



IDAHO WOMEN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2021



MISSION

The Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation fosters educated philanthropy through collaboration, pooled resources, and individual giving to positively impact the community.

VISION

IWCF raises philanthropic consciousness, inspires strategic charitable investment, and transforms the community through leadership in focused collective giving.

VALUES

Philanthropy, Education, Inclusiveness, Collaboration, Significant Pooled Giving

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

This 2020/2021 IWCF Annual Report covers yet another uncertain period in our community. While many of our members were able to receive the COVID-19 vaccines, we still did not meet in person as another variant of COVID continued to create challenges for businesses and nonprofits alike.

Our IWCF membership numbers remained strong with 411 members renewing their support for the 2020-21 membership year. We offered a new membership dues level to help our members continue to belong and support our important grant commitments. We are grateful for the ongoing support from our current members, which enables IWCF to continue to fund operations and grants during this challenging period.

While our events and meetings were still held over Zoom and other electronic media, we enjoyed fantastic virtual experiences such as our Holiday Social from aTavola, with our Membership Chair, Linda Riley, and aTavola owner Lisa Peterson demonstrating how to make a "Beautiful Mess" as she called her fruit and cheese platter for holiday celebrations. A book review, facilitated by Laura White Barton, of Melinda Gates' *Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Change the World* worked well over Zoom and offered our members the chance to connect in small groups to discuss the book and philanthropy. Our Annual Meeting with videos from all of our grantees started a new tradition for our future meetings allowing our members to see into our grantees' locations and hear from their leadership first-hand. We continued to see that we could successfully do our work in a virtual world.

During the grants cycle in 2021, to keep our members and nonprofits requesting grants safe, the committee continued to meet and hold site visits remotely whenever possible. Our members remained engaged with over 96% of our membership voting on the pooled-fund grants ballot. We funded seven nonprofits in our region with nearly \$220K through pooled-fund giving, and individually designated an additional \$190K in smaller grants (\$250-\$500 each) during the year. What a meaningful impact you made this year to every one of those organizations!

The mission of IWCF is more important than ever, and we are so grateful to have our members' continued support. Thank you!

THE YEAR IN EDUCATION

Learning About Our Community and Fostering Educated Philanthropy

The IWCF Education Committee strives to increase awareness and understanding of the community's needs and assets, as well as our member commitment to informed philanthropy, through programs presented for our members and guests. In 2020-2021 our programs focused on two specific IWCF interests, Health & Philanthropy. [Recordings of both sessions can be found on our website.](#)

2020-2021 IWCF Education Presentations

September 30: A virtual panel discussion entitled "Feeding the Hungry" featured speakers Grant Jones of Meals on Wheels, Dr. Teri Thaemert of the Boise School District, and Karen Vauk of the Idaho Food Bank. They each provided information on their organization's efforts to respond to the increased requests for food from seniors, schools, and food banks in our region.

March 8: HannaLore Hein, Idaho State Historian, guided us through a virtual historical tour of the impact of women's groups on our Idaho communities.



POOLED-FUND GRANTS

Educated Philanthropy for a Greater Positive Impact

Through our pooled-fund grants, IWCF awarded \$220,000 to local nonprofits in 2021! The IWCF Grants Committee annually researches grant proposals from local nonprofits and evaluates them under our funding criteria before choosing which applications go to our ballot. Our members vote on the project or programs proposed in the six interest areas: cultural arts, education, environment, financial stability, health, and rural communities.

We started the 2020-2021 grants cycle this past winter (virtually!) with more than 90 grant proposals submitted. Thanks to thorough vetting and thoughtful evaluation of the proposals by the grants committee, business and finance committee, and grants steering committee, 12 proposals were presented on the spring ballot. We ended the grants cycle with our annual Q&A sessions completed virtually and we had 96% of our members vote on the ballot! Our 2021 grantees provide services in Ada, Adams, Camas, Canyon, and Owyhee counties. In addition to the seven winners, each of IWCF's ballot runner-ups received a \$5,000 contribution to their organization.

