CREATES THE NORTH IDAHO FAMILY LITERACY FUND



It was Jill Jurvelin's work in the nonprofit sector that made her realize the difficulty that nonprofits face in finding funds for day-to-day operating expenses. So when she retired, she set up a fund in ICF to help literacy programs, the field in which she worked for five years.

"I worked with the former Even Start Literacy Project," she said, "and I quickly learned that there are start-up funds, and there are funds for specific capital expenses, such as rooms or pieces of equipment that can be visibly labeled by the grantor. But there are very few funds for the ongoing expenses that make programs viable.

"I wanted to do something to help, and I thought about setting up my own foundation for family literacy. Then I realized how much paperwork and expense is involved, and someone suggested that I talk with ICF. It made a lot more sense to work with ICF," she said.

Jurvelin created the North Idaho Family Literacy Fund, a philanthropic gift fund to support family literacy in Kootenai and Shoshone counties. "If others want to add to the fund or our children want to continue the fund after my death, they can do so."

She particularly believes in family programs where parents and children learn various skills together. "We can help parents who have a desire to help their youngsters have better childhoods than they did," she said. "They can find new ways to live, and have fun with their children while they learn together."

A resident of Coeur d'Alene, Jurvelin moved to Idaho with her parents as a child. "My parents were involved in the mining industry in various ways and it has been good to our family," she said. "This is a good way for us to give back to the community."

ICF donors enjoyed a recent reception at the Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls. An ICF grant will help bring students to the museum.



Former ICF Director Kenlon Johnson and his wife, Carol.



ICF Director Ralph Hartwell and his wife, Mary Lynn.



ICF Director Joe Marshall.



Tom and Bonnie Stitzel chat with former ICF President Alice Hennessey, center.

Boise area donors and grant recipients recently gathered with ICF's Board for an afternoon reception at the Idaho Botanical Garden.



Sally Adams, left, and Dottie Stimpson.



Jan Gallimore of the Idaho State Historical Society, right, and Julia Rundberg of the Idaho Botanical Garden.



ICF Board Chairman Doug Nelson and his wife, Billie.



ICF Receives 2008 Governor's Award in the Arts

Introducing New ICF Staff

Two new additions to the Idaho Community Foundation staff, **Lauren Carlson** and **Jaime Browning**, have long histories of helping others.



Lauren Carlson, program assistant in the donor relations and development department, is a volunteer for BooksFirst!, a national organization that conducts book drives to help under-resourced schools, and Isaiah's Ranch, a youth organization in Boise County.

She grew up in Hailey and Boise, graduating from Bishop Kelly High School in Boise and Gonzaga University in Spokane. From there she spent two years teaching in New York City with Teach for America, a national nonprofit education program for teachers. She returned to Boise in 2006 and worked for a commercial real estate development firm before joining ICF.

"I have a real interest in the nonprofit sector, and ICF is involved in so many different projects throughout the state," she said.



Jaime Browning, an administrative assistant, is returning to her roots in Boise after 10 years in Portland. A graduate of Boise's Capital High School, she is pursuing a degree in business management-entrepreneurial option at Boise State University.

Her work has always included helping people. She spent eight years in healthcare, and three years providing support in the software industry.

"I always like helping people," she said, "and that's one reason I really like ICF. I started as a temp and when an opening came up, it was an especially good fit. It's a warm and friendly place, and everyone works together to get the job done."

The Idaho Community Foundation received a 2008 Governor's Award in the Arts at ceremonies in Idaho Falls in October.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter presented the awards, silver medallions designed by Idaho artist Elizabeth Wolf, at the Willard Arts Center.

The biennial awards were established in 1970 to elevate recognition and awareness of Idaho arts and artists. Idaho was among the first states to establish such a program.

The setting was particularly appropriate for ICF, as the organization worked closely in the original fund-raising drive for the center with the late Miles Willard and Virginia Willard Holden, for whom the building is named. The Willards also were founding ICF donors.

ICF received the award in the category of "Support for the Arts."

Eleven awards were given this year. Other honorees included three past recipients of ICF grants, Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre, Opera Idaho of Boise, and the Madison School District in Rexburg, as well as Susan Jacklin, wife of past ICF Board Chair Duane Jacklin.

North Idaho Competitive Grant Applications Due Jan. 15

Applications for the Northern Region Competitive Grant Cycle are due by Jan. 15. Directors will review them in May, and distribution of funds will begin in June.

The Eastern Region Competitive Grant Cycle opens Feb. 1 and the Southwestern Region, May 1.

A complete list of the Eastern Region competitive grant awards, announced in August, is on the Web at idcomfdn.org/pages/latest_news.htm.

Online Fund Statements Now Available

If you have a fund in ICF, you can now track donations and disbursements online.

The new system is much more convenient, says Tom Kalange, whose family maintains three donor-advised funds in ICF.

"I can get information quickly, without having to call the ICF office," Kalange said. "In addition, my records are updated quarterly, and I don't have to keep up with paperwork or worry about my papers being in a different location when I'm traveling."

ICF instituted online fund statements in December 2007.

Memorials and Gifts

The Idaho Community Foundation welcomes gifts sent as memorials or in honor of individuals on their birthdays, anniversaries, retirement or other special occasions. Such gifts may be added to any individual fund in the Foundation, or to the Idaho Community Foundation Unrestricted Community Trust Fund. The following gifts were received between January 1, 2008 and July 31, 2008.

