

Idaho Power's Project Share Program Receives National Award



From left: Project Share Advisory Board Chair Dale Reynolds, Salvation Army Social Services Director Lindsay Klein, Treasure Valley Salvation Army Coordinator & Boise Corps Officer Major Bob Lloyd and Idaho Power Program Specialist Cheryl Paoli.

Idaho Power's commitment to community engagement was recognized earlier this year as The Salvation Army honored the company's Project Share program during the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition's (NEUAC) 2018 conference.

This first-time award recognized Idaho Power's Project Share as a successful collaboration between a non-profit organization and an energy company to serve people in need. NEUAC is a leader in public policy, advocacy, energy and poverty issues. Members include energy companies, non-profit organizations, energy-assistance programs, trade associations and tribal organizations.

Project Share is a year-round energy assistance program started by Idaho Power in 1982. When customers donate to Project Share on their monthly Idaho Power bill, IDACORP, Inc. shareholders match a portion of that donation for the program. In addition to donations from Idaho Power customers and

IDACORP shareholders, Project Share is also funded by donations from other Idaho energy companies. All Project Share funds help pay for electric service, natural gas bills, wood, propane, oil, coal and furnace repairs.

"The Salvation Army has been a devoted partner with Idaho Power to help individuals and families in the communities we serve," Program Specialist Cheryl Paoli said. "Customers who donate to Project Share know and trust The Salvation Army to support those who need it most."

Since 1999, Idaho Power customers and shareholders have provided nearly \$4.3 million to individuals and families through Project Share to cover energy costs, help prevent service shut off and pay past-due bills. And since 2001, The Salvation Army's Project Share 22 offices have averaged 1,723 grants to households for bill assistance annually, helping 5,652 individuals each year.

The Salvation Army has a Project Share advisory committee made up of energy company partners, Salvation Army administrative staff and community volunteers. The advisory committee meets monthly during the heating season and holds an annual luncheon and planning meeting to provide training for personnel.

In addition to financial assistance, recipients receive advice about managing their budgets and reducing their heating and cooling bills. This helps build good credit for patrons and a safer, more comfortable home.

The Salvation Army's Project Share outreach offices serve utility customers within a 24,000-square-mile area in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

To donate to Project Share, or learn more about energy bill assistance, visit idahopower.com/projectshare.

Giving from the Heart

Idaho Power employees donate AED to Rimrock School

Every year, Idaho Power employees participate in dozens of fundraisers, food and supply drives, community events and more, donating thousands of dollars and service hours to help people in need.

But certain causes are especially dear to the hearts of employees.

Senior Metering System Specialist Angela Creason is a stalwart supporter of the American Heart Association (AHA) — so much so that she received the AHA's Idaho Volunteer of the Year Award in 2017. Creason, a survivor of cardiac arrest, is on a mission to ensure every Idaho school has an automated external defibrillator (AED) on campus. This fall, she and her fellow employees brought that goal one step closer to reality by donating one of the potentially life-saving devices to rural Rimrock Junior-Senior High School.

"Idaho Power employees are so giving," Creason said. "I've been involved with the AHA for almost my entire career

here, and Idaho Power employees come through every time. It's awesome to be a part of that, and I'm honored to be able to give this AED to the school on behalf of my co-employees."

Having an AED is especially meaningful at a school like Rimrock — located between the small towns of Bruneau and Grandview south of Mountain Home — because it can take up to 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive.

"Although we have great EMT folks, it just takes them a little longer to get here than a lot of places," said Rimrock Superintendent Ryan Cantrell. "So, to have something on-site with people who know how to use it is an important part of keeping people safe here in our community."

Creason and Customer Representative Ron Krahn visited Rimrock to deliver the AED to Cantrell and Principal Dale Burk. To learn more about Idaho Power's charitable work, visit idahopower.com/giving.



News Feed

Sonny Claus brings holiday cheer to local deaf children



Idaho Power biologist and holiday favorite Sonny Cabbage will make his annual "Sonny Claus" visit this month to children with hearing impairments, visiting Ponderosa Elementary in Meridian on Dec. 20. Cabbage, who is deaf, volunteers his time as Santa on behalf of Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind. Every December for more than 20 years, he has visited local deaf children and received their Christmas wishes via sign language.

"I remember growing up and seeing Santa at the mall and not being able to hear and understand him," Cabbage said. "When it was my turn, I just nodded to whatever Santa said and waited for him to give me a candy cane before getting off his lap. I thought it would be an awesome experience for the deaf and hard-of-hearing kids to talk directly to Santa, understand what Santa said and be understood by Santa just like the other kids."

From The Electric Kitchen

December 2018

Turkey-Mushroom Meatballs

Dinner

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| 2 Tbsp olive oil | ½ white onion, minced |
| 1 cup minced mushrooms | ½ cup bread crumbs |
| 1 lb ground turkey | ½ cup parmesan cheese, grated |
| ½ lb turkey sausage | 1 egg, beaten |
| 1 Tbsp each fresh sage and fresh chives, minced | 2 cloves garlic, minced |
| 3 Tbsp fresh parsley, minced | 1 Tbsp ketchup |
| | Salt and pepper to taste |

Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add mushrooms, stirring and cooking until tender, approx. 8 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine all other ingredients. Add mushrooms and mix until all ingredients are thoroughly incorporated. Scoop by 2-Tbsp measure and form into balls.* To cook, heat 3 Tbsp oil in a pan. Cook meatballs, turning regularly until all sides are browned and they are cooked through. Makes 24 meatballs.

*Meatballs may be placed on a baking sheet in the freezer until frozen solid for later cooking.

Dietary information per ½-cup serving:

Calories: 254
Fat: 15 g
Carbohydrate: 7.3 g
Protein: 21.3 g
Sodium: 432 mg
Cholesterol: 96 mg
Fiber: 0.8 g

Recipes are selected for nutritional value and low energy use in preparation. They are approved by Registered Dietitian Erin Green from the Central District Health Department in Boise.

