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## \$724,305 Raised for 45 Idaho Nonprofits Serving the Homeless

### *Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge Surpasses Fundraising Goal*

BOISE, Idaho –[Idaho Housing and Finance Association](http://www.idahohousing.com) and the [Home Partnership Foundation](http://www.homepartnershipfoundation.org) are pleased to announce that a total of \$724,305 was raised for 45 Idaho nonprofits in its seventh annual [Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge](http://www.idahohousing.com) that ended December 31, 2017. The annual event enables businesses and individuals to support nonprofits that provide housing and critical services for the homeless across the state.

The campaign received 3,023 donations this year, for a total of \$460,364, plus \$263,941 in grant prizes and matching funds were awarded that are supported by 30 generous sponsors. The campaign continues to grow every year, with a 35% increase in the number of donations from the community and a 57% increase in total funds raised this year over 2016.

“The 2017 response has been overwhelming and we thank all the generous donors for their gifts, which will help many of the state’s homeless during this winter season,” said Gerald M. Hunter, president of Idaho Housing and Finance Association. “We were encouraged to see so many Idahoans come together during this holiday season to help make a difference for those who are homeless. It’s been an exciting campaign, the results of which will have a long-lasting impact on our community.”

Nearly \$2.2 million has been raised in the last seven years, since Avenues for Hope was introduced in 2011. While the 2017 campaign has concluded, donations may still be made to participating nonprofits on their organization websites or to the [homepartnershipfoundation.org](http://www.homepartnershipfoundation.org).

The Home Partnership Foundation, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation of Idaho Housing and Finance Association, organizes the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge every year to enhance funding for housing nonprofits throughout the state. Nonprofits, businesses, and individuals interested in participating in next year’s campaign should contact Deanna Ward, director of development of Home Partnership Foundation, at 208.331.4756 for more information.

A detailed table follows with the total amount raised by each of the nonprofits that participated in this year’s campaign, including individual donations, campaign prizes and matching funds.



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<b>NORTH IDAHO</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>Total Funds Raised</b>
Affordable Housing Foundation	Grangeville	1	\$31.25
Bonner Homeless Transitions	Sandpoint	56	\$54,343.75
Family Promise of Lewis Clark Valley	Lewiston	4	\$10,375.00
Family Promise of North Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	31	\$17,881.25
Family Promise of the Palouse	Moscow	466	\$63,657.50
Matt's Place Foundation	Coeur d'Alene	2	\$10,062.50
Moscow Affordable Housing Trust	Moscow	10	\$4,406.25
Safe Passage	Coeur d'Alene	1	\$10,100.00
Sojourners' Alliance	Moscow	186	\$44,956.25
St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	1	\$10,000.00
Union Gospel Mission	Coeur d'Alene	29	\$20,956.25
<b>SOUTHEAST IDAHO</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>Total Funds Raised</b>
Aids for Friends	Pocatello	14	\$2,375.00
Bingham Crisis Center	Blackfoot	0	\$100.00
CLUB, Inc.	Idaho Falls	8	\$2,050.00
Community Resource Center of Teton Valley	Driggs	21	\$27,156.25
Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho	Pocatello	9	\$1,031.25
Gateway Habitat for Humanity of Pocatello	Pocatello	2	\$168.75
Idaho Falls Rescue Mission	Idaho Falls	6	\$10,993.75
NeighborWorks Pocatello	Pocatello	338	\$26,772.50
South Central Community Action Agency	Twin Falls	5	\$412.50
Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency	Pocatello	1	\$3,375.00
The Mahoney House	Salmon	8	\$1,568.75
Voices Against Violence	Twin Falls	3	\$65,475
<b>SOUTHWEST IDAHO</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Number of Donors</b>	<b>Total Funds Raised</b>
Advocates Against Family Violence	Caldwell	6	\$906.25
Astegos, Inc.	Boise	212	\$18,350.00
Boise Housing First	Boise	3	\$318.75
Boise Public Schools Education Foundation	Boise	1	\$625.00
CATCH, Inc.	Boise	605	\$53,868.75
Catholic Charities of Idaho	Boise	3	\$750.00
Corpus Christi House	Boise	188	\$49,447.50
First Story	Bend, OR	14	\$11,898.75
Good Samaritan Home	Boise	510	\$37,256.25
Home Partnership Foundation	Boise	18	\$12,002.50
The Idaho Youth Ranch	Boise	7	\$11,331.25
International Rescue Committee	Boise	17	\$12,500.00
LEAP Charities	Boise	11	\$31,332.50
Nampa School District	Nampa	0	\$500.00
NeighborWorks Boise	Boise	20	\$12,018.75
Shepherd's Home	McCall	1	\$1,250.00
St. Vincent de Paul Southwest Idaho	Boise	86	\$29,131.25
The Community Builder	Nampa	3	\$10,162.50
The House Next Door	Nampa	32	\$12,062.50
The Jesse Tree of Idaho	Boise	27	\$15,056.25
Trinity New Hope	Nampa	44	\$12,687.50
Women's & Children's Alliance	Boise	13	\$2,600.00

