Connections





Idaho Power Helps Build Local Communities

Supporting community organizations particularly those focused on helping youth — is an important part of Idaho Power's role in cities and towns across our service area. Our company and employees donate to and volunteer for nonprofit agencies, community groups and schools, helping tomorrow's leaders learn and grow.

One of Idaho Power's longtime community partners is the YMCA. That commitment is set to continue thanks to a recent \$100,000 donation to the Downtown Boise YMCA's capital campaign. Idaho Power is giving \$20,000 annually over the next five years. Funds come from the Idaho Power Foundation and will not impact customer rates.

"The Treasure Valley YMCA's stated mission is to 'strengthen the foundations of community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility," said Idaho Power CFO Brian Buckham. "Like Idaho Power, it's a service-driven organization with a strong commitment to its customers, and it makes a difference in our communities. We have been proud to support multiple YMCAs in our service area, and this contribution will help to further the YMCA's important mission."

Brian delivered our donation to YMCA CEO David Duro in the Downtown YMCA Vision Room. David showed Brian renderings of the future facility, which will be built across the street from the current Downtown Y, just a few blocks away from Idaho Power's Boise headquarters. Our company frequently assists the YMCA - last summer, a donation from our Employee Community Funds (ECF) helped five local kids attend the YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir near Cascade.

Another youth-focused organization Idaho Power works closely with is the Boys & Girls Club. Our company supports annual fundraisers and other programs that help local club chapters serve youth in our communities through character and leadership development, health and wellness, sports and recreation, the arts and education.

In late 2022, Idaho Power made a \$25,000 donation toward the construction of a new Boys & Girls Club facility in the rapidly growing southern Idaho town of Kuna. The vision for a dedicated club building in Kuna has been almost two decades in the making. Now, a \$10 million capital campaign is under way to make it a reality.

"I'm grateful to work for a company that cares so much about our communities," said Education and Outreach Energy Advisor Russ Weedon, who delivered our donation to Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Colleen Braga and Director of Development Jodi Davis-Gempler. "We're excited to support this new facility, and we look forward to helping the Boys & Girls Club continue making a positive impact in the lives of children across the Treasure Valley."

To learn more about the YMCA's capital campaign, visit ymcatvidaho.org. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club's Kuna facility, visit:

adaclubs.org/kunacapitalcampaign.



Supporting Educational **Opportunities**

Idaho Power proudly supports education across our service area! Here are a few recent examples of how our company contributes to educational programming throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon:



Collecting Books for School Kids

In the Treasure Valley, our employees donated hundreds of books to the United Way's annual children's Book Bash. Idaho Power also participates in many school supply drives throughout the year.

Funding Scholarships

Idaho Power made \$3.000 contributions to the scholarship funds of Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho. The College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, College of Western Idaho, College of Southern Idaho and Treasure Valley Community College.

Supporting STEM Education

In Boise, we contributed \$2,500 to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Action Center in support of STEM learning and the INDEEDS Awards recognizing the top STEM teachers

in Idaho. "Inspiring students to enjoy and engage in STEM is fundamental to maximizing our children's career opportunities and supporting Idaho's long-term economy," said Idaho Gov. Brad Little.



Boosting Healthcare Education

In Ontario, Oregon, we gave \$5,000 to the Treasure Valley Community College Foundation in support of a capital campaign to build a new, 30,000-square-foot Nursing & Allied Health Professions Center. The building will double enrollment capacity and help accommodate the growing demand for healthcare education programs in our region.



Sponsoring Children's Learning

In Meridian, we continued our partnership with The Children's Museum of Idaho by donating \$2,000 to sponsor the museum's new Pixel Pegs interactive display. Kids use the Pixel Pegs to create colorful, illuminated designs — part of the museum's mission to inspire learning through creative play.

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Snack

The Power of **Giving Back**

Every weekend, Idaho Power Cash Management Leader Javier Bucheli teaches free English language Zoom classes for students living in his hometown of Portoviejo, Ecuador. Attending remotely, students from Ecuador, Argentina, Chile and the United States are also able to join.

"When I was a teenager, my greatest goal was to learn English to fulfill my dream of attending college in the United States, but my parents couldn't afford to enroll me in paid classes," Javier said. "Eventually, I was able to attend free classes through my church. Learning English changed my life by helping me obtain a great education in the U.S. and have a fulfilling career."

Javier is one of many Idaho Power employees who volunteer their time and talents to help people in need. When Zoom calls became widely used during the pandemic, Javier saw an opportunity to give back and help teach people in his homeland.

"Most of my students don't have the resources to enroll in paid English academies," Javier said. "I've been fortunate to meet brilliant students who work very hard to learn this beautiful language and put their new skills to use, wherever they live. One of the things I love about teaching students from so far away is that there is nothing they can do to repay me. Instead, I challenge them to pay it forward."

From the Energy-efficient Kitchen

Honey-glazed Snack Mix

5 cups bite-sized rice or corn cereal

2 cups round toasted oat cereal

1½ cups pretzel sticks

1/4 cup honey

2 tbsp butter

1 tsp vanilla



In a small, microwave-safe bowl, combine butter and honey. Cover and microwave on high for 30-45 seconds to melt butter. Stir in vanilla. In a 4-quart, microwave-safe dish, combine cereals and pretzels. Pour butter mixture over mixture and toss gently to coat. Microwave, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until mixture begins to toast, stirring every 60 seconds. Cool, stirring occasionally. Store in an airtight container. Makes 8 ½ cups.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.



