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

Nonprofits across Southeast 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 provide the resources that enable places like NeighborWorks Pocatello to keep serving its community. The money raised this year will help it build new affordable homes and provide shelter for people with distinctive needs, as well as provide deferred maintenance and necessary repairs to ensure people have a safe place to call home.

“Money raised through donations have fewer strings attached than funds we receive from federal programs, helping us address our community’s greatest needs at a given time,” said Mark Dahlquist, executive director of NeighborWorks Pocatello. “Avenues for Hope allows us to maximize individual donations while raising awareness of housing issues in our community.”

NeighborWorks Pocatello is one of 28 nonprofits in Southeast 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 Southeast Idaho:

Aid for Friends Inc, Bannock Youth Foundation, Blaine County Charitable Fund, Bridges, Cassia County Joint School District #151, CLUB, Inc., Community Resource Center of Teton Valley, Everybody House, Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho, Gateway Habitat for Humanity Pocatello, Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls Area, Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley, HOPE Foundation of Idaho, Idaho Falls Rescue

Mission, Magic Valley Area Humanitarian Center, Minikoka School District 331, NeighborWorks Pocatello, Oneida Crisis Center, Promise Ridge, South Central Community Action Partnership, Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency, Inc., The Mahoney House, Twin Falls Optimist Youth House, Twin Falls School District, Valley House Homeless Shelter, Valley Mission, Voices Against Violence, White Pine Charter School

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