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As a member of IIRA, we have raised over 200 thousand dollars towards our goal of $1,000,000.00 for financial support. Thanks to many generous community members, charitable agencies, and donors outside Idaho. Our goal to provide financial support to those who did not qualify for stimulus funds due to their immigration status. Community Council of Idaho has the capacity to oversee a campaign such as this, and we are still accepting applications until we exhaust the funds. We will continue to raise funds until we meet our goal. These are some of the grateful recipients whose situation was improved.

Total Families/Individuals Assisted: 878
Total Applications Received: 170
Total Funds Raised: $215,710.00

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Marisela lee
Regional Center Coordinator
Migrant & Seasonal Head Start
Felipe Cabral
35 Years of Dedicated Work
April, 1985

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Did you meet any of the founders of the agency? I began working for Idaho Migrant Council/Community Council of Idaho in 1985. The founder of the agency was Humberto Fuentes. He was of great support, and I got to know him very well. Thanks to Humberto, I met Cesar Chavez when Cesar came to Twin Falls. Hector De Leon worked close with Humberto, and I got to know him very well too. I saw the hard work they did to keep providing the services through fundraising and the office of head start. Only one teacher left in Caldwell, and Marry, who recently retired, are the only people who are still here from when I started.

I think CCI has come a long way. We are recognized everywhere for all the resources we have for the community, the communication partnerships we have through the different programs.

Some Advice for my Co-workers is:
Love the children and their parents.

Marisela is a true testament to the commitment the Community Council of Idaho has to Idaho. Her work has made the Head Start program what it is today. On behalf of the entire Community Council of Idaho family, Thank you, Marisela!
Janet Dominguez
University of Idaho Senior
Biology major, Pre-Dental emphasis
National Migrant Seasonal Head Start
Assistant Intern

Janet was born in Mountain Home. Her family was a migrant farm working family that moved around Idaho to find work in the fields. She was enrolled at El Acroiris, our Migrant & Seasonal Head Start center. “I attended (El Arcoiris) basically from birth till kindergarten,” Dominguez said. “My childhood was there.” She grew up in Mountain Home and is now starting her senior year at the University of Idaho. She recently accepted an internship with the National Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association, set to begin in May in the nation’s capital. This is a huge accomplishment for a little girl that our head start helped pave her road to succeed. Her focus will be on studying how Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs and health care could be connected.

Irma A Morin- “Janet is a remarkable young lady with an inspiring story about her experience growing up with a farm-working family and her experience at our Migrant Seasonal Head Start Center.”

Maria Guadalupe Alvarez Zavala
College of Southern Idaho
A. S. in Chemistry, Geology, and Physics
Westminster College
B.A. in Chemistry
Idaho Space Grant Consortium NASA Scholar
Michigan State University
Summer Researcher
New Mexico State University
Plant & Environmental Science Program
1st-year masters degree pursuant

Maria is a past recipient of our Hispanic Youth Scholarship. She added her 2014 scholarship to the many she has received for her academic excellence. The Oakley High School valedictorian has gone on to study at four high-ranking colleges and universities. She has overcome the inequalities she experienced as a person of color to pursue higher education. She aspires to use her knowledge to help her family’s pear farm in Zacatecas, Mexico. With the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program’s support, she plans to research pesticide/herbicide and its effects on the human digestive system. We have no doubt she will achieve great things and be an inspiration to future Hispanic college hopefuls.

