

## Celebrating the Power of Community

Idaho Power employees love giving back to the communities where we live, work and play. Each year, employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours to help support our neighbors in need.

In 2023, Idaho Power created a new event to celebrate giving back to our communities: The Power of Community Day. In May, Treasure Valley area employees came together to pack food boxes at The Salvation Army in Boise, bag oranges at The Idaho Foodbank, plant flowers at Settlers Park in Meridian, and build an ADA-accessible wheelchair ramp for a local veteran. Because the event was such a success, we followed up with the Power of Community Day 2.0 in September, lending a hand at Faces of Hope, the Women's & Children's Alliance, Global Talent, the Ronald McDonald House and The Land Trust of the Treasure Valley.

To learn more about Idaho Power's giving, volunteerism and community education efforts, visit [idahopower.com/community](https://idahopower.com/community).







## Idaho Power Program Helps Customer Stay Comfortable at Home

Supporting customers in the communities we serve is important to Idaho Power. That's why when we learned 88-year-old Virginia Farmer of Twin Falls needed some home updates, we stepped in to see how we could help.

Virginia's home was built in 1936 and had seen few upgrades since then. It had poor insulation and was heated only by a few baseboard heaters and a coal furnace, which had stopped working and was deemed unreparable.

A replacement was going to be costly and out of budget for Virginia, but thanks to Twin Falls community volunteers, Home Energy Management (HEM) and Idaho Power's Weatherization Solutions for Eligible Customers program, Virginia is now staying warm and comfortable in her home.

The weatherization program helps eligible customers reduce their energy use and lower their utility bills by covering the cost of qualifying energy-efficiency

improvements in electrically heated homes. After performing a home energy audit, Idaho Power and HEM determined Virginia qualified for attic and wall insulation, along with several health and safety-related updates — at no cost to her. She also qualified to have a portion of a new electric heat pump covered to replace the coal furnace. The rest was covered by local donors, and much of the labor was done by community volunteers.

"Idaho Power and the agencies have been very considerate and efficient," Virginia said. "Everything was just as nice as it could be. I don't have to wear as many layers in the winter. It's been a pleasure to have central heat and insulation—something my home never had before. I am very thankful for everyone's help."

Idaho Power has several programs available to help customers stay comfortable in their homes. To learn more, visit [idahopower.com/save](https://idahopower.com/save).

## 'Tis the Season for Giving

As you look for ways to give back this holiday season, consider helping neighbors in need by donating to Project Share.

Project Share is a year-round, bill-pay assistance program started by Idaho Power in 1982 and managed through The Salvation Army and local outreach offices throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. One hundred percent of Idaho Power customer donations go to Project Share recipients. The assistance is available to supplement energy needs and can be applied to bills for electric and gas, but it can also help pay for heating materials like wood, propane, oil and coal. IDACORP shareowners also contribute annual donations to help cover The Salvation Army's administrative costs, ensuring all customer donations help those in need.



### How to Donate:

- Go to [idahopower.com/projectshare](https://idahopower.com/projectshare) and complete the online form.
- Sign up to donate through My Account, or using the mobile app, under Payments & Billing > Enrollments.
- Email [projectshare@idahopower.com](mailto:projectshare@idahopower.com) with the amount you would like to donate monthly.

Donations are tax-deductible and conveniently itemized on your monthly Idaho Power bill. Visit [idahopower.com/projectshare](https://idahopower.com/projectshare) to learn more.



### From the Energy-efficient Kitchen

December 2023  
Dinner

## Easy Pasta Fagioli

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| 2 (15-ounce) cans white beans, drained            | 2 celery stalks, thinly sliced             |
| 1 (28-ounce) jar marinara sauce                   | 1 small onion, chopped                     |
| 1 (14-ounce) can stewed tomatoes                  | ¼ tsp black pepper                         |
| 3 cups water                                      | Freshly grated Parmesan cheese for garnish |
| 2 cups uncooked small pasta (macaroni or spirals) |  |

In a four-quart saucepan, combine all ingredients except pasta and cheese. Over medium-high heat, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add pasta, cover and simmer for an additional 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Ladle into bowls and garnish with Parmesan. Makes six servings.



Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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