



In recognition of his years of dedicated community service, Leo Sanchez was presented Idaho Power's Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) award last fall.

## Volunteers Lend a Helping Hand in Idaho Power's Communities

Idaho Power's strong connection to the communities where our employees live and work spans more than 100 years. Our local roots run deep, and we're proud to contribute time, talent and financial support to enrich the lives of our neighbors.

Each year, hundreds of Idaho Power employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours to worthy organizations across our service area. A shining example comes from the Magic Valley, where Key Account Energy Advisor Leo Sanchez gives back to his community both on and off the clock.

As an energy advisor, Sanchez helps customers make informed decisions and participate in energy efficiency programs so they can save money on their energy costs. And as a longtime dedicated volunteer for La Posada, he gives a helping hand to those in need.

Sanchez has volunteered for La Posada for more than 17 years. The Twin Falls area nonprofit provides a wide range of services including immigration assistance,

housing support, a food pantry, tax preparation support and domestic violence counseling. During the holidays, La Posada prepares gift baskets for people in need.

La Posada's director, Sister Rosie, is a personal acquaintance of Sanchez and asked him to join the board — a decision that has helped fuel his desire to give back. Sanchez says serving on the board and helping with the ministry has been the most fulfilling part of his work at La Posada.

"I feel like giving to those in need is the right thing to do, especially helping children and the elderly," Sanchez said. "I have been blessed with a great job and feel I should give others an opportunity to better themselves, too."

As a son of immigrants, Sanchez feels it is important to pay his good fortune forward. When he's not volunteering at La Posada, Sanchez donates his time to the Rotary Club, the College of Southern Idaho Foundation Board and Gooding Community Action. He also volunteers

his time as a board member with the North Canyon Medical Center.

Sanchez feels volunteering is not only good for the community, but it also sets an important example for future generations — his daughter became a Rotarian at 25!

Idaho Power recently updated our Community Involvement web page to better highlight how our employees and company are making a difference through monetary giving, vehicle donations, volunteerism, and presentations to groups of all ages. Visit our website at [idahopower.com/community](http://idahopower.com/community) to:

- **Apply for grants, scholarships and sponsorships**
- **Request free presentations, educational resources and at-home activities**
- **Learn how to help your neighbors in need**
- **Read profiles about volunteers like Leo Sanchez**
- **And more!**

# Making a Difference across Our Service Area

From eastern Idaho to eastern Oregon, Idaho Power and its employees are proud to give back to our communities year-round. Here are a few examples of our company's community donations in 2020:



## Supporting Women and Children in Boise

Idaho Power President and CEO Lisa Grow and her recently retired predecessor, Darrel Anderson, accepted the #PayItForward challenge from Regence Blue Shield of Idaho. Teaming up with Blue Cross of Idaho, we recognized the Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA) with a \$20,000 donation, along with gift cards for their hardworking staff. Idaho Power is proud to support the WCA's important mission of providing safety, healing and freedom from domestic abuse and sexual assault.



## A New Work Truck for the City of Oakley

Idaho Power occasionally donates retired work vehicles to public agencies. The latest recipient was the City of Oakley, where a former company work truck is now the

rural town's main service vehicle. "We are thankful to Idaho Power — this truck is a lifesaver for the city," Oakley Mayor Larry Mickleson said.



## Bikes for Twin Falls Students

As part of National Bike Month, employees in and around the Magic Valley joined with other local businesses to raise funds for a bike giveaway contest at Bickel Elementary. Children submitted bike safety drawings, and Twin Falls employees voted on the winners. Winners were presented with bikes and, in keeping with Idaho Power's commitment to safety, all Bickel students received safety gear.

## Search and Rescue Boat for Malheur County

Idaho Power donated a boat to the Malheur County Sheriff's Department to help with search and rescue operations, patrols and other work. Law enforcement will use the 18-foot Duckworth open-bow sled, with a trailer and a 115-horsepower motor, on the 70-mile stretch of the Snake River in Malheur County, said Marine Deputy Wade Holom.



## Sewing for Safety – How One Idaho Power Employee Gives Back

When her community put out the call for homemade masks for medical professionals and other essential service workers, Idaho Power Customer Service Representative Lisa Mata went straight to her sewing machine and got to work.

Using skills she learned in elementary school, Mata has sewn and donated more than 100 masks to local hospitals, animal shelters, and to those who couldn't afford to purchase or make their own.

"I've always been called to service," Mata said. "It's been great to use my skills to make something helpful."

Lisa started making clear-windowed masks after receiving a request from a local speech therapy clinic that needed a way to communicate with patients while staying safe.

"We know clear masks are a game changer for those in the hearing- or speech-impaired community," Mata said. "It's incredibly rewarding to see how such a simple thing can make a big impact in people's lives."

Idaho Power is grateful to our employees and everyone in our communities who are finding meaningful ways to give back. Thank you for your acts of service!

## From the Energy Efficient Kitchen

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Dessert

### Fiesta Banana Cake

2 cups flour	1 ½ cups sugar
2 eggs	1 cup mashed bananas
1 tsp baking powder	½ cup chopped nuts (optional)
1 tsp baking soda	½ cup milk
½ cup shortening	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp salt	

Mix dry ingredients with shortening, bananas and ¼ cup of the milk. Beat with electric mixer for two minutes. Add eggs and remaining milk and beat one minute longer. Fold in vanilla and nuts. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes. Makes two nine-inch layers.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.