In Memory of Linda Ames

Stanley and Maria Anderson
Warren and Janice Jensen

In Memory of Elizabeth Baker

Mike and Sally Shanafelt

In Memory of Dr. David Barton

Carl and Gisela Burke

In Memory of JoAnn Bennett

Robert and Sandi Boeh
James and Susan Borowicz
Peter and Noydena Brix
J. Michael and Robbye Clements
Joseph and Margaret Hinson
Chad and Jan Jungert
Klaue Family Foundation
Martin Insurance
Laurie Rockwell
Duane and Debbie Vaagen
Washington Trust Bank

In Memory of Art Betts

W. and Shirley Atteberry

In Memory of Warren and Jayne Brown

Earl and Kathleen Chandler
Karl and Shelia Klages

In Memory of Robb Caufield

P. LaVern and Marian Gentry
Idaho Society of CPAs

In Memory of Steven Cross

Anonymous

In Memory of Henry Daniels

W. and Shirley Atteberry

In Memory of Suzanne Day

Delphine Aldecoa
Vernon and Isabel Brassey

In Memory of Alice Deeds

W. and Shirley Atteberry

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Thomas and Kathleen Reed

Barbara Smith

Fredric and Lucille Stott

The Halliday Foundation, Inc.

Samuel and Elizabeth Thorne

Video Applications, Inc.

Anthony and Susan Wilson

Virginia Woodbury

William and Virginia Woolley

In Memory of Patricia Eisenman

Anonymous

In Memory of Mary Eldredge

Pete and Freda Cenarrusa

In Memory of Stanley Erickson

P. LaVern and Marian Gentry
Idaho Society of CPAs

In Memory of Ann Erstad

Thomas and Alice Hennessey

In Memory of Norris Frazier

James and Mary Schmidt

In Memory of Lynn Fritchman

W. and Shirley Atteberry

In Memory of Barbara Gardner

Blaine and Dixie Lenon

In Memory of Robert Hansberger

Thomas and Bonnie Stitzel

In Memory of Destry Hansen

Melinda Redden

In Memory of Martin Hepker

Ralph and Mary Lynn Hartwell

In Memory of Louella Hobbs

Fred Ramey

In Memory of Clinton Isensee

Mike and Sally Shanafelt

In Memory of Leslie Kiehn

Bron Roberts and Jeremy Gray

Fred and Nancy Seghi

In Memory of Willa Kirk

John and Virginia Boydston

Leila Brauner

Diane Conrad

Berit Crookham

Judd and Diane DeBoer

Sherry Fanning

Vicki Hange

Idaho First Bank

Leroy and Marion Johnson

William and Patricia Lodge

Joyce Merrill

Charles and Glenva Newhouse

Patricia Pedersen

Petra Incorporated

R. and Nancy Symms

John Watkins

Ralph and Gayle Wilde

In Memory of Mary Lanham

Pete and Freda Cenarrusa

John and Karen Rosholt

In Memory of Barbara Marshall

Allan Frost

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Paul and S. Miles

In Memory of Nancy McCarty

James and Marlene Wogsland

In Memory of Lynn Meredith

Anonymous

In Memory of W. LeRoy Meyer

Kay Alspaugh

Bickett Family Trust

Gary and Ann Peterson

Sharon Woodhead

In Memory of Larry Norby

P. LaVern and Marian Gentry

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In Memory of J. R. Simplot

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In Memory of Roland Smith

Idaho Society of CPAs

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In Memory of Gary Thronson

Lawrence and Sandra Calkins

In Memory of Helen Turner

Edith Easterbrook

In Memory of Terry Vanderwall

James and Mary Schmidt

In Memory of Dick Weston

Edith Easterbrook

In Memory of Barbara Wildman

Mike and Sally Shanafelt

In Memory of Ingrid Wilhite

Marion Wilhite

In Memory of Betty Wilkins

Bickett Family Trust

In Honor of P. LaVern Gentry

R. J. Murgoitio Farms, LLC

In Honor of Janet McBride

Paul and S. Miles

Boy Scout Creates Viewing Area at Velodrome



Tanner Frost gathered funds and volunteers to create a grassy area for spectators at the Idaho Velodrome and Cycling Park as his Eagle Scout project.

Families and friends will be able to relax in a grassy, shaded area when they watch cyclists at the Idaho Velodrome and Cycling Park in Eagle, thanks in part to the efforts of Tanner Frost, 16-year-old Eagle Scout candidate.

Tanner, son of Nancy and Dan Frost of Eagle, raised more than \$1,200 this summer to make the 11,000-square-foot family viewing area a reality at the Velodrome, now under construction. Treasure Valley Turf donated sod, Clayton Tree Farm donated 16 trees, and the A+ Aragon Landscaping sprinkler installation worked at a discounted rate. Gingrich Underground also cooperated in the effort.

Numerous Scouts, friends and family members joined Tanner in working a total of more than 300 hours under Volunteer Coordinator Brad Nelson on the family area, which will serve as Tanner's Eagle Scout project.

"I was at the bike park a few months ago to help install a fence, and I asked if they needed anything that could

be my Eagle Scout community service project," said Tanner, who enjoys using the pump track and jumps, which already are open. "This was their suggestion, so I started working on it."

He began passing out fliers in the neighborhood, and a few weeks later he walked into ICF with his first collection of \$700.

"It's very impressive to see a young man initiate and follow through on a project like this," said Cathy Silak, president and CEO of the Idaho Community Foundation, which is providing administrative support through the Idaho Velodrome and Cycling Park Special Project Fund in ICF.

Tanner is a member of Boy Scout Troop 317 and a junior at Eagle High School.



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