Pedro Mendoza
Community Council of Idaho Bus Driver
Emilio Zapata, Burley, Idaho
With us, 2008-2020

Everyone who is a part of Community Council of Idaho family is essential to us all. When one is lost to extenuating circumstances, CC Idaho mourns them with their families. Pedro Mendoza left us this past year, and he will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Pedro Mendoza, 75, of Rupert, Idaho, was born October 23, 1945, in Altlixta, Guerrero, Mexico. He was a part of the Mexican Military before immigrating to the US, like so many of the families we serve, to better their lives. He joined the CC Idaho family in 2008 and became a Bus driver at our Emiliano Zapata Head Start center. Pedro’s favorite pastime was spending time with his family, caring for his animals, and his orchard with his youngest daughter Andrea. He is missed by his wife of 27 years, Antonia Mendoza, and his eight children, his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Jose, you have left us, but you will always be remembered.
CC Idaho has a total of ten Migrant & Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) centers across the state. The centers help the children of low-income farmworkers by providing exceptional full-day, bilingual school readiness education. Children between the ages of 0 and 5 are cared for with a dedication to promoting success in school and later in life. Services include: early childhood education, nutrition, health wellness, social services, parent involvement, disability and mental health services, and transportation services.

Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Expenditures

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PY 2020 Infant & Toddler State Outcomes

The data from the Program Year 2020 State Preschool Outcomes (PY20) show a steady increase in most categories. The numbers are based on assessment data that captures skills and knowledge the children exhibit or master over time. The most increase is seen in perceptual, motor, and physical skills.

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Total number of families served: 552
The total number of volunteers: 632
Volunteers who were current or former MSHS parents: 544
Percentage of eligible children served: 100%
Enrolled children that received medical exams: 92%
Enrolled children that received dental exams: 78%

Total Child Enrollment: 777
Fatherhood Engagement

62% of families enrolled in our MSHS program have a father figure in the household.

39% of fathers were engaged in developmental experiences during parent conferences.

27% of fathers engaged in parenting education workshops.

21% of fathers engaged in family goal setting activities.

PY 2020 Preschool State Outcomes

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Success Story

It all began when the “Sanchez” family came to our center to enroll their child “Jose.” The Sanchez family was a family of three children a mother and a father who was deported to Mexico. During the enrollment process, some who participated noticed his behavior wasn’t suitable for a child of his age. As he began coming to the center, staff noticed he was not at the same achievement level as his peers. Our staff noticed the child could not communicate with other children or staff. He couldn’t follow the schedule, would not follow directions, lacked gross motor skills, and was very aggressive. His mother was never aware of his behavior until the teachers brought it to her attention. With our staff and CC Idaho’s help, we educated his mother and evaluated him to put an IEP in place. The child was able to attend both the School District and CCI and get the help he needed. As time progressed, teachers were able to see the child’s vast improvement. He was pronouncing more words, followed part of the schedule, most directions, and was noticeably less aggressive. He joined the group of successful preschoolers, ready for the “big kids” school.

Medical

Children benefit from having a “medical home” because one medical provider can become familiar with the child and family while building a medical history, and making future care specific to the child.

Before enrolling in the program how many children did not have a medical home?............................60
What percentage of children had access to a pediatric medical home?..............................................92%
What percentage of children were up to date with Idaho’s EPSDT schedule for age-appropriate preventative and primary healthcare at the beginning of the program year?...........................................13%
What percentage of children were up to date with Idaho’s EPSDT schedule for age-appropriate preventative and primary healthcare by the end of the program year?...........................................81%
What percentage of families received health education during the program year?..........................87%
What percentage of children are up to date with all immunizations appropriate for their age?...........................................79%
What percentage of children and families have one doctor to see all checkups and build a child’s health history?...........................................92%

Early Head Start Child Care Partnership

Bright Futures & Genesis are part of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (EHS-CCP). It is an early education program for children of farm working families. Children in this program range from 0 to 3 years of age. This program is dedicated to promoting success in school and later in life. Services include early childhood education, disability/mental health services, health and nutrition, wellness, social services, and parent involvement and training.

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Since September 2017, Familias Unidas and its dedicated staff have worked diligently to fill the need for quality affordable immigration legal services in Idaho. A licensed attorney provides comprehensive consultations in-person, by phone, or by videoconferencing for the low cost of $50. Community Council of Idaho is also recognized by the Department of Justice as a qualified non-profit organization to provide immigration legal services. This recognition allows Familias Unidas to receive accreditation for its caseworkers to provide the best service to its clients.

