

# Idaho Homeless Coordinating Committee Newsletter

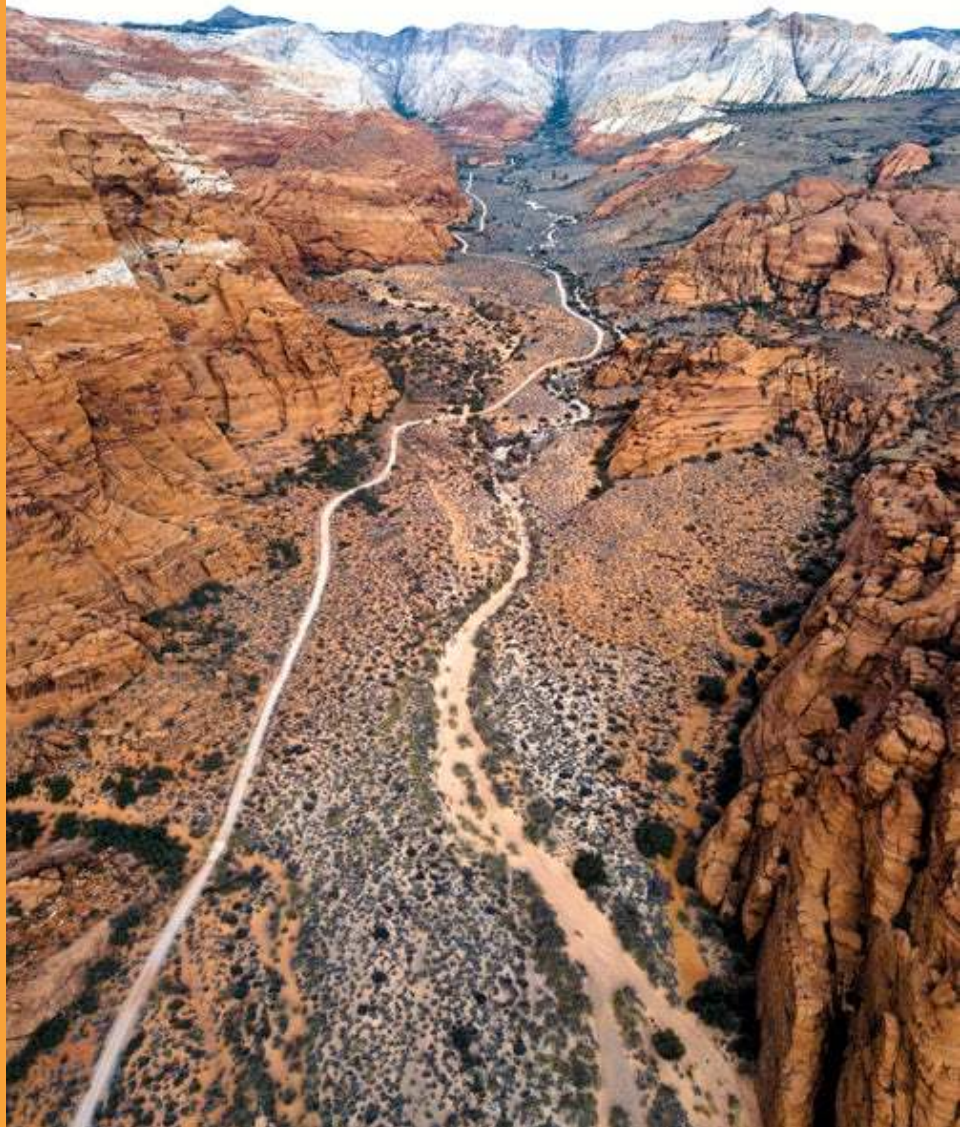
"A Home for  
Everyone"

**"THE ACHE FOR HOME LIVES IN ALL OF US."**

**-MAYA ANGELOU**

## **IHCC MISSION:**

To provide leadership in addressing the challenges of homelessness in Idaho through community engagement and collaboration. We encourage communities to creatively leverage resources and develop partnerships, services, and solutions towards ending homelessness.



# COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN EACH REGION

## Region 1

Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Shoshone

## Region 2

Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce

## Region 3

Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington

## Region 4

Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls

## Region 5

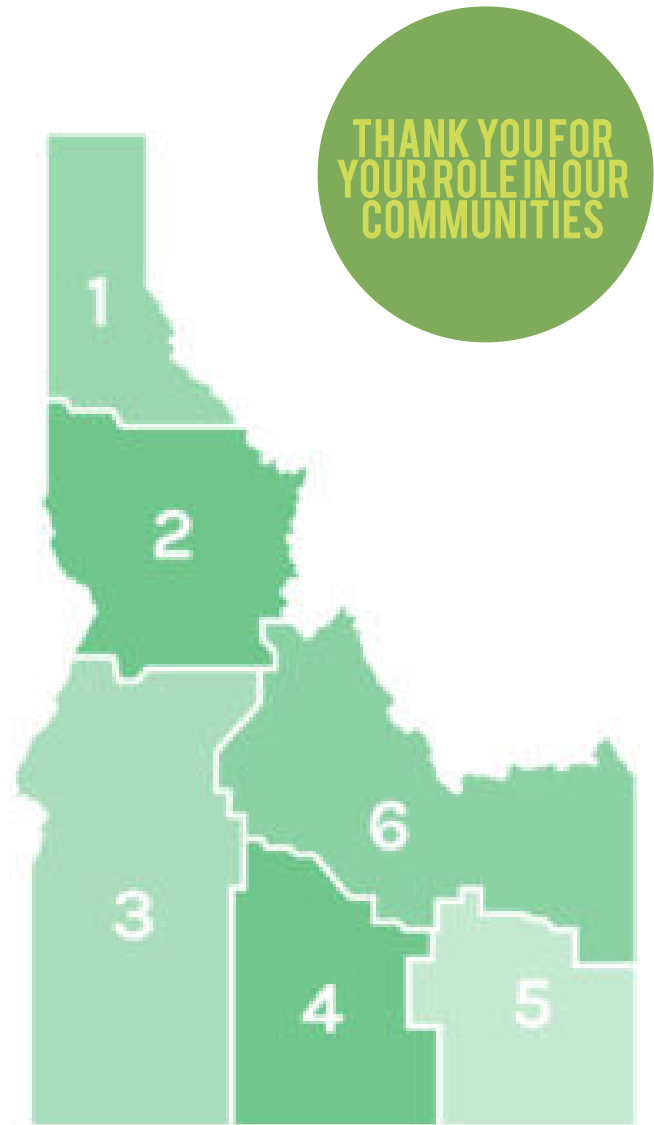
Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power

## Region 6

Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton

## Region 7

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## IHCC Regional Board Members

|           |                |
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| Region 1  | TJ Byrne       |
| Region 2  | Steve Bonnar   |
| Region 3  | Nancy Tuttle   |
| Region 4  | Misty McEwan   |
| Region 5  | BJ Stensland   |
| Region 6  | Bill Campbell  |
| Boise CoC | Maureen Brewer |

TJ Byrne is IHCC Region 1's newly appointed representative taking over for Jeff Conroy.

TJ is a Physician Assistant at Heritage Health and is very passionate about working with the homeless community.

Welcome TJ, we are happy to have you! Thank you for your commitment in helping us on our path to end homelessness.

## Idaho's Eviction Rate; Being Studied by Idaho Policy Institute

Boise State 's Idaho Policy Institute director, Vanessa Fry, partnered up with Matthew Desmond, Ph.D., and Princeton University, to gain a better understanding of Idaho's data on evictions.

Desmond launched a website dedicated to providing nationwide eviction data, called Eviction Lab, in 2017. The data shows that there are many unknowns regarding evictions and no central database to track them, which led to the launching of Eviction Lab.

Idaho's eviction rate is at .61%, which is below the national average, however, this number may not be accurate given the trends happening within the state right now. Fry and the Idaho Policy Institute are on a mission to gather data from the Idaho Supreme Court, sheriffs' offices, and county courts to seek a clearer picture of where Idaho's eviction rates lie. A new case management system has been implemented to have county-level eviction records, which may shed more light on the situation.

Fry will also be interviewing property owners and tenants on their experiences during the eviction process which will help to build on the data she is receiving from the courts to solidify Idaho's eviction rate. Her team is working to provide the most accurate data for decision makers to respond to cases, in addition to policy makers, business owners, and nonprofit organizations.

If you would like to learn more about the work that Fry and the Policy Institute are doing you can read more on Boise State University's website under the Idaho Policy Institute news feed.



"IT'S NOT NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS THE FAULT OF  
THE TENANT"

EVICITION IS 'NOT JUST THE  
SYMPTOM OF POVERTY, IT'S A CAUSE OF POVERTY'

-VANESSA FRY, IDAHO POLICY INSTITUTE

# New Domestic Violence Project "Creating Change"

HUD recently announced that the Idaho Balance of State Continuum of Care was awarded over \$280,000 during the 2018 CoC competition for our first ever collaborative project among service providers dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence throughout Idaho.