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Campaign dates:	December 12 - December 31, 2017
Campaign website:	<a href="http://www.avenuesforhope.org">http://www.avenuesforhope.org</a>
Campaign video:	<a href="https://youtu.be/bnR8GSP_aD4">https://youtu.be/bnR8GSP_aD4</a>
Social media hashtag:	#AvenuesforHope
Campaign logos/graphics available for download:	<a href="http://www.avenuesforhope.org/resources">http://www.avenuesforhope.org/resources</a>

**About the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge**

The Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge is designed to rally support for participating nonprofits that manage the day-to-day work of serving more than 4,000 homeless Idahoans. 2017 is the seventh year for Avenues for Hope, which has awarded more than \$2.2 million to nonprofits statewide since it began in 2011.

Organized by Idaho Housing and Finance Association and its foundation, the Home Partnership Foundation, the campaign helps both the chronically and temporarily homeless, including domestic violence victims, veterans, people with disabilities, vulnerable youth, seniors, and low-income Idaho residents. Donations support emergency shelters, homelessness prevention services, and affordable housing programs throughout the state.

Avenues for Hope sponsors include Academy Mortgage, Bank of Commerce, Bank of Idaho, Banner Bank, Barclays, Boise Housing Corporation, Citizens Community Bank, Eide Bailly, Evergreen Home Loans, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, First Interstate BancSystem Foundation, George K. Baum & Company, Guild Mortgage Company, The Hawkins Family Foundation, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Idaho Independent Bank, Idaho Power Company, KeyBank, Mountain West Bank, New Beginnings Housing, Northwest Integrity Housing, P1FCU, Skinner Fawcett LLP, Stifel, The Pacific Companies, Thomas Development Co., TitleOne Corp., Wells Fargo, and Westcor Land Title Insurance Co.

**About the Home Partnership Foundation**

The Home Partnership Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) organization created by Idaho Housing and Finance Association 12 years ago with a mission to help people build a strong foundation for their lives through stable, safe, and affordable housing.

The foundation strengthens communities across Idaho by encouraging tax-deductible charitable gifts to support shelters and shelter services for the homeless and disadvantaged, help avoid eviction actions to stabilize households and prevent homelessness, encourage asset-building and education to achieve economic independence, build equity-sharing funds to make workforce housing attainable, and facilitate tax-advantaged land donations for affordable housing purposes.

Website: [www.homepartnershipfoundation.org](http://www.homepartnershipfoundation.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HomePartnershipFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/HomePartnershipFoundation)  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/avenuesforhope>

**About Idaho Housing and Finance Association**

Idaho Housing and Finance Association is a financial services and housing business organization. IHFA's mission is to improve lives and strengthen Idaho communities by expanding housing opportunities, building self-sufficiency, and fostering economic development.

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