Through the power of collective giving, IWCF has distributed \$2.7 million in pooled-fund grants to nonprofits in southwestern Idaho and \$2.5 million to our members' individually designated nonprofits since 2001. This is a total significant impact of more than \$5 million!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

Helping Idaho communities thrive. This is at the heart of IWCF's work. Our [2021 Member Survey](#) affirmed that our members believe their IWCF pooled-fund grant contribution is positively impacting our Southwest Idaho community (94% favorable). Members also indicated that the top action IWCF could take to increase our philanthropic impact would be increasing our focus on identifying and funding underserved and marginalized local populations. Since most of IWCF's 2021 Grants supported underserved or marginalized populations, it's clear our members are already using their collective impact to help Idaho communities thrive.

As we continue our philanthropic work, it's critical that we continue to educate ourselves and explore how our own perspectives and unconscious biases may, despite our best intentions, impede our efforts. Earlier this year, IWCF updated [our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement](#). Almost 25% of our members have attended IWCF's "Unconscious Bias for Conscious Philanthropists" workshop. We also encourage all members to consider our model for taking action as educated philanthropists and identify one action to continue their personal philanthropic education.

2021 Grantees

Cultural Arts:

BIPOC Playwrights Festival - Boise Contemporary Theater (\$30,000)

Education:

Boise Community Schools Expansion - Boise Public Schools Education Foundation (\$30,000)

Environment:

Treasure Valley Pollinator Project - Ada Soil & Water Conservation District (\$20,000)

Financial Stability:

Funding New Security Deposit Program - Jesse Tree (\$30,000)

Health:

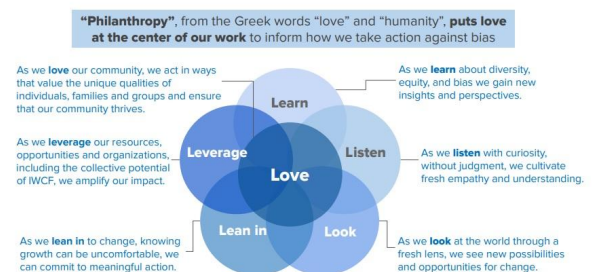
"Safe Families for Children" in Treasure Valley - Lutheran Community Services Northwest (\$25,000)

Rural Communities:

Providing Access to Medical Care at Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee County - Idaho Humane Society (\$30,000)

Expanding Health Services in Frontier Camas County - Family Health Services (\$30,000)

IWCF Model for Taking Action as Educated Philanthropists





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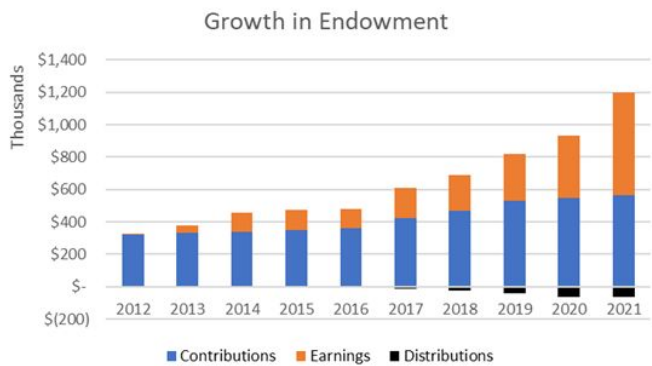
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ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

The Susan Smith Endowment Fund was established in 2009 with the primary goal of providing an ongoing source of funds to subsidize the administrative needs of IWCF. Withdrawals from the Fund provided financial support to IWCF Operations Budget, providing \$89,034 total since FY 16-17. At June 30, 2021, our initial goal of 'One Million Dollars for the Fund' value was achieved, and stood at \$1,130,036.



We anticipate continued growth in the Fund value as members specify the Susan Smith Endowment in their planned giving strategies, their Individual Grant Designations, and their annual charitable donations.

IWCF JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Member Fees & Donations	\$453,628
Susan Smith Endowment Fund	\$2,000
Interest Income	\$352
TOTAL	\$455,980

USE OF FUNDS

Individual Grant Designations	\$191,425
Pooled-fund Grants Paid	\$191,500
IWCF Operations	\$69,573
Restricted for 2020 Grant Making	\$3,482
TOTAL	\$455,980

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