Since opening its doors, Familias Unidas has strived to establish a reputation in the community as a trust-worthy immigration legal service provider. Most cases at Familias Unidas are family based, but it also assists with DACA, naturalization applications, humanitarian petitions, and asylum cases. New case types are added as the need arises.

Community engagement and education is also important to the program. Familias Unidas provides presentations on relevant immigration topics to the community and professionals. Familias Unidas offers immigration legal services on a sliding fee scale dependent on total household income and size. It offers three different pricing tiers, with the lowest tier offering prices at an average of 45% less than other local immigration attorneys for the same service. Additionally, Familias Unidas offers convenient payment plans for all case types and offers pro bono representation on a case-by-case basis. No client will be turned away due to an inability to pay.

Total Active Cases: 244
Pro Bono Cases: 32
Fee Cases: 212

Our Great Work

Ms. Hilda Granillo Juarez was referred by a friend to Familias Unidas. Familias Unidas staff assisted her in completing and filing an application for citizenship. Her greatest challenges in obtaining her citizenship were the citizenship exam and the interview process. She highly recommends Familias Unidas because the risks of not succeeding are limited with an experienced lawyer. Familias Unidas staff prepared all the forms and walked her through everything required. Ms. Granillo wants everyone to know that Familias Unidas staff are accessible, very professional, and do not possess any language barriers. Her advice to others that have doubts about filling out an immigration application is to stop over thinking and start the application – the process takes less time than the doubting.

Mr. and Mrs. Da Silva heard about Familias Unidas through a friend and decided to look up online. After reviewing the website, they decided to call for a consultation. Familias Unidas was their first stop in their journey to obtain Mr. Da Silva’s residency. They were a newly married couple and overwhelmed with the process. Their case was filed during the COVID-19 pandemic and they were concerned that the restrictions would affect their case. However, they 100% recommend Familias Unidas, because they truly knew what they were doing. Familias Unidas staff was very dedicated in helping them and made the Da Silvas feel as if they genuinely cared. They feel completely at ease with their experience and the entire process of working with extremely knowledgeable and communicative legal representatives.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bernal came across information regarding Familias Unidas while scrolling through Facebook. She saw a public post of people talking about immigration lawyers in the area and noticed some comments on Familias Unidas. She had already consulted with an immigration attorney in the past and knew her case was complicated for a few different reasons. But, after Elizabeth’s consultation with Familias Unidas’s attorney, Brandy Perez, she felt confident in Brandy’s ability to help her. Brandy and her team did everything they could and helped her obtain her residency after many years of living in fear. Elizabeth highly recommends Familias Unidas because their staff are very honest and helpful. Familias Unidas truly works for their clients and treats them like people, not just a number. Elizabeth is grateful for everything Familias Unidas did for her.
The Employment and Training Department has a simple mission: to help the communities we serve become a prosperous and safer place to live, work and raise families. One of the ways we accomplish this is by providing resources and guidance to job seekers throughout Idaho, especially those that face significant barriers to employment. We also assist participants in gaining the skills they need for the most in-demand professions. All five of our Community Resource Centers provide essential services for the community. These include utility and rental assistance, food boxes, clothing, and household supplies. Other services, including bilingual support and GED instruction are also available. Our programs in Employment and Training are: National Farmworker Jobs Program, High School Equivalency Program, YouthBuild, Community Services Block Grant, and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM

The High School Equivalency Program help migrant and seasonal farmworkers or their children, 16 year of age or older, obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, HEP aids in seeking employment or begin post-secondary education or training.

