Community Council of Idaho

Our Dreams 2023

Giving Catalog

2023
2023 marks our fifty-third year of providing services which directly impact the lives of the families that we serve throughout Idaho. A year in which we remain the largest community based organization providing services to Latino Families and one of the largest providers of services to all low-income families throughout Idaho.

While we are sometimes seen as Idaho’s delivery point for several federal programs, your generous support allows us to serve Idaho’s Latino and Low-income families. Your individual and corporate gifts allow students to go on to college, provided food and emergency shelter to our community members, backpacks to our students as they move to regular schools within our many school districts, and have provided pathways to citizenship for individuals who live in the shadows of our communities.

As an organization we have not always been good at sharing the many stories and opportunities that you provide to students, at-risk-youth, farmworkers, Latino and Low-income families. This Giving Catalog is our way of inviting you to consider making a significant difference in communities throughout Idaho. It is a way for us to invite you to partner with us in Preserving Families, Renewing Lives!

I know that many of you have generously made a difference for so many of our families and communities, I hope that this new tool will allow all of us to stretch as we continue to make a difference.

- Irma

Help Preserve Families & Renew Lives.
How many of you remember as a child looking through a department store Christmas Catalog, or as my family used to call it – The Wonder Book. What I learned later in life is that it isn’t so much getting gifts, giving is a more powerful way to make changes in the lives of those who mattered to us. We hope this Giving Catalog will inspire you to change lives! We know that have many opportunities to give to our communities, that you already “make things happen” through your generous support!

In our Giving Catalog we invite you to continue to make changes. You have made a difference to our organization and your communities by supporting our programs, the items in our Giving Catalog will impact future generations of Idahoans.

We believe that with your generous support CC Idaho will grow in new ways to serve our communities for decades to come. This Giving Catalog presents dreams that will can create major differences in our communities. It shares with you “big dreams” which only you can help us make possible. We believe that it is an opportunity built on a sense of wonder, wonder about what amazing things we can accomplish together for your communities.

-Terry

Terry Blom
Community Relations & Fund Development Director

Help Preserve Families & Renew Lives.
Familias Unidas, Immigration Legal Services
Caldwell
For nearly a decade Community Council of Idaho through Familias Unidas has been offering Immigration Legal Services, offered on a sliding-fee basis. One of the services we offer is Citizenship Classes (which are the required gateway to enter the citizenship application process), an initial screening process to determine an individual’s ability to apply, and complete legal services, including courtroom support.

We’ve been involved in assisting Migrant Farmworkers and other members of Idaho communities since its inception, however our direct involvement in providing Immigration Legal Services came about because we realized that the American immigration process was broken and as an organization, we had to be committed to creating a way for individuals, families, and whole communities to come out of the shadows. Many of you have made this program a success through your support of our Gala and we hope that you will continue to support this annual event!

Today we would like to provide you with the opportunity to make it possible for individuals to gain their dream of Citizenship. We hope that you will consider an annual gift that will provide the equivalent of a scholarship for our clients. Please consider a gift that will allow individuals to become Citizens. A gift in the following amounts will make this happen:

- Status Renewals $500
- Citizenship Process $650
- Family Petition $7,500
- Asylum Petition $10,000

Help Preserve Families & Renew Lives.
At the El Milagro Community in Twin Falls, ID, we are creating a “Planned Community” that will include over 160 new affordable housing units, a community center, open space & Parks, a historic preservation project and Non-Profit Community Services Campus. This campus will gather together, in a common location, several CC Idaho services and the services of our Twin Falls non-profit partners. As we are writing today, this center will include:

- CC Idaho Services
- Community Resource Center
- Familias Unidas, Immigration Legal Services
- Migrant Seasonal Head Start Center
- Boys & Girls Facility
- Community health clinic
- Tutoring lab for the Twin Falls School District
- CSI classes
- Open computer lab for the community.

Today, we are seeking volunteers to be part of our Community Planning Team! The idea of creating a collaborative campus of services located where potential clients need them is an exciting concept for us as a non-profit. We want to create a circle of friends and related professionals who can help us move forward in the development and completion of this project! If you would like to commit Time and Expertise, we need your help!

Help Preserve Families & Renew Lives.

Housing

Twin Falls, Hayburn, American Falls. Blackfoot

The CC Idaho Housing Program provides Farmworker and Affordable Housing in rural communities of our service area. We operate El Rancho Grande Estates in American Falls, Colonia Cesar Chavez in Blackfoot, Proyecto Esperanza in Heyburn, and El Milagro Housing and Colonia de Colores in Twin Falls.
By 1942 The Farm Service Agency Preservation Project (FSA) operated ninety-five camps throughout the west and northwest US. These camps housed seventy-five thousand people. This expanded mission provided migratory labor camps for displaced Americans (Dust Bowl families) and imported foreign laborers, primarily Mexican, Jamaican and Haitian individuals and their families.

In Twin Falls, ID, the FSA created a permanent Farmworker Labor Camp of 40 acres. Today under the ownership of CC Idaho, we are creating a new affordable housing community, but cradled within these 40 acres are several historic structures that have survived 1939. We plan to preserve and lovingly restore these original buildings as a living memorial to the history of “The Camp.” A memorial site dedicated to Telling the stories of our past; while creating new stories for the future.”

