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### **Avenues for Hope provides a boost to housing nonprofits in Southwest Idaho**

Nonprofits across Southwest Idaho are looking for your support as they raise money needed to provide critical housing and supportive services during the 13th annual Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge.

Donations made during the 20-day online fundraising campaign allow organizations like the WCA in Boise to provide safety for those escaping domestic violence and sexual assault. The WCA's emergency shelter offers survivors a place to stay so they don't have to choose between being homeless or living with violence at home.

"The shelter is the most expensive service we provide, but it's also one of the most important," said Beatrice Black, chief executive officer at the WCA. "Avenues for Hope ensures we can provide a safe place for the person escaping a dangerous situation, while raising awareness of this issue in our communities."

The WCA is one of 49 nonprofits in Southwest Idaho participating in this year's campaign to help chronically and temporarily homeless, domestic violence survivors, veterans, people with disabilities, vulnerable youth, seniors, and low-income Idahoans. Over the past 12 years, Avenues for Hope has helped raise more than \$12 million.

"We are deeply grateful for the many nonprofit organizations and dedicated people working across Idaho to help those who have become unemployed, a victim of domestic violence, disabled, evicted, or otherwise cannot afford a place of shelter," said Gerald M. Hunter, president of Idaho Housing and Finance. "The Avenues for Hope campaign is our annual opportunity to help support these critical nonprofits and the thousands they assist."

Donors can direct their tax-deductible gifts to one or more nonprofit organizations through Dec. 31 at [avenuesforhope.org](https://avenuesforhope.org).

Participating nonprofits in Southwest Idaho:

Advocates Against Family Violence, Agency for New Americans-a program of Jannus, Inc, Astegos.org, Boise Public Schools Foundation, Boise Rescue Mission Ministries, Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity, CATCH, Chrysalis Women's Transitional Living, Inc., Corpus Christi House, Education Foundation of West Ada School District, El-Ada Community Action Partnership, Emmett Independent School District #221, Faces of Hope, Family Justice Center Foundation of Idaho, Giraffe Laugh Early Learning Centers, Good

Samaritan Home, Green Light Outreach, Idaho Access Project, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition, Idaho Community Reinvestment Corporation, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Idaho Youth Ranch, Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter, Intermountain Fair Housing Council, International Rescue Committee in Boise, JEMfriends, Inc., Jesse Tree, LEAP Housing, Low Income Support Inc, Nampa School District McKinney-Vento Program, NeighborWorks Boise, Purses With A Purpose Boise, Region 3 Housing Coalition, Safe Families for Children - Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Shepherd's Home, St. Vincent de Paul Southwest, Idaho, Terry Reilly Health Services, The Community Builder, The Fuller Center for Housing Building Hope Project, The Home Partnership Foundation Inc., The House Next Door, The Housing Company, The Salvation Army – Boise, The Salvation Army Caldwell, The Salvation Army Nampa, Toby's Place, Inc., Trinity New Hope, WCA

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