Enrolled in a Training Program Obtained upgraded employment

Attained GED or High School Equivalent

4,218 Total Instruction Hours

71% Females Participated

29% Males Participated

Gilberto Alvarez
American Falls, Idaho

My name is Gilberto Alvarez. I am a Mexican migrant from the state of Guanajuato. I currently live in American Falls, Idaho. I am married and father to three kids. I was 16 when I decided to leave my studies due to a lack of resources and transportation because there wasn’t a school nearby, the closest one was 2 hours away on foot. After leaving school, I worked construction for about a year. After that, I migrated to the United States with only $100. I managed to make it to the United States and I spent 2 months without being able to obtain work. I only had one change of clothes that I washed as much as I could to be presentable and wear it again. I limited what I ate because I knew that $100 would not last long. When I finally obtained work, I started to work in the fields picking up rocks. In the fields, it was a bit hard for me because I didn’t know the language and there wasn’t anybody who really wanted to help me. One day while I was at church was when I heard about the HEP program from Community Council of Idaho. The program helped me obtain one of my goals, to obtain my GED diploma. Thanks to the people who are over the program and who help you prepare for the exam in class, I was able to meet my goal. It was a bit complicated and frustrating in math but with the help of my teacher I was able to overcome it. One thing I will never forget is the day I got the result of my last exam; it was a moment of happiness for me. What I learned, I will use it to progress in my job and prepare myself more.
The National Farmworker Jobs Program trains and educates eligible farm workers for jobs that meet employer demands. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment & Training Administration has consistently named NFJP as one of the most successful federal job training programs on an annual basis. CC Idaho continues to exceed performance measures by placing 87 percent of participants in good jobs and achieving an employment retention rate of 95 percent in the community.

### National Farmworker Jobs Program

Alejandra Mojica

Alejandra Mojica exhibited immense pride when she graduated college with a bachelor’s degree in Business Accounting and Finance from Idaho State University in 2020, becoming the first in her family to do so. Being a first-generation Mexican American, this cemented the thanks that she felt was owed to her parents who had sacrificed so much by coming from another country. Her achievement is an example of the American Dream coming true.

It wasn’t easy for Alejandra, especially due to living so far away from home as she attended school. Without any financial support, she experienced an extreme amount of stress due to her finances. It took months for her to finally find the courage to reach out and get assistance. Eventually, this led her to visit with staff from Community Council of Idaho, hopeful that we could provide the support she needed to finish school. It was evident from the moment she walked into our office that she would be a perfect fit for the National Farmworker Jobs Program. Not only did she have an agricultural background, she also displayed a fierce amount of tenacity to finish school and support herself independently.

As she enrolled into the program, she received tuition assistance to help pay for the high cost of her remaining credits and received additional support and counseling through our follow up process. Throughout the program, Alejandra was a model client for Community Council of Idaho, continually checking in with our staff and keeping her counselors up to date on her progress. Whenever a potential barrier arose, she found the means necessary to make it through and continue her path towards graduating.

After graduating, Alejandra informed her counselors that she had landed a dream job as an analyst at JP Morgan Chase Bank in New York City. Not only was the position everything she had hoped for experience wise, it would also provide financial security for years to come.

Shortly after accepting the position, the pandemic threw a wrench into her plans, as she was unable to relocate to New York City. But in typical fashion, this barrier didn’t stop her from continuing forward and she quickly agreed to postpone relocating to work remotely from home. Alejandra recently relayed to our staff that her managers are hoping they can bring her to the offices in New York City by mid-year, if not sooner. Her excitement to move to a bigger city is palpable on every phone call that we receive from her and she has already created a list of places that she wants to explore.