These funds will be targeted to serve people fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 and/or victims of human trafficking.

Taking part in this exciting new project are six organizations that are partners with IHFA. These organizations are located throughout Idaho and will help survivors of domestic violence in finding housing opportunities and continued services and care.



## Organizations "Creating Change"

### **Oneida Crisis Center**

- Mallad City

### **Safe Passage**

- Coeur d'Alene

### **Family Services Alliance**

- Pocatello

### **Voices Against Violence**

- Twin Falls

### **Advocates Against Family Violence**

- Caldwell

### **Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse**

Moscow



On a single day in Idaho, 514 victims of domestic violence and their children sought safety and services from community-based domestic violence programs (*NNEDV National Census, 2017*).

# Opportunity Starts at Home Campaign

Hart Research Associates commissioned a national public opinion poll which was released on March 28, 2019 to assess the extent to which the public considers affordable housing to be a problem in their community. This poll will help inform national policymakers about their communities concerns on housing affordability so they can advocate for stronger federal housing policies. The poll surveyed 1,201 adults nationwide between February 25 - March 4, 2019.



## **Poll Findings**

91 % of people in the United States say stable affordable housing is very important or one of the most important things that affect people's security and well-being in the United States.

76% believe that, compared with previous generations, it is harder today for people to find stable housing they can afford. (this census spans the entire country and is high regardless of the kind of community in which people live).

73% say housing affordability is a problem in the area where they live, with 60% saying it is a serious problem - up 21 points from 2016.

**To see the full national survey report and learn more, visit:**

[www.opportunityhome.org](http://www.opportunityhome.org)

[#OpportunityStartsAtHome](https://twitter.com/OpportunityStartsAtHome)



**Tree City Chamber Players**, a Boise-based ensemble of flute, oboe, cello & piano, will be presenting "A Mother's Day Recital".

**When:** Sunday, May 12th at 3:00 PM

**Where:** Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy

A portion of all donations collected will go to the Women's & Children's Alliance.

*Find more info at [www.treecitychamberplayers.com](http://www.treecitychamberplayers.com)*

**Advocates Against Family Violence** hosts a monthly lunch to learn about their mission of Hope, Healing, and Strength for victims of abuse and sexual assault. They have an open invitation for anyone who is interested, to participate.

**When:** Next Lunch is May 23rd from 12 pm to 1 pm

*RSVP to [esmer@aafvhope.org](mailto:esmer@aafvhope.org) and to find more info*

**Listen Up, Bacon Lovers!** St. Vincent de Paul is hosting an event of all things Bacon. Enjoy bacon themed dishes from local businesses and organizations. There will also be a band and a beer garden. All proceeds will benefit St. Vincent De Paul North Idaho.

**When:** May 23rd, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Silver Lake Mall in Coeur d'Alene

*Find tickets and more info at [stvincentdepaulcda.org](http://stvincentdepaulcda.org)*

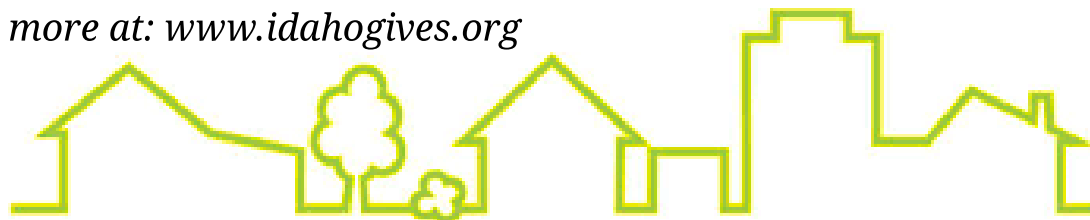
## IDAHO GIVES

A program of the Idaho Nonprofit Center, designed to bring the state together to raise money and awareness for Idaho Nonprofits.

**When:** May 2nd, 2019/12:00 am - 11:59 pm

**Where:** Make donations online at [Idahogives.org](http://Idahogives.org)

*Find out more at: [www.idahogives.org](http://www.idahogives.org)*



**MAY 15 & 16**

Southern Idaho

Housing Roundtables-

Twin Falls and Pocatello

**MAY 21**

Housing Roundtable-

Treasure Valley

**JUNE 11-14**

2019 NCSHA Housing  
Credit Connect

San Francisco

**JULY 25TH**

IHCC Quarterly Meeting

Conference Call

Do you have any upcoming events to share? Any news about your organization? Let us know and we will feature them in this quarterly newsletter.