The FSA Farmworker Labor Camp Historic Preservation
Twin Falls, Idaho

In the early years of the depression, the State of California undertook a program to construct camps for the resettlement of “Okies of the Dust Bowl”. This state-driven program was abandoned in 1935 as an impossible task. This task was taken on by the US government’s Resettlement Administration until 1937, when the resettlement program became the Farm Security Administration.
As mentioned in our annual report, FSA will preserve several original structures to create a “Walk through history.” Two original structures remain as they were in 1939, and we will reclaim and restore an original cottage.

We will reclaim these structures to tell the stories of the 85 FSA Farmworker Labor Camps throughout the Western United States, the Stories of the American Migrant Farmworker Experience.

The structures (a bathhouse, dormitory, and small cottage) will become the central focus of a grove, sheltering and uniting these buildings. This landscaped footprint and appropriate signage will commemorate the history of “The Camp” and the stories of the migrant farmworkers who were housed here.

As this exciting regional project moves forward, we would like to assemble a “grassroots” planning group composed of Magic Valley Preservation resources (Farmworkers, community members, community partners and community leaders). This group will assist us in strategic planning, organizing community workdays and fundraising. Please use the QR code to indicate your interest in this preservation project.
As the sole provider in the state of Idaho of Migrant & Seasonal Head Start, providing services to 800 toddlers and young children is the cornerstone of this agency. We are working at several of our educational sites to improve the facilities available and to create a safe and healthy environment for our children. We are currently planning to build a new MSHS campus in Twin Falls, ID. This will be a state-of-the-art educational facility. We can use help with this bricks & Mortar project! If you believe (as we do) in the importance of “early childhood education,” we hope that you will consider a gift in support of this milestone activity for MSHS.

Migrant & Seasonal Head Start
Weiser, Caldwell, Mountain Home, Gooding, Twin Falls, Burley, Aberdeen, Idaho Falls

Migrant & Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) at CC Idaho is one of the largest providers of Early Education/Head Start opportunities in the State of Idaho. We provide educational services to the children of farmworkers, which means we need to be in places that have traditionally been recognized as communities of the migrant stream. We offer early childhood and head start educational opportunities in ten Idaho communities.
The Community Council of Idaho has sponsored the original “Idaho College Scholarship for Hispanic Students” through our annual Golf Tournament. Many of you have been consistent sponsors and attendees at this annual event, and we invite you to continue your support.

It is also a long-term dream of our organization to find ways to increase the value of this program to our students by increasing the dollar amount, making the scholarship renewable or finding other ways to assist Hispanic College students in achieving success in their pursuit of a degree. If you have been a supporter of our Annual Golf Tournament, are interested in the future educational success of Hispanic Students, or perhaps you received one of our College Scholarships; we would like to hear from you. We want to create a guiding committee to assist us in expanding the reach of our Hispanic Student College Scholarship project. You can make a difference this year by attending our Annual Golf Tournament and a difference in the future of this program by sharing your thoughts and expertise with us!

Employment & Training
Caldwell, Twin Falls, Burley, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls

To many individuals throughout Idaho, the Employment & Training (E&T) Community Resource Centers (CRC) are the face of CC Idaho. The E&T Department has facilitated education and training opportunities for thousands of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers and low-income individuals. This paves the way to improve their employment skills and find new career pathways. For over 50 years,
We opened two new clinics in Roberts and Blackfoot, Idaho. We are also, currently working to relocate our services for Jefferson County from Roberts to Rigby, Idaho. We now provide medical and pharmacy services on a sliding fee basis to anyone in our service communities. No individual will ever be refused services by our providers.

We are in the last stretch of raising the required, just over 3 million dollars, to make this new clinic a reality! If you would like to be one of the donors to make this new facility a reality, please consider providing a gift toward the “completion fund” and provide state-of-the-art medical services in Jefferson County, ID.

Community Family Clinics
Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Rigby

Since 2005 CC Idaho has operated Federally Qualified Health Centers in Eastern Idaho. We have grown from a small office with five exam rooms, to what will become three state-of-the-art healthcare facilities.
Irma A. Morin, Chief Executive Officer of this amazing organization, will inspire you to make a difference in someone who is less fortunate than yourself. She is not only the CEO but a success story of Community Council of Idaho. She is an immigrant couple’s daughter, a past Head Start child who, after graduating from Boise State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, returned as an accountant and later rose to CEO.

Her dedication to this organization is expressed whenever it is needed as a spokesperson, volunteer, and financial donor. She inspires current employees to give back to the community that, at some point, may have helped them. We hope you see the value in supporting an organization like ours to make a story like hers possible. Irma represents the Community Council of Idaho’s mission to preserve families and renew lives.

Corporate Giving Opportunities

- Historic Preservation
- Ayuda Fund
- Golf Tournament/Scholarship
- CEO’s Donor Circle
- Become an Annual Donor
Don’t hesitate to contact our Communications department for more information on joining the effort and our mission.

With your help, anything is possible.