Alejandra remains thankful to Community Council of Idaho and the services that were provided to her. She has continuously expressed gratitude over the difference that they made, especially when she was on the verge of leaving school due to her financial difficulties. We are positive that she will represent her family and friends well as she continues this adventure.
### Short-Term Leading Indicators of Performance

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### Demographics

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### Ethnicity

- **Hispanic**: 56%
- **Non-Hispanic**: 44%

### Average Hourly Wage

- **$10.44 at Placement**
- **95% Placed in Education or Employment**

### Obtained a High School Diploma or GED

- **90%**

### Youth Placed in Employment

- **99%**

### Education, preparation, and growth

Michelle Martinez

Coming from a family with a history of addiction and substance abuse, Mitchy was placed in Home at El Milagro Housing. She was a part of a group of youth who were abandoned. This naturally forced Mitchy to find ways to survive without her Dad’s support and encouragement. Watch-

As I called on her, I heard “my name is Michelle, but people call me Mitchy and I live in Twin Falls” in a barely audible tone. The group welcomed her, but I suddenly had the urge to ask why she came to YouthBuild. Normally most of our students are outgoing, even in the beginning stages of the program. She turned to her friend and nered her outside of her control.

When Mitchy graduated, she saw the achievement as a great accomplishment. But the moment was made more special when...
### Community Services Block Grant

**Target goal of unemployed adults who obtained employment:** 100%

**Gained skills or income:** 100%

**Employment for at least 90 Days:** 99%

**Employment for at least 180 Days:** 94%

1,547 Low-income families received support services provided in order to achieve stability and economic security.

### Education Level

- **Grades 0-8**: 12%
- **Grades 9-12**: 46%
- **High School Grad./ Equivalency**: 31%
- **12 Grade + Some Post Secondary School**: 8%
- **2, 4 Year College Graduate**: 2%

### Employment Status

- **63% Unemployed**
- **20% Employed Full-Time**
- **10% Employed Part-Time**
- **7% Retired**

### Total Individuals Served

- **Seniors**: 648
- **Children**: 2,461
- **Adults**: 3,226

### Total

- **4,879** Total

### Employment for at least 90 Days

- **94%**

### Employment for at least 180 Days

- **99%**

### Education

- **95% gained educational or vocational skills.**
- **100% obtained a degree.**

### Adonis Olivas

My name is Adonis Olivas and I am from Felt, Idaho. I have been a student at Boise State University for the past four years, which has been both challenging and adventurous. The last year of college was financially difficult for me and the stress put a toll on me. The stress came to a head when I was informed by an advisor that I would need to pay all my fees if I wanted to graduate. Naturally, this created an extremely precarious situation, as I did not have the cash on hand and had no idea how to access resources during a pandemic to help me.

I didn’t want to ask my parents for more help since they had already sacrificed so much. Amidst the pandemic, they had continued to work long hours in the fields as farmworkers. I initially thought of getting a loan but was hesitant because I didn’t want to be drowning in debt right after graduation. After a few meetings with my advisor, I was told about some resources from Community Council of Idaho and encouraged to contact them about assistance.

I quickly called to get information and within a couple of days I was enrolled into their Community Services Block Grant, or CSBG for short. The CSBG program assisted me in a variety of ways, from tuition assistance to gas vouchers that enabled me to get to class whenever remote classes were unavailable. The program also provided additional funding for my remaining courses, allowing me to purchase textbooks at a greatly reduced cost. Because of all the support, I was able to continue to attend school and eventually graduated with a bachelor’s degree in engineering.

I cannot state enough how Community Council of Idaho’s assistance relieved my stress levels. Their exhaustive resources also connected me with potential employment opportunities. Even after graduating, I was able to spend numerous hours working with CSBG counselors on job preparation and developing a professional resume to use for applications. Thus far, I have applied for over 10 positions around the area that fit my goals professionally and personally. That wouldn’t have been possible without the help of the dedicated staff from CC Idaho.

