



# iwcf

IDAHO WOMEN'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

## 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

# Annual Report 2022



## MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

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This 2021/2022 IWCF Annual Report covers a time of coming out of the darkness of Zoom and into our first in-person meeting in nearly two years—our 20th Anniversary Celebration outside at the Idaho Botanical Garden on September 11, 2021. The weather that day was beautiful, the setting was magical with music by two string quartets from the Boise Philharmonic. It was wonderful to be together again! Founding President Susan Smith and current President Mikel Ward chaired this event recognizing our members and celebrating 20 years of collective giving of over \$5,000,000 in grants throughout SW Idaho. Highlights include long-time members, Alice Hennessey and Vicky Coelho sharing treasured memories of our first years and Vicky breaking into song surprising us all with her lovely voice! Robyn Gee Tucker also beautifully shared the importance of IWCF in her life.



We continued to hold committee meetings and share education events in “hybrid mode” both over Zoom and in person as many have found it very convenient to meet over Zoom. We held our first indoor membership events in nearly two years—celebrating the holidays at Crane Creek Country Club, our first in-person New Member Orientation in over 12 months, and a gathering for all at the Owyhee Hotel in January. It felt so good to be together again and not just seeing everyone on a computer screen. Our Education Committee brought us an engaging conversation with Boise Mayor Lauren McLean over Zoom in January and then back to an in-person Education event at the Idaho State Museum in March.

The year concluded with our Annual Meeting & Grants Presentation, a lovely event at Barber Park in May! Celebrating virtually in 2021 was such a departure from our in-person get-togethers, but there is always a silver lining. We discovered how important it is to have our grantees share their stories via videos that can “live” forever on our website. While our nonprofit grantees joined us for the Annual Meeting to receive their award in-person, we continued what will become a new tradition of having them prepare a video in their own space as well. With the support of our more than 400 members joining and renewing their support for the 2021-22 fiscal year, we were able to give over \$220,000 in grants to nine nonprofits this year.

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

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## THE YEAR IN EDUCATION

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### 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 2021-2022 our programs focused on change-making women, health, and Boise’s growth.

#### 2021-2022 IWCF Education Presentations

**October 26:** Held virtually, a panel of three experts in their field shared their insights into, and information about, sexual abuse and domestic violence in the Treasure Valley. They also answered questions and discussed what individuals can do to support their work. The panel included Executive Directors: Bea Black (Women’s and Children’s Alliance), Paige Dinger (Faces of Hope), and Kathryn Seebold (Family Advocates), and was facilitated by moderator Lauren Necochea.

**January 26:** In a virtual presentation, Boise Mayor Lauren McLean discussed how her staff is working to rise to the challenges caused by Boise’s incredible growth.

**March 1:** In celebration of Women’s History Month, and in keeping with the 2022 symposium theme of celebrating change-making women, the Idaho History Museum hosted us and provided the opportunity for after-hours tours of their “Trailblazing Women of Idaho” exhibit. The evening featured a presentation and Q&A by a panel of three women included in the exhibit. Speakers included Janet Gallimore, Liz Hobson, Ellen Ochoa, Mary Ann Arnold, and Kay Hardy.

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## POOLED-FUND GRANTS

### Educated Philanthropy for a Greater Positive Impact

Through our pooled-fund grants, IWCF awarded \$239,639 to local nonprofits in 2022! Our Grants Committee annually researches grant proposals from nonprofits in Southwest Idaho, evaluates them under our funding criteria, and chooses which applications go to our ballot. Our members then vote on the project or programs proposed in six interest areas: cultural arts, education, environment, financial stability, health, and rural communities.

We started the 2021-2022 grants cycle this past winter with 60 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 virtual Q&A sessions before 96% of our members voted on the ballot! Our 2022 grantees provide services in Ada, Adams, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties. In addition to the nine winners, each of IWCF's ballot runner-ups received a \$1,000 contribution to their organization.

Through the power of collective giving, IWCF has distributed \$2.9 million in pooled-fund grants to nonprofits in southwestern Idaho and \$2.6 million to our members' individually designated nonprofits since 2001. This is a total significant impact of more than \$5 million!

