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Avenues for Hope fundraiser provides community safety net for Idaho nonprofits

The 8th annual Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge to help Idaho's homeless kicked off today. The 20-day online campaign, organized by The Home Partnership Foundation and Idaho Housing and Finance Association, supports 55 nonprofits that manage the day-to-day work of serving more than 7,000 students and 4,000 Idahoans affected by homelessness. Money generated through the Avenues for Hope campaign allows participating nonprofits to maintain and expand their housing support programs and homelessness prevention services.

Avenues for Hope helps the chronic and temporarily homeless, including domestic violence victims, veterans, people with disabilities, vulnerable youth, seniors, and low-income Idahoans. Since its inception in 2011, the campaign has raised more than \$2.2 million for Idaho nonprofits.

"Providing a safe and stable home to all Idahoans is one of the core beliefs of our organization," said Gerald Hunter, president of Idaho Housing and Finance Association. "Through this community effort, we can help our neighbors struggling with homelessness receive the care and support they need."

This year, every participating nonprofit's donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$3,000. Donors can direct their tax-deductible gifts to one or more of the 55 participating nonprofits. Donors can also give a general donation to the campaign that will be used to address needs identified across the state.

The Home Partnership Foundation, along with Idaho Housing and Finance Association and 40 other businesses sponsoring the campaign, are contributing more than \$200,000 this year in matching funds and challenge grant prizes to be awarded to participating nonprofits. Campaign sponsors include Academy Mortgage, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., Bank of Commerce, Barclays, Boise Housing Corporation, Citizens Community Bank, Eide Bailly LLP, Essent, 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, Hawkins Family Foundation, Icon Credit Union, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, Idaho Independent Bank, Idaho Mortgage Lenders Association, John Hale Family Trust, KeyBank Foundation, Landmark Promotions, Magellan Healthcare, Mountain West Bank, New Beginnings Housing, Northwest Integrity Housing Co., P1FCU, Skinner Fawcett LLP, Stifel, Teton Valley Realty, Teton Valley Realty Management, The Pacific Companies, Thomas Development Co., TitleOne Corp., Valbridge Property Advisors, Wells Fargo, and Wright Brothers.

55 Nonprofits participating in the Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge

North Idaho		
Bonner Community Housing Agency	Bonner County Homeless Task Force, Inc.	Boundary County School District
Family Promise of LC Valley Inc.	Family Promise of North Idaho	Family Promise of the Palouse
Habitata for Humanity of North Idaho	Hope On The Homefront	Moscow Affordable Housing Trust, Inc.
Safe Passage	Salmon School District 291	Sojourners' Alliance
St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho	The Guardians Foundatin, Inc.	Union Gospel Mission
Southeast Idaho		
Aid For Friends Inc.	American Falls School District 381	Bingham Crisis Center
CLUB, Inc.	Community Resource Center of Teton Valley	Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho
Gateway Habitat for Humanity Pocatello	Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley	Idaho Falls Rescue Mission
Minidoka School District 331	NeighborWorks Pocatello	Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency
South Central Community Action Partnership	The Mahoney House	Twin Falls Optimist Youth House
Voices Against Violence		
Southwest Idaho		
Advocates Against Family Violence	Astegos, Inc.	Boise Public Schools Foundation
Boise Rescue Mission Ministries	CATCH	Corpus Christi House
First Story	Good Samaritan Home	Home Partnership Foundation
Hope House, Inc.	Idaho Youth Ranch	International Rescue Committee in Boise
LEAP Charities	Nampa School District McKinney Vento Program	NeighborWorks Boise
NWRECC Stepping Stones	Shepherd's Home	Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SW Idaho Council
The Community Builder	The House Next Door	The Jesse Tree of Idaho
The Salvation Army Nampa	Trinity New Hope	Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA)

About 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

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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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