To add the cherry on top of all the help from CC Idaho, I was also blessed with support for beyond the classroom. After each visit to their office, I left with a food box to keep me fed and comfortable as I continued my studies. During Thanksgiving I was given a complete turkey box dinner as well as information on eating healthier. I wish I could have taken a picture of the pride my parents displayed when I arrived with that Thanksgiving dinner for all of us to enjoy.
There is a saying in Spanish, and it goes “El mundo Da Muchas Vueltas.” The world takes many turns. It means that we never know where we will be tomorrow. We never know what our situation might be. Today we are thriving and tomorrow we are struggling or today we are struggling and tomorrow we are thriving.

This saying could not be any truer to Mark Egan who at one point gave so much energy to help serve the forgotten. Mr. Egan had been an Immigration attorney in Arizona for 6 years. He loved the work and was successful in his field. He assisted many families in gaining legal status and was very proud of his accomplishments. With age however, his mental health started to deteriorate. He found himself unable to keep up with the demanding paperwork or his career and as his mental health declined, he was forced to leave his profession.

He worked for some time as a bus driver but once again, his worsening mental state made him lose his job. He crashed his bus into another vehicle and was suspended. He relocated to Idaho as a means of maintaining a lower cost of living and was able to obtain employment with the Deseret Industries as part of their disability employment program, but this was not enough. As an “at risk” elderly individual with what he describes as a “bad connection up there.” The DI limited the number of hours he worked due to the pandemic and he was forced to find a second job during the nights in order to pay rent and keep up with his bills.

I first spoke with Mr. Egan in October of 2020 before LIHEAP Heat Season had begun. He called our office stating he had received LIHEAP Crisis assistance months prior and was currently behind on his City of Saint Anthony Utility bill. Unable to assist him with our current LIHEAP program I asked him about his situation as a means to find a solution.

We exchanged information and stayed in contact while I searched for a way to assist Mr. Egan. I reached out to other not profits but shortly thereafter LIHEAP Heat received funds. I contacted Mr. Egan and processed his application for LIHEAP Heat along with assistance from CSBG CARES. I was able to put a credit on his Intermountain Gas account and with approval from my supervisor Laura, CSBG CARES paid off his outstanding balance on his City of Saint Anthony bill. Mr. Egan exhaled a sigh of relief and thanked me. This had lifted a heavy burden off his shoulders. He was grateful for LIHEAP and all the assistance our organization had provided.

It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Egan, he was always charismatic and a joy to communicate with. He is a shining example of why I enjoy working in this field. It was an honor to serve such an individual in a difficult situation due to circumstances outside of his control. I love working with an organization that has the diversity of programs as Community Council of Idaho does and we are able to help in a various capacity. Lifting the burden off Mr. Egan’s shoulders made me feel so grateful and I hope it was a small thank you from all the families he lifted the burden of and helped in his practice.

- Maria Beyda Garcia

I am attending Villanova University to study political science. After I graduate from Villanova, I intend to return to Idaho to work in education policy to impact diversity in higher education.

-Zenaida De La Cruz
Services in the Community

- Total Masks Given: 41,648
- Total Hand Sanitizers Given: 1,147
- Total COVID Kits Given: 750
- Total Socks Given: 200
- Total COVID Kits Given: 750
- Total Gloves Given: 1,108
- Total Bandannas Given: 1,000
- Total Food Boxes Given: 2,541
- Total Turkeys Given: 350
- Total Food Pounds Given: 5,000
- Total Food Items Donated: 1,400

- Mask Distribution
- Sock Donation
- Hand Sanitizers
- Wilder Market COVID Kits
- Glove Distribution
- Bandanna Distribution
- Turkey Delivery
- Food Boxes Distribution
- Food Distribution
- Turkey Distribution
- Hop Land Farmworker
- Farmworker Luncheon
- Holiday Donation
The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program is a network of certified Medicare counselors who can help. They offer free, one-on-one help to anyone with Medicare, regardless of age. They do not sell any service or product. SHIBA Medicare counselors can help you:

- Understand what is covered under Medicare.

Community Family Clinic strives to fulfill this mission regardless of insurance status, financial situation, race, age or gender.