#### Cultural Arts:

**Global Lounge Commons' Outdoor Marketplace** – Global Lounge (\$30,000)

#### Education:

**Roots of Self-Reliance Community and School Greenhouse Project** – Council Elementary School (\$26,000)

**Native Voices in Idaho II** – Kessler Keener Foundation (\$21,000)

#### Environment:

**Idaho Trails Association Youth and Women's Trail Programs** – Idaho Trails Association (\$20,305)

#### Financial Stability:

**Direct Care Workforce Education & Awareness Campaign** – Living Independence Network Corporation (\$30,000)

**Provide Additional Support Services for Women Recently Released from the Pocatello Women's Correctional Facility** – St. Vincent de Paul (\$30,000)

#### Health:

**Mental Health Support for SW Students** – National Alliance on Mental Illness (\$23,500)

**Ultrasound Machine for Planned Parenthood Meridian Health Center to Improve and Increase Reproductive Care Access** – Planned Parenthood (\$26,000)

#### Rural Communities:

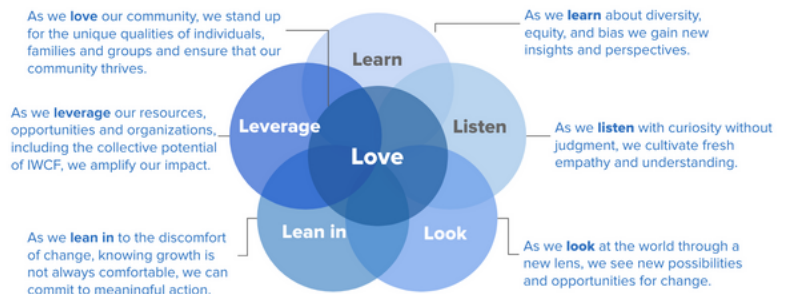
**Equipping Those Who Serve and Protect: Expert Training on Grooming, Delayed Disclosure, and Victim Care within Child Sexual Abuse Cases for Multidisciplinary Teams in Rural Southwest Idaho** – Building Hope Today (\$29,834)

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

In October 2021, the DEI Committee hosted the seventh "Unconscious Bias for Conscious Philanthropists" workshop. Since launching in August 2020, 94 IWCF members had attended the workshop, which challenged members to consider the impact of their own unconscious biases (which we all have!) and how to take action as educated philanthropists in ways that address bias and inequity. Throughout the remainder of fiscal year, the DEI committee supported other committees with the ongoing integration of diversity, equity and inclusion best practices—from IWCF's grant application process to creating an inclusive membership experience.

### IWCF - Taking Action as Conscious Philanthropists

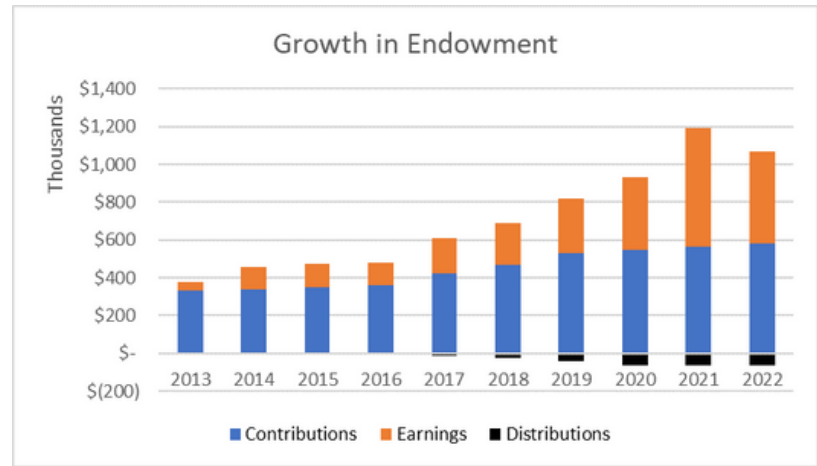
**"Philanthropy", from the Greek words "love" and "humanity", puts love at the center of our work** to inform how we take action against bias



## 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 \$89,034 total since FY 16-17. The first six months of the fiscal year had the Endowment Fund at its highest level yet. Unfortunately, with the change in market conditions, the last six months resulted in a decrease in Fund value to just above \$1 million.

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, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

### SOURCE OF FUNDS

Member Fees & Donations	\$449,484
Returned and Unused Grant Funds	\$25,247
Release of Prior Year Unrestricted Operations Funds	\$7,045
Interest Income	\$461
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$482,237</b>

### USE OF FUNDS

Individual Grant Designations	\$163,475
Pooled-fund Grants Paid	\$262,976
IWCF Operations	\$55,786
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$482,237</b>

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

Mikel Ward President	Christine Avey Past President	Laura Simic Leadership Development
Kim Liebich VP Membership	Jennifer Dunmire Communications/ Marketing	Linda Riley Membership
Susan May VP Operations	Nicole Patterson DEI	Christine Keller Member-at-Large
Amber Myrick Secretary	Molly Harder Education	Kathy Scott Member-at-Large
Peggy Runcorn Treasurer	Linnea Lovlien Events	Shawn Del Ysursa Member-at-Large
Susan Smith Founding President	Jennifer Sampson Grants	