Jorge Avalos

Ten years ago, things didn’t go anywhere near as planned for Jorge Avalos, 50. He knew he had high blood pressure. But he began losing weight fast. Uninsured, he went into the clinic anyway, only to find out his thyroid was hyperactive.

“It was probably because I didn’t see my doctor often enough,” he said.

Weeks later, he fell off a machine at the farm he worked at.

Avalos hasn’t been able to work since. He was later diagnosed with diabetes. His sister helped with rent and some bills, but the medical bills continued to pile up and prescriptions became harder to fill.

“It didn’t know what to do,” Avalos said. “There was nothing to do at home other than stay home. It was long days. So, my life did totally change 360 degrees.”

He’s on a monthly payment plan to repay his hospital bills while he tries to get Social Security assistance.

He did not know about the new Medicaid income cutoffs that he now was able to fit within. When he visited the clinic for blood work in January, Mariana Pablo told him he might qualify for Medicaid under the new income cutoffs. It took a few months as the clinic and others coped with the pandemic creeping into Idaho. Pablo did a three-way call helping him enroll in Medicaid in June.

“It was not so stressful thinking like every month that I have to come up … with enough to cover my medications,” Avalos said.

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Affordable Housing

Community Council of Idaho has developed seasonal and year-round housing that serves farmworkers, their families, and low-income families since 1981 through loans provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association funding through the WIA-DOL Grant. CC Idaho’s mission is to improve the lives of farmworkers and low-income families in rural communities through maintaining safe and suitable housing. For many, affordable housing means enhanced safety, security, stability, and an opportunity to move forward to make a better life for themselves.

Total Properties

Individuals Housed

Farmworker Families Housed

Average Family size

Billy J. Stout has been a resident of El Milagro Housing since 2019. His priority was to find affordable, safe, and, most importantly, stable housing for his son, who he could not get partial custody of without a stable home. Not only has he been able to obtain partial custody of his son, but he also acquired reliable transportation, energy assistance, rental assistance, and food assistance. With this support from our agency, Community Council of Idaho, he was able to get back on his feet. He said, “this has by far been the best experience in town” he has had with housing. Billy is very grateful for the opportunity he has had with El Milagro Housing and the counted blessings he’s come across.

El Milagro Housing Status on Revitalization Project in Twin Falls

| How many additional units at completion | 60 |
| Start date | Jun-20 |
| Estimated completion date | Jul-21 |
| Estimated date of first unit(s) occupancy | Mar-21 |

In 1988 Community Council of Idaho purchased what is now known as “El Milagro” from the Farm Services Association, utilizing a loan from the McAuley Institute which is now known as the Mercy Loan Fund. Since its beginnings in 1942 the site was developed as housing for farmworkers in Twin Falls and surrounding areas and continues to provide housing to farmworkers and their families as well as low-income individuals and families. In 1992 the property underwent its first revitalization with improvements on eight barracks style apartments. The improvements included new siding, roofing, and other much needed updates. This was accomplished with a loan from IHFA under the HOME program.

In 2016 CC Idaho started the process of truly revitalizing El Milagro. CC Idaho hired a housing development company to help them garner the leverage they needed to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The application for the credits was completed and submitted in 2018 and were awarded in 2019. Through lots of hard work all the required documents were filed and approved and CC Idaho partnered with Syringa Property Development and several investors to form the “El Milagro Twin Falls, LLC”. Through this partnership CC Idaho was able to start development on the first of 60 planned units on what was mostly vacant land. Construction began in June 2020 with completion of all 60 units (fifteen fourplexes) slated for July/August 2021.

The project has been a huge undertaking for CC Idaho and will provide much needed affordable housing in the city of Twin Falls. CC Idaho isn’t done though as they are seeking funding to continue development on the rest of the property, replacing the outdated units that were never intended for year-round use with units that support the communities needs and provide safe, functional and affordable homes for those that need it most.